

St James' Church, Uplands

NEWSLETTER - 6th February 2022



This Sunday - Gone Fishing

Welcome to our all-age service, which Sarah will lead, with Ian leading Holy Communion. What does it mean to be 'fishers for people'?

Congregational Survey

We are asking you for your views on our main 10.30am worship service with a survey, and will give this out today and next week. Please return it by Sunday 20th

February. We want to hear your views on what you most value, and how you would like this service to develop. Please do give this some consideration, we want to hear all voices!

Groups re-starting

Life Group and the prayer meeting will both re-start this week - Life Group is Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre, and the prayer group is 9.30am on Thursday morning in the Parish Centre. Do come as we deepen our life together in the Lord. We will re-start teas and coffees after the service in March.

Rest in Peace

we are sorry to inform you that Celia Saywell, who was a regular attender at St James prior to Covid, has passed away. We will make funeral details available when we know them.

Eco Church

Recycling boxes are now in the parish centre and by the north door. Old pairs of glasses are also now being recycled. We are therefore recycling the following: Stamps, corks, marigolds, toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes, glasses and all kinds of stationery items E.g felt pens, biros, tippex, highlighters etc.

Next dates for community litter picks are Friday 25th Feb at 11am, and Sat 5th March. - meet at vestry door but see Jenny Wyatt before coming.

St James this week

Tuesday 8th Feb, 7pm Life Group, Parish Centre

Wednesday 9th Feb, 10.30am Holy Communion (small room, parish centre)

Thursday 10th Feb 9.30am, Prayer group

Thursday 10th Feb 1.30pm, Zoom Bible study (contact Ian for details)

Sunday 13th Feb, 10.30am, Main Service (Rev Ian Folks leading)

Contact: Rev Ian Folks, ianfolks@gmail.com; 07597 522359.

Rev Sarah Harris, revsarahharris@gmail.com; 01792 304527

Lent sessions and retreat day

We will be running a series of Lent sessions (lectures or interviews) with guest speakers, alongside Brunswick Methodist Church. A full programme will be confirmed in due course, but we're pleased to announce that our new Bishop, John Lomas has agreed to speak on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in the church.

We also plan to run a retreat day at Nichoaston House on Saturday, 21st May. More to follow.

A prayer for St James' Church

Heavenly Father,

Strengthen us in our inner being with power through your Spirit

That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith

As we are rooted and grounded in love.

And give us the power to comprehend the height, breadth and depth

Of the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge,

And so may we be filled with all the fullness of God.

We know that you can accomplish more than we can ask or even imagine

Through the power at work within us.

To you be glory in this church and in Christ Jesus through all generations: Amen! (Eph 3:14-21)