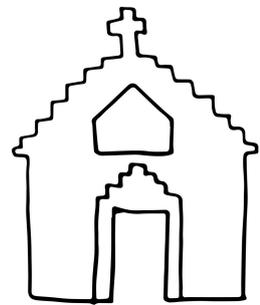


St James News - 17th Jan



For your prayers

Give thanks for Rev Debbie Matthews who has returned home to Verwood and is recovering from Covid at home

Please pray for Margaret and Hazel, and their carers, as they cope with Alzheimers.

Give thanks for the vaccinations - the scientists, the logistics and administrators, and the Doctors, nurses and care staff.

This is the week of prayer for Christian Unity - so we pray for the Chapel, and for our brothers and sisters around the world. As we see light at the end of the tunnel for Britain, those in the developing countries face a much harder time with trying to get on top of the virus.

Last Sunday's Collect:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Recreate

It was a sad decision that the group made to cancel this year's festival. There were lots of ideas about how it might be run, but in the end there is just too much uncertainty and risk to make it viable to run the events in any way like we're used to. We'll be back!!

In the meantime, the Recreate team want to put on a series of smaller, safer, pop-up events to keep morale high in this season, and to help the village get through this time together. Including:

2021 Window Festival - Feb 15th - 21st

So we're repeating the window festival. Last year was a lovely event with over 70 households taking place and if you'd like to take part this year that would be fantastic. We appreciate these are testing times but if you think you might want to be involved we'd be delighted!

Please see the attached information, or details are on the church website, or you can always call Mike on 07858849359 if you have any questions.

Future Services

Just a reminder that although the government has given an exemption for churches to stay open and public worship to continue during the lockdown, the Wardens and I have decided that we do not want to encourage anyone to venture out, and that it would not be safe or wise to open the church for services or private prayer. We will continue to offer online

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services, midweek groups and youth provision, and produce printable material for those who can't get online.

Links to Stephen's music

I have now updated the church website with Stephen's music, also information about his book of interludes.

Request for cleaners

Hurray - thank you for volunteering - we now have enough cleaners, when our groups are allowed back in the church hall.

Wednesday Discussion

This week - 8 - 9pm. Who chose the books of the bible, and when were they written?

Thursday - Coffee and Chat

10:30am - do join us if you like - I'll send out a link as usual.

If anyone is able to help lead this for a few weeks, please get in touch.

Vestry Group

Next meeting 24th Jan - please contact Jacky Dale for a link