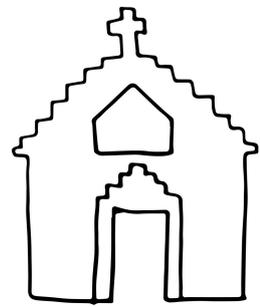


# St James News - 24th Jan



Last Sunday's Collect:

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Future Services**

The church building is currently closed, but St James is very much open - the church is the people as well, and loving God and loving our neighbour is still very much going on.

## **Wednesday Discussion**

This week - 8 - 9pm. Still looking at the Bible - who wrote it, and why?

## **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.  
If you would prefer a different date or time then please let me know.

## **Vestry Group**

Many thanks to the leaders who are doing a terrific job!

## **For your prayers**

Please pray for Margaret and Hazel, and their carers, as they cope with Alzheimers.  
Geoff Edwards, taken to hospital, and Carol.

We give thanks for the life of Margaret Fordham, who died last week. After Lawrence died 2 years ago, Margaret moved to a care home to be near her daughter in Brighton.

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

## **Date of APCM**

This important meeting is when we look at the year's accounts, appoint churchwardens, and as charity trustees talk about what we do. Last year we were given dispensation to hold it later in the year, and online, this year its going back to its regular spring time slot. It will be on Sun 18th April, as part of our 10:30am service. You will be able to take part online, and depending on restrictions in church as well. We will send the report and accounts out to you in good time so you have a chance to read and submit any comments or questions beforehand.

## **Children and Families Part time Worker**

There is still time to apply for this post, if you think you know someone with the right skills and abilities. Please contact myself or Holly. Your prayers are valued as we look at shortlisting candidates next week.

*For latest news, sermons and links - please go to our website - [www.stjameschurchalderholt.com](http://www.stjameschurchalderholt.com)*

## **Generosity**

We have been talking a lot about the churches charitable giving, following a question raised at last year's APCM. It has helped us to notice how much and in how many ways, our community gives to those in need. Another act of generosity was buying the vicar a new laptop last year. It has been a terrific asset during lockdown and with so much happening on line, so my heartfelt thanks go to the anonymous donor.

## **Dorset Plan and development in the Village.**

Shortly before I arrived 2 1/2 years ago, the village made the local news for a well attended meeting about plans to build thousands of houses here. Those plans were put on hold while a newly united Dorset Council put forward its long term strategic plan. That plan is now out for consultation. I attach the section about Alderholt for your interest, and would encourage you to try and comment if you can - either via our councillors (Adrian Hibberd is one) or online at the address below -

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan.aspx>

Or you can find it via the Parish Council website -  
<http://www.alderholtparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

## **Recreate**

This has now been postponed until 2022.

## **2021 Window Festival - Closing Date this weekend!!**

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.