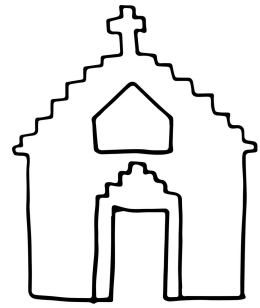


# St James News - 21st Feb



Last Sunday's Collect:

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## This Week

### Lent Course - the Greatest Showman - Weds 24th

A 5 week course based on the hit movie. A copy of the book - "From now on" by Rachel Mann is helpful, but not essential. Also you may want to watch the movie, but again its not essential.

We will be doing the course both at **10am and 8pm**. Zoom codes sent nearer the time.

### Thursday

The pastoral group are meeting at 11am on zoom

The standing committee are meeting to discuss our plans in the light of the latest government announcements.

### Coffee and Chat - Friday 3pm - All Welcome

### Lent Material

Suggestions for Lent books etc are now online on our website - <https://stjameschurchalderholt.com>

You may also be interested in CAFOD resources - they have daily online activities - and different streams for different ages

## News

### Children's Society

If anyone has any Children's Society boxes at home that have not yet been opened due to Covid, could you let Debbie know via email [Debbie.emsen@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.emsen@gmail.com) or by phone 07792 004312. If anyone would like a new one please could they also let me know and I will deliver one.

### Children and Families Part time Worker

Our preferred candidate decided that St James was not God's call on their life. The standing committee are meeting this week to decide the way forward.

### My Story - with Romey

If you want to see Mike's Sunday night interview with our very own Romey - please ask Mike for a link

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

### **For your prayers**

Pray for Carol Edwards and her family. Geoff passed away last week. She was able to be with him. She asked me to pass on her thanks for all the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers. The funeral will be on 12th March at 1pm, at St James, and on zoom.

John and Dawn Cox have asked for our prayers

Please pray for Margaret Bulley and her carer Shelley, and for Hazel Manston as Bob continues to look after her.

Pray for teachers and students, in the last week before half term. There will be no going away, or going out, so pray that all will get the rest and refreshment they need,

For all those struggling with emotional and mental health, and physical overload due to the pressures of the pandemic.

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.

### **Recreate**

This has now been postponed until 2022.

### **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.