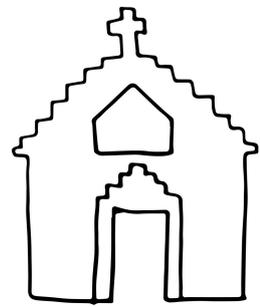


# St James News - 28th Feb



Last Sunday's Collect:  
Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **This Week**

### **Today - Monday - Development in Alderholt**

An open Facebook meeting about the Dorset Council plan. You have a fortnight left to respond to their 2 options for the next 18 years - 300 homes, or a new town of 3000+ homes. If you want to know more, please come along - I think this link will take you there <https://fb.me/e/iBzMRtB1Z> but its on Facebook and Youtube.

### **Tuesday - PCC 7:45pm**

### **Lent Course - the Greatest Showman - Weds 3rd March**

We continue our 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. The video clips for each week are put on our parish website, under News - Lent 2021, just in case the internet breaks down!

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

### **Thursday - Deanery Synod - 7pm**

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

### **Friday night - Vestry group virtual sleep out in aid of Alabare homeless charity.**

## **Lent Material**

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

All our lent sermon series - What is a Christian? - is also on our website under Archive Talks - if you want to read them, or Archive Videos if you want to watch.

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

## **News**

### **Re-opening**

The standing committee has decided that IF the virus is still retreating and it is safe enough to do so, we should re-open church in time for Easter. We are thinking of a Maundy Thursday evening communion, Good Friday family event and a separate meditative service, and then Easter Dawn Communion, and later Family Communion (possibly outdoors with singing!). It would be lovely, but lets wait and see. These would be online as well, for those not able to come.

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

### **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**

We will be re-advertising this after Easter, with the hope to someone starting after the summer. Keep praying!

### **For your prayers**

Keep praying for Carol Edwards and her family

John and Dawn Cox

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

Pray too for the consultations about the developments in our village. That discussions might be calm and fair, and that differences do not cause division or hurt in the community.

Pray our St James School as they prepare to welcome all children back next week.

### **Recreate**

The main festival has been postponed until 2022, however there is a comedy night with Mark Watson, online, on Easter eve - Sat 3rd April. More information and adverts out soon.

### **Age UK - Big Knit**

Once again, Age UK are asking people to knit little hats for innocent smoothie bottles and help raise money to support older people. Each hat raises 25p! To register and get different patterns go to - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/>  
Or just search the Age UK website.

### **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.