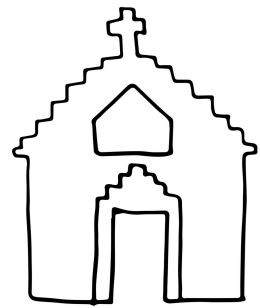


St James News - 7th Mar



Last Sunday's Collect:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Lent Course - the Greatest Showman - Weds 10th March

A copy of the book - "From now on" by Rachel Mann is helpful, but 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!

Some people have said the sound quality is not very good - I'm not sure there's anything I can do about it, but please let me know if this is an issue for you and if its a common fault I'll work on something!

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

Friday - Funeral of Geoff Edwards - 1pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81060738158?
pwd=d1Y3Z3BxMENmRnd5YkZxK1pCNU43Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81060738158?pwd=d1Y3Z3BxMENmRnd5YkZxK1pCNU43Zz09)

Meeting ID: 810 6073 8158
Passcode: 393421

Coffee and Chat - Friday 3pm - All Welcome

Zoom link sent nearer the time

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

Recreate - Mar 31st-Apr 3rd

Good news! There will be a virtual festival, on the 10th birthday of the event. See the poster, but details are:

Amy Dowden from Strictly Come Dancing £6

For latest news, sermons and links - please go to our website - www.stjameschurchalderholt.com

Quiz with Shaun Wallace £5
Comedian Mark Watson £12
Tickets are on sale at www.recreatefestival.co.uk

Eco Church

We have been awarded a Silver Eco Church award - which is a measure of how environmentally conscious and active we are. It covers Worship and Teaching, Management of Buildings and Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. Thanks to Jacky Dale who headed up the group, and Christine Hensel, Cathryn Candy, Ely Morgan and Sheena Seccombe.

For your prayers

Carol Edwards and her family, for the funeral on Friday

John Monks - in hospital after a fall

John and Dawn Cox

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

For our Children and Families part time worker - that the right person would see our advert after Easter, and apply.

Pray for our St James First School with all the children back this week.

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.

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.

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 or by phone 07792 004312. If anyone would like a new one please could they also let me know and I will deliver one.

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.

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