

ST. JAMES' BULKINGTON PARISH CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors with us today. All are invited to come and receive communion or to receive a blessing. Please stay afterwards for coffee and fellowship.

Rev. Charles will be in Church to pray Morning Prayer 8.30am Monday – Thursday. To pray for our churches and local communities. If you would like to join him, you are very welcome.



NEWS SHEET FOR WEEK COMMENCING

Sunday 17th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.30a.m. Holy Communion Burton Hastings

Celebrant Rev Terry Colling

Readings Jeremiah 17: 5-10. Luke: 6: 17- 26.

10.00a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant Rev. Alan Hawker

Readings Jeremiah 17: 5-10. Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

4.30p.m. Evensong

Readings Hosea 10: 1-8, 12. Galatians 4:8-20

Wednesday 20th February

10.00a.m. Holy Communion

Readings Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22

Sunday 24th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00a.m. Holy Communion

4.30p.m. Evensong Burton Hastings

Wednesday 27th February

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'A CHURCH OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY'

REFLECTIONS

February 2019

At the beginning of February, I will take down the last of the Christmas decorations. It's not because I'm forgetful, but I do use them to remind myself that the celebration of Christmas lasts for 40 days, even if the chocolates don't. Lent and Easter aren't too far away, but before we get there, the next few weeks bring us to something the Church calls 'Ordinary Time'. 'Ordinary' is a bit of an unpopular word – sometimes ordinary things are thought to be plain or unexciting. We often want things to be extraordinary or special instead, but we need the ordinary as well.

Ordinary time is ordered or measured time. It is time to live in the present moment, time that is counted and marked not to wish it away or count it down but to savour and enjoy it. Ordinary time celebrates that God is involved in the everyday as well as the extraordinary. Ordinary time makes special times like Christmas or Easter more special. Living for God week-by-week on ordinary days like Monday to Saturday mean that we will approach Sundays differently when we gather together.

The colour of Ordinary Time is green – the colour of growth. Living for God in the everyday helps us to become measured people - people who celebrate the good, grieve the bad, and notice where God is to be found in the ordinary.

Rev. Charles Higgins

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alasdair Rowan,

Paul Towers,

Matthew Williams, Margaret Wykes,

Pat Gilbey. Joan Gutteridge

Those in our Prayer Corner. Anyone known to us personally

Those who have died; Patricia O'Neill, Sandra Lavis and their families that mourn.



Update on Joan Gutteridge

Joan has been visited by members of St. James this week. She was found to be recovering quite well and is hoping to return home in the near future. She asked about St. James and lots of people she wishes to be remembered to many of you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available on request to anyone who is unable to attend church. If anyone known to you wishes to receive communion please contact Rev. Charles or one of the church wardens.

Minutes of Meeting of PCC

held on 21 11 2018

The above Minutes are available on the notice board at the back of Church.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

Every 6 years each Parish has to create a new electoral roll which means that everyone on the old roll has to re apply to join the new roll. There is a time schedule within which this has to be achieved and applications need to have been received in church by 10 03 2019.

If you are on the existing electoral roll and wish to be on the new roll there are applications forms in church – these forms will be available until 10 03 2019.

If you are not on the existing electoral roll and wish to make further enquiries about this, please speak to Rev Charles, Anne McCreath, Sue Turner or May Davis who will be pleased to discuss this with you.

Also included is a consent form for completion – this allows you to give permission to be contacted by St James' Church if you so wish.

SERVERS

We are looking to reintroduce to our Communion and Celebratory Services a team of servers. This would be on a rota basis the more volunteers we have the less often volunteers would be required. This is open to all young and old male or female. Training if required can be given. If you would like to join this team please speak to Rev. Charles or Sue Turner.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Many thanks to all box holders for supporting this charity.

The total amount raised was **£1208.50**

This was a magnificent result. Well done everyone.
Kay and Michael

MONTHLY CHARITY

January Lupus UK Raised £40

February Charity DOORWAY

LENT 2019

On Wednesday, 6th March (Ash Wednesday) we will begin the season of Lent together – six weeks to prepare as a Church family and as individuals for the great celebration of Easter on 21st April.

On **Ash Wednesday**, there will be two opportunities to begin Lent by sharing Holy Communion and receiving ashes as a sign of repentance. We will make the ash from last year's Palm Sunday crosses – if you have a palm cross, could you bring it to Church and leave it at the back by **Sunday 3rd March?**

Charles and Emma will also be hosting a **Lent Book Group** at the Vicarage on 5 Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm (12th March-9th April). Each week, we will meet and discuss a chapter of Paula Gooder's *Let Me Go There: The Spirit of Lent*. It's a very accessible and insightful book that will help us on our Lenten journey. Please speak to Charles if you're interested. You'll also need to get hold of a copy of the book.

Lent Book Group Update

Thank you for the expressions of interest in the Lent Book Group looking at a different chapter of Paula Gooder's *Let Me Go There: The Spirit of Lent* each week.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm at the Vicarage (12th March-9th April).

Several people have said that Tuesday evenings would be difficult, so we are exploring the possibility of a Wednesday afternoon group as well. To help with planning, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church **by Sunday 24th February**. If you possibly can, please get hold of a copy of the book. If that would be difficult for you, please put a tick by your name and we will do an online order week beginning 25th February.

CONTACT US

All enquiries for Baptism & Weddings. In Church Saturday morning 10a.m. -12 noon

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Clergy: - Rev. Charles Higgins

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Rev. Charles day off is Friday

Church Office.

Saturday in Church 10a.m. – 12noon.

Churchwardens:-

Mrs Anne McCreath, Mrs Susan Turner

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Items for Pew News Items by midday Thursday prior please.

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Anyone having information, pictures/photographs

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