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Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Easter Sunday: Holy Communion

Leading: Mrs Barbara Westhead

Preaching & Celebrating: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

Zoom ID: 832 0448 6115

Passcode : 158931

Collect for Today

“Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.” Amen

Tuesday

6.45pm-7.15pm

7.30pm-8.45pm

Prayer in the Evening

LIFE Group

These have closed for the Easter break until 16 April

Wednesday

7.00pm

Alpha. This has closed for the Easter break until 10 April

ESOL Class

Every Thursday

5.00pm-6.00pm

Improvers. This has closed for the Easter break until 11 April

Saturday 6th April

10.00 am to Noon

Coffee and Chat and Potato Competition launch, with demonstration of how to plant and grow them at 11.00 am. Also Church Gardening Group from 10.00am.

Next Sunday 7th April

10.30 am

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KNOWING JESUS

Daily Bread Readings for w/c 31 March 2024:

Sun	31	John 20: 1-10	Thurs	4	John 21: 1-14
Mon	1	John 20: 11-18	Fri	5	John 21: 15-19
Tue	2	John 20: 19-23	Sat	6	John 21: 20-25
Wed	3	John 20: 24-31			

Prayer Requests

People who are not well:

Mo Fletcher, Sharon Goth, Russell Tague, Heather Lyon, Laura Duran-Smith, Simon Horsfall, Kath Torres, Bill Evans, Bella Preston, Lucy Marie Knight, Dave Johnston, Sharon Cusick, Margaret Williams, Nicola Mead, Karen Quinn, Grantham Fidler, Alan Bell, Ali Buckley, Jean Dutton, Brenda Taylor, Derek Williams, Terry Beesley, Peter Thorn, Marjie Tutte and Pam Walker.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of **Alasdair Maciver**, and **Eric Holcroft**, (Brenda Taylor’s Brother).

Prayers for the Parish and beyond:

1. To give thanks for Christ’s Forgiving Love
2. For the Power of God’s Spirit in our lives
3. Praise God the Father
4. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
5. For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Meadow Close, Forge Close and Plough Lane.
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, LIFE, ALPHA, Community Praise, Westhead Village Hall and our Music Group.
7. For the children, their families and their spiritual development
8. For the Church’s link with the School and Collective Worship
9. For outreach and growth in numbers
10. For the Under 18s leadership team
11. Street Pastors and School Pastors
12. Special prayers for our Children and Family Saturday Fun, Food and Fellowship
13. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
14. We pray for refugees from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, and those arriving across the English Channel. Also for those from Ukraine, those who have arrived in our Community, awaiting Visas and for travel arrangements within the UK, along with their sponsors and supporters who are working hard to help them as they seek safety and refuge here in West Lancashire.

MAKING HIM KNOWN

1. **Church Electoral Roll:** This is not to be confused with the Council Electoral Roll. The Church Roll is a list of Church members, there is no membership cost. At this time of the year the roll is open for new additions. The Roll is now open for revision and will close on Saturday 6 April 2024. Forms are available at the back of Church or via the Church website (Web details are at the top of page 1). Please bring either to Church or give to Dr Terry Fellows.
2. **Lent 2024:** We are again giving you the opportunity to be part of our talents project. We will give you £10 to start to finance whatever you would like, all profits will go towards the Church Mission Society (CMS) **Talent contributions will close at the end of April 2024.** Further details from either John or Janette.

3. **Prayer in the Evening:** on Zoom. It would be good if more people would join in this important aspect of the ministry of this Church. (Closed until after Easter)
4. **LIFE (Bible Study):** on Zoom. This term the group will be looking at the book of Romans, using a video and time for discussion. This course comes via the Bible Society and Andrew Ollerton who led the excellent ‘Bible Course’. (Closed until after Easter)
5. **Alpha:** on Zoom. On Week 10 (10 April) we will be asking the question: “How can I resist evil?” Further info and details from Rev John. (Closed until after Easter)
6. **Home Communions:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev John.
7. **A Prayer focussing on our Vision Statement:** Lord Jesus, we ask that you help, enable and equip us in sharing the Good News of Jesus amongst those who are close to us in our Church family, and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.
8. **School PTA:** If you feel like you could help on the Committee or attend one of their functions then please speak to either Dr Terry Fellows or Mr Giles Hooker, who are Governors from St James.
9. **Prayer Board:** This will be available each week for your prayers in the Outer Porch Area of Church. There will be Notelets for you to write your prayers on as you come to Church. These will be prayed for in Church the following Sunday. Urgent prayers that cannot wait please speak to Rev John or a Warden.
10. **Our Music Group:** There is an open invitation to anyone who would like to listen to this group practising. It might be that after a while you might like to join them. Practices will be in the calendar above. For information, or to discuss further, please would you speak to Mr Ernie Pallas. Thank you.
11. **Our new Website:** This was launched on 1 December 2023, with new Church branding. The link is: www.stjameswesthead.org.uk

Contacts:

For all Pastoral Matters:

Rev John Sephton

minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

(Friday is Rev John’s rest day)

Matters concerning the Church Building or Graveyard

Jayne Illingworth or Barbara Westhead

churchwarden@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Church Telephone: 01695 580725

NOTICES

1. **Ormskirk Debt Advice:** Are looking for more Advisors, ideally ladies, but men would also be welcome, training is free and provided. You do not need to be an Accountant. If you feel this is something that you can do, and would like to know more, please speak to Rev John.
2. **A reminder that clocks go forward one hour at 1.00 am on Sunday, 31st March 2024**

- 3. Edward McCarthy Support Services (EMSS)** provides support staff on a one to one basis and for a charity organisation supporting adults with learning difficulties. Would you like to make a difference and come and work for us and help our Clients have an enjoyable experience? Daytime, evening work and/or Saturdays, salary of £11.35 per hour. In addition, they also work closely with a local Charity in West Lancashire called Sporting Challenge. Sporting Challenge provides sporting and social activities to encourage adults with learning difficulties to keep fit and healthy and to provide opportunities to socialise and develop friendships and self-confidence. This work is in the evening during the week. Having experience in similar work is essential. For more information and contact details, please see the sheet on the Notice Board.
- 4. Church Gardening:** Please come along and help us – loads to do. Tools provided – tea and cakes in Church too. Saturday morning (10.00-12.00) 6 April. More information? Please contact Sue 07512 732241.
- 5. Anchorhold Prayer:** You are invited to join other people at Church House (by Ormskirk Parish Church), Monday to Friday 8.00am – 9.00am. Come and go as is convenient with you. To pray for the Town Council, Area, Edge Hill University, World. An explanatory leaflet about ‘Anchorhold’ is on the Notice Board in the Fellowship Area. Copies of the Daily Prayer Themes are also available in the Fellowship Area. Please feel free to take a copy.
- 6. FLOWER ROTA:** A calendar for the year is available in the Fellowship Area for those who would like to put flowers on the Communion Table. Alternatively, we can arrange to have the flowers arranged for you. The flower fund is open to financial contributions. Further details please speak to Jayne Illingworth.
- 7. Birthdays or Anniversaries and loved ones not here.** For those who have a birthday or anniversary this week, we send our congratulations and our prayers.
- 8. A Memory Kept.** This is a new business. Ian will maintain individual graves. An advert is attached to this Bulletin. Anyone interested in the services being offered, please contact Ian on the phone number or email address provided.
- 9. Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk
- 10. Weekly Bulletin:** is only available by email. Please let Heather have your email address: heather.doyle@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to our current distribution list.

NOTICES: Future Dates:

- 1. C.A.M.E.O Wednesday, 10th April 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm** in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mr.Ian Wilson, Local Artist. We look forward to seeing you.
- 2. Gift Day:** The money will go to an unexpected extra cost for the PA update. Any surplus money will go towards rectifying the Lightening Conductor which has failed a recent routine inspection. This is an opportunity to give a ‘love gift’ to God, over and above our normal giving. Thank you to all who contributed last week. An opportunity to contribute will be open for the next few weeks.
- 3. Easter Sunday 31 March 10.30am** Holy Communion.
- 4. Saturday 6 April. Potato Competition launch 10.00am – Noon.** Please see leaflets at the back of Church.

5. **Dying Awareness Week: Tuesday 7 May 7.00pm-9.00pm at Christ Church Ministry Centre.** This meeting is open to all, it is expected that the lead will be taken by Queens Court Hospice, also there will be two Funeral Directors present, as well as a G.P. Marie Currie, McMillan. There will be light refreshments, Tea, Coffee, and Cake. This is a Cluster event. Further info from Rev John.
6. **Half Night Of Prayer: Sunday 12 May 5.30pm – Midnight, at Christ Church Ministry Centre.** 5.30pm – 6.30pm Bring and Share meal. 6.30pm – 7.30pm ‘Nite Life’ CCA Youth Band, speaker Sue Williams from Ormskirk Christian Fellowship. Prayer in various rooms until Midnight for ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ and ‘Our Cluster’ and the future.
7. **Pentecost Celebration: Sunday 19 May 11.00am – 2.00pm on the Parish Field in Bickerstaffe.** Service at 11.00am, bring your own Picnic, Crafts, Games, other activities. Local Schools have been invited to take part. This is a Cluster event and it is hoped that we will have fun together.