



22nd - 29th September

# ST JAMES, BREAM

## Love that never fades: Jesus, our first love

Steve Harrison

I love the blessing of the worship music we have on offer to us these days, and it's lovely to hear people sharing how much a worship song has meant to them. For various reasons the song 'I just want to speak the name of Jesus' often sparks quite strong emotions in me, especially when we sing of speaking Jesus' name over our families. I could go on because there are a lot of beautiful words in a lot of songs. I also appreciate though the simplicity of many of the songs from my childhood, as I'm writing this I have 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to Him belong, I am weak but He is strong' running in a loop through my mind.

It reminds me that the Christian faith is so simple that even a little child can grasp its truths, and yet the truths of our faith challenge our greatest minds.

One of the simple joys for me of the Christian faith is that it's about relationship, and we can all understand relationship. We need to guard the simple Gospel truth that a relationship with Father God is only possible through Jesus, we need to nurture the call to love one another as Jesus loves us, we need to love the lost into the Kingdom, we need to eagerly gather as God's church in worship, we need take great care over creation and for the vulnerable among us.

There is so much that is precious and unique about St James, so much that reflects this faceted call to relationship. As we journey together let's hold firmly to those simple Gospel truths as we respond to Father God's invitation to be His family, under the direct leadership of Jesus our saviour, connected and empowered by the Spirit of God.

## Coming up:

Sunday 22nd September  
09:00 Communion - Church  
10:30 Worship - Church

Monday 23rd September  
09:30 Under 5's - Centre

Tuesday 24th September  
13:00 Crafty Afternoon -  
Centre  
18:15 Puppet practice -  
Centre

Wednesday 25th September  
08:00 Prayers - Centre  
12:00 Under 5's - Centre  
18:30 Soaking - Centre

Thursday 26th September  
19:30 Healing - Prayer Room

Saturday 28th September  
15:00 X:Site - Centre

Sunday 29th September  
10:30 Worship - Church  
followed by parish lunch

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## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday 29th September is our 5th Sunday Celebration where we will be hearing about the good things God has done through the Denmark mission trip, the New Wine Festival and Renew. There may be other things people would like to testify to, so let Stephen know with a call or email.

## CHURCH LUNCH

On the 29th September after church in the Centre we will be celebrating God's goodness to us, and our church family with a bring and share lunch. It would be lovely to see you there and please feel free to invite family members and friends. This Sunday will be a Celebration Sunday as we give thanks for the good things God has done.

## HARVEST

### Supper

Join us for some Harvest celebration on Saturday 5th October at 18:00 in the Church Centre as we enjoy supper together.

### Worship

On Sunday 6th October at our 10:30 service we will give thanks to our amazing God for His provision. Bring some non-perishables for a donation to the Foodbank. You are welcome to donate money to the foodbank on the day or via the church's BACs using 'Harvest' as the reference.

## PUDDING AND QUIZ

Save Saturday the 26th October from 17:00-19:00 for the Pudding and Quiz evening. Bring a pud, bring yourself, bring your brain, bring a friend.

## NEW WINE FESTIVAL

The New Wine Festival is running from the 30th July - 5th August 2025. Early Bird tickets are on sale until the end of September so now is the time to commit to this wonderful time of teaching and worship. Don't miss out!

## ISRAEL - THE PEOPLE, THE LAND AND JESUS (John Cleverly)

29th September at 18:00 at Kings Arms Community Church, Lydney

## BREATHE MENTORING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Check out the posters on the boards for more information.



## RENEW 2024

We are so grateful to Mike for his teaching on the Kingdom of God and the refreshing in the Holy Spirit he has brought to St James. I will be taking leave in the coming week to be able to give Mike and Julie a more extensive experience of our beautiful corner of God's creation.

As you know, we haven't charged for Renew, and we did offer opportunities during the weekend to bless Mike and Julie and Stu Dix financially. We certainly don't want to pressure anyone to give but if you haven't contributed and would like to please do take the opportunity, either cash with a note that its for Renew, or BACS with the reference 'Renew'. Above all, we hope you've been blessed, encouraged and challenged.

Deepest thanks to Mike and Julie, and Stu and Nats for their ministry of the Word, Spirit and music over the last couple of weeks and this weekend.

Steve

## SAFEGUARDING

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