

5th - 12th May 2024

ST JAMES, BREAM

Love that never fades: Jesus, our first love

Steve Harrison

There are a few areas of the life of the church which are notoriously difficult to resolve in a way which satisfies everyone, in fact on writing that, I realised that almost all areas of the life of the church fail to satisfy everyone! However, one of the big ones is pastoral care. It's impossible to meet everyone where they need to be met, and it changes according to the severity of the issue and simply how people are feeling at any one time. I greatly admire those clergy who are renowned for their excellent care and support of people, and some are truly remarkable.

I have been blessed so far by a fledgling ministry, with Liz Ewens booking visits and me enjoying time with the lovely people of this parish. I'm looking forward to seeing how this ministry develops.

We also have a great Pastoral Care Team under Claire Phillips, and they have all received various types of training and are DBS checked and Safeguarding trained. If you are in need of support due to illness, ongoing grief issues, mental health issues or simply needing a chat or some company, why don't you reach out to Claire via a phone call or email and we will get someone to you? You are very welcome to contact me and invite me round or come along to our brilliant Church Centre, I'd love to just be there for you, to be a sounding board and pray for you.

One of the joys of church is having a community to support us in difficult times, please don't hesitate to reach out to us, we'd love to hear from you.

Coming up:

Sunday 5th May
10:30 Worship - Church

Monday 6th May
9:30 Under 5's - Centre

Tuesday 7th May
13:00 Crafty Afternoon - Centre
18:15 Puppet practice - Centre

Wednesday 8th May
8:00 Prayers - Centre
12:00 Under 5's - Centre
18:30 Soaking - Sofa Room
19:30 Parish prayers - Centre

Thursday 9th May
19:30 Healing - Prayer Room

Saturday 11th May
9:30 Prayers and Pastries for the reordering - Church

Sunday 12th May
10:30 Communion - Church

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APCM - 19th May

We will be holding our APCM (a CofE term for AGM) on Sunday the 19th May after the 10:30 service. We will have the reports available the week before the APCM on email and hard-copies in the church so that they don't need to be presented verbally.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

If anyone feels led to invest time and energy in organising events which will help build a sense of family and community at St James please get hold of Sergio or Cheri or Steve. To kick this off, we are having a parish barbeque!



NEW WINE DAY TRIP

Andy Ewens is coordinating a day trip to New Wine United at Shepton Mallett. It will be between the 26th - 29th July, day determined by interest. The cost is £50 for the day and a decision will be taken as to the type of transport once numbers have been confirmed. Shepton Mallett is about 1.5 hours from Bream.

Please email Andy on ew15enz@gmail.com or chat to him after church.

Come and join us for a day of Fellowship & a BBQ!
When: May 27th
Where: St James Church Centre
Time: The fire will be lit at 16:00

- With our resident South African and Brazilian top chefs at the helm, it promises not to disappoint!
 - £5 per person
 - £7 a couple
 - £10 a family
- Bring your own drinks
- Invite a friend or two
- Please book on and pay by May 23rd via the church office



REORDERING - PRAYER AND PASTRIES

We have received a couple of sketch drawings from our architects for our reordering project and feel the time is right to bring these to the Lord for discernment. We are holding a prayer time on Saturday 11th May at 9:30 to pray and seek the Spirit's wisdom. Please do join us in the church, we will have tea and coffee and some pastries to sustain us as we pray into this very important process.

APCM ELECTIONS

We have four places free for election to the PCC. If you feel God is moving you to help with the governance and oversight of St James please get someone to nominate and second you, there are forms in the Vestibule.

CHURCHWARDEN

The role of Churchwarden is a vital one in the Church of England. They are firstly to be people of faith and prayer, they oversee the life of the church along with the Vicar but have a particular responsibility for finance and property, and ensure that the church is being led towards the future the Holy Spirit has planned for the church. They are the senior lay leadership and are called to support and advise the Vicar in their ministry. If you feel you are called to this, or that someone you know is, please fill out a nomination form, they're in the Vestibule

