



14th - 21st July 2024

# ST JAMES, BREAM

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

Steve Harrison

I often think about where I place my trust and hope, when the chips are really down where do I go to for strength and purpose.

I can honestly say that my relationship with Jesus plays a huge part in seeing me through tough times, particularly worship, and worship music played at home or in the car. We all find different aspects of our faith help us at different times and in different ways, Father God has gifted us with such variety.

What I would readily own up to though is that the choice to press into God's resourcing isn't always an instinctive thing for me. There's so much of my flesh, my inner shouty person, that pops up in times of stress or loss, or simply in those down times. The challenge for me is to make the conscious choice to echo the Psalmists words in Psalm 103, 'Praise the Lord O my soul, who delivers you, crowns you, satisfies your life, renews you' (some paraphrasing is mine).

The flesh will always sing the siren song of self-sufficiency, independence and self-reliance, the problem with that is we just get more of ourselves, rather than the empowering and healing resourcing of the Holy Spirit.

If things hard for you at the moment I first of pray God's strength and friendship. Secondly, if you are feeling alone please chat to me or Claire Phillips and we would be privileged to help get some people around you at this time, or to spend some time with you. May God bless you and watch over you.

## Coming up:

Sunday 14th July  
10:30 Communion - Church

Monday 15th July  
09:30 Under 5's - Centre  
19:00 PCC - Centre

Tuesday 9th July  
13:00 Crafty Afternoon - Centre  
18:15 - Puppet practice - Centre  
19:00 - Deanery Synod - Centre

Wednesday 10th July  
08:00 Prayers - Centre  
12:00 Under 5's - Centre  
16:00 Messy Church - Church  
18:30 Soaking - Sofa Room

Thursday 11th July  
19:30 Healing - Prayer Room

Friday 12th July  
09:30 School Leaver's service  
Church

Sunday 14th July  
10:30 Worship - Church







## THE 4TH/CAFE CHURCH

In the last Newsletter I promised to attach my report to PCC, partly to explain the change to Cafe Church/The 4th, which I haven't done. Firstly PCC needs to approve the reports before we can distribute them, secondly I didn't write as much as intended on this. So, why the change? We have a smaller number of children willing to contribute than expected, and so a bigger burden than expected was placed on them to prepare and speak in church and preparing for this was taking up a larger than expected portion of the Sunday School time. Also I felt Cafe Church had a purpose for a season that has now passed and we were trying to force it to be something we didn't need it to be anymore.

## WORSHIP NIGHT

The next Worship Night will be on the 27th October at 18:00. We felt that with the summer, New Wine United and the Renew weekend we should hold Worship Night over until October. See you there!

## SOAKING

Our Wednesday evening Soaking sessions will be on hold during August and will resume on the 4th September at 18:30.

## FAMILY FUN DAY - 7th August

Last year saw about 200 people come to our church for the Family Fun Day. We would love to see another successful day, and we need you to make it happen. Please chat to Sergio or Cheri to see how you can make this a day to remember. Proceeds will go towards a sensory tent at Bream School.

## RENEW - Sept

Please do book in for our Renew weekend and teaching evenings in September. We would love to have a packed church and many of us being released into the joy of living God's Kingdom here on earth as the Father intends us to.

## DENMARK MISSION

Please pray for Sergio and Cheri and our young people as they travel to Denmark for their YWAM mission from the 20th - 30th July.

## CARL WILLIAMS R.I.P

It's sad to share with you that a member of our church, Carl Williams, passed away on the 4th July, his funeral will be at the crematorium on the 24th July at 11:30. Rest in peace Carl, till we meet in heaven.



## RENEW WEEKEND 2024 20/21 September

We are delighted to open bookings for the Renew 2024 weekend of teaching, ministry and worship.

Our speaker is Mike Skevington, who is married to Rev Steve's sister Julie.

Mike comes with many years of ministry in Word and Spirit. This will be a significant time in the life of our church and beyond as we make space for God to move powerfully among us to His glory.

There are brochures in the vestibule of the church with more information and booking forms, or email us on [renew@breamchurch.org.uk](mailto:renew@breamchurch.org.uk). Please invite people from far and wide, we'd love this to be a time where all those hungry for more of the Kingdom can be blessed.

It promises to be a wonderful time of refreshing and renewal.

Mike will also be doing some teaching in the two weeks leading up to Renew. Details of these sessions are also in the brochure.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer Andy Ewens on 01594 564808 or [safeguarding@breamchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@breamchurch.org.uk)

We want you to feel safe and protected.

