

27th October - 3rd November

ST JAMES, BREAM



Love that never fades: Jesus, our first love

Steve Harrison

How is your prayer life going? To be honest this is part of my Christian life that I need to pay constant attention to otherwise it can drift off so easily. Our spiritual life is really interconnected though, isn't it? Connected with the various disciplines in our faith like worship and Bible reading and service; and of course, affected by the rest of what is going on in our lives.

All the spiritual aspects of support and speak to each other, but how I'm feeling generally and the things of life give me the motivation to pray, or may distract me.

There are some great opportunities in the life of our church to engage with more formal prayer, which help change the spiritual atmosphere over our church, they bring the needs and challenges of the world before God's throne and those prayers change our hearts so that we start seeing the world as Kingdom people.

The prayer room - we have a group who are wonderfully committed to prayer who meet each weekday morning from 10:00-12:00 to intercede for the world and the church. This is such a gift to as their prayers soak us in God's presence. They would welcome you to join them if you have the chance.

Wednesday morning prayers - a group of about 6 meet every Wednesday morning at 8:00 for half an hour of prayer for ministries and people in St James. It happens to be men but women are very welcome to come along. We have started enjoying coffee and pastries afterwards.

Parish Prayers - the second Wednesday evening of the month at 19:30 is when we gather St James together to pray for our church and events in the world. This is a more structured time, but always a special time of connecting with God and each other.

Soaking - this isn't prayer in the usual sense, but it is if you think of prayer as connecting with the heart of God. Soaking is a time of gathered meditation with music to place ourselves under the overflow of the Holy Spirit, getting soaked to the soul by God's presence. This is every Wednesday evening at 18:30.

I find my personal relationship with Jesus is strengthened by these deep times of prayer and worship.

Coming up:

Sunday 27th October
9:00 Communion - Church
10:30 Worship - Church
18:00 Worship Night - Church

Monday 28th October
09:00 Breakfast Club - Centre

Tuesday 29th October
13:00 Crafty Afternoon - Centre
18:15 Puppet practice - Centre

Wednesday 30th October
08:00 Prayers - Centre
10:30 Communion - Church
18:30 Soaking - Centre

Thursday 31st October
19:30 Healing - Prayer Room

Friday 1st November
12:30 Lunch Club - Centre

Sunday 3rd November
10:30 Worship - Church
14:00 Baptism - Church
15:30 In Memory service - Church

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WORSHIP NIGHT

Our worship nights are starting again, very exciting, and our first one of the new season is at 18:00 on the 27th October in the church. We will be using a Soaking format, which is essentially a time of making ourselves available to the Holy Spirit as He rains down His peace and mercy on our lives. Michelle and Dave Snowdon will be leading us. Do join us this Sunday evening for a time of quiet and restful connecting with God.

ALL SOULS - Sunday 3rd November at 15:30

Join us as we honour the memory of those who have gone before us. Please feel free to invite any who you feel would benefit from a time of remembering and thanksgiving seasoned with the hope Jesus offers.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - SHOE BOXES

Please could you get donations for the shoe boxes to Sally Hardham or Sue Williams by the end of October. Remember too that it costs £5.00 per box for delivery so donations are very welcome.

CHEESE AND WINE

We'd love to see you for a time of fellowship on the 30th November at 19:00 for our Cheese and Wine. We suggest a donation of £6 and drop off a bottle of wine if you are able at the church before then. We'll supply cheese, cold meat, soft drinks and prosecco based drinks. As always, your friends and family are most welcome.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd - All Souls
15:30 Service of
Remembrance

Sunday 10th -
Remembrance Sunday
10:30 - Church
15:00 - Cenotaph

Monday 18th
17:00 - PCC

Wednesday 20th
16:00 - Messy Church

Weekend Of 23rd/24th
Church Decorating

Saturday 30th
Cheese and Wine (check
notices for the time and
booking)

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer Andy Ewens on 01594 564808 or safeguarding@breamchurch.org.uk

