

Notices

LEGO CAFÉ next Saturday: We love LEGO at St. James', come along for an afternoon of building. Loads of bricks, wheels, doors, minifigures. 2-4pm.



Cake: we would love some donations of cake to sell at the LEGO café. If you are able to help by providing a cake, or other baked goods please would you let Pauline know. We do well with our coffee and cake stall and it helps us to pay the bills for St. James' & St. Peter's. All contributions will be gratefully consumed!

St. Peter's Soft Play: Begins on Monday 15th April at 10.30am at St. Peter's Manor Road. Tell your friends or anyone with preschool children. 10.30-12.00 term time. £2.50 per child.

Readers: We are always looking for new readers to read the first lesson in church. If you are interested in volunteering in this way, please speak to Julia at St. James' and Juliette at St. Peter's.

A note about volunteering: all volunteers are required to complete the foundation stage of safeguarding training. This is a requirement of the Church of England. We do all we can to keep each other safe. If you want to book some training, please speak to Erica erica@interbrands.ltd 01789 842415

Save the Date: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 5th May** following the service at St. James (approx. 11.40).

Donations to the church can be made using this QR code. These donations go towards the Ministry and mission of the church



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Hymns

474	The day of resurrection
24	Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
14	All heaven declares O Lord be my help
228	I danced in the morning

This week's services & church events

Sunday 9.15am 10.30am	7th April Holy Communion at St. Peter's Family Communion at St. James'
Monday 2.00pm 5.15pm	8th April Tea & Chat at St. Peter's Just 30 mins at St. James'
Thursday 10.30am 3.30pm	11th April Midweek Communion at St. James'. Just 30 Minutes at St. Peter's
Saturday 2-4pm	13th April LEGO Cafe

The Sick: We pray for all who are sick, especially Rita Hobday, Sue Chan, Doug Evans, Elizabeth Miles, Nikki Favell, Joan Umpleby, Sandra Oram, Dilys Jones, Anna Williams, King Charles, and Kate, Princess of Wales.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Erica Johnston. erica@interbrands.ltd 01789 842415

R.I.P We pray for Trevor Walker and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Years Mind: Ronald Pecksen, Brian Statham & Lee Rogers (Flight Crew Wellesbourne) Brian Palmer, Jean Abbey, Brenda Cox, Ron Summersby, Royston Moore, Stanley Harrington.

Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Gospel John 20: 19-end

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe ^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

