

Notices

This Sunday is the Annual Parochial Church meeting: we have one service only, 10.30am at St. James. This a family service and the APCM will follow at approx. 11.45 once people have had refreshments. EVERYONE Is welcome to stay to the meeting, its about your church, and we would like your ideas and input.

LEGO Café: This Saturday 11th May. 2-4 at St. James'.

Come and enjoy building at this popular family event. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate available.

Cakes: We are looking for cakes again for the LEGO Café. If you could make some or donate some we would be grateful, it's a good way of demonstrating our hospitality while adding to church funds. Thank you to everyone who regularly contributes to this work.

St. Peter's Prayer Breakfast: will be back soon now that the weather is improving. For those who already attend, could you indicate if there is a day and time that you would prefer. 8.00 is quite early so we are looking for a more convenient time to breakfast and pray together.

A note about volunteering: all volunteers are required to complete the basic 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

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

90/114	Come down, O love divine
372/503	O Jesus I have promised
461/620	Such love
	He came singing love
321/428	Love divine omit v 3 and 4

This week's services & church events

Sunday 10.30am	5th May Holy Communion at St. James' followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	6th May No church events today.
Thursday 10.30am 3.30pm	9th May Ascension Day Midweek Communion for Ascension Day at St. James'. Just 30 Minutes at St. Peter's
Saturday 2-4pm	11th May 10 th May LEGO Café at St. James'

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, James Gardner, 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 Betty Parkes and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Years Mind: Ethel Drummond, Ron Dawney, Hazel Tucker, Arthur Davies, Dorothy Whateley, Hilary Hardin and all who we remember at this time of year.

Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your
disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Gospel John 15: 9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved
you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my
commands, you will remain in my love, just as I
have kept my Father’s commands and remain in
his love. I have told you this so that my joy may
be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: Love each other as I have
loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to
lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my
friends if you do what I command. I no longer
call you servants, because a servant does not
know his master’s business. Instead, I have
called you friends, for everything that I learned
from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you so that you might go and bear
fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever
you ask in my name the Father will give
you. This is my command: Love each other.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.
Amen

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Today we have our special meeting
which happens once a year. It is our
opportunity to talk about what we
achieved, and what challenges we
faced during 2023.

It’s actually two meetings:

1. The Vestry Meeting (also known
as the Annual Parish Meeting)
where we agree the minutes of
last year’s vestry meeting and
we elect our Church Wardens.
Anyone who lives in the parish
is welcome to attend this
meeting.
2. The APCM Is where we agree
the minutes of last year’s
APCM. Various people give their
reports on their activities
during the year, and we hear
about how much money the
church has, and how much
money we need to operate
successfully.
We elect people to represent
the whole of our church at
Deanery Synod, and on the
PCC.
Anyone who is on the Electoral
Roll can attend this meeting
and can vote.

This is your church, and your thoughts
and ideas are welcome. Please stay
and hear what we have been doing for
our parish.

APCM Prayer

Heavenly Father, help our church to
grow in holiness, unity, effectiveness,
and numbers. Draw us closer to you
and to those around us.
Give us enthusiasm in our faith, and
wisdom in sharing it with others.
Open our eyes to new opportunities,
our lips to sing and speak of you, and
our hearts to welcome the stranger.
Grow your kingdom in us and in the
world, through our Lord Jesus Christ
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.