

Weekly News

20th Sunday after Trinity 14th October 2018

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Throughout the year the two St James take time in the Sunday services to focus on each of the core missions we support:

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TEARFUND

Included as part of the Services on
1st Sun at Fulmer & GX 4pm
4th Sun at GX9am and 10.45am.

THIS SUNDAY:

14TH OCTOBER

FROM TERRORIST TO CHURCH
LEADER: SAUL'S STORY

ACTS 9

- **8am HOLY COMMUNION (FUL)**
James Leach
- **9am MORNING WORSHIP(GX)**
Ben Topham
- **10.45am HOLY COMMUNION (GX)**
Ben Topham
- **11.15am MORNING WORSHIP(FUL)**
Jill Roth
- **4pm HOLY COMMUNION (GX)**
Ben Topham
- **7pm Saint James @Resonate**
(SJ Centre,GX) All are welcome

WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK

- **Monday GX Prayers 9.30am**
(in the Saint James Centre)
- **Tuesday Tiny Tots 10am**
(in the Saint James Centre)
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(in the Saint James Centre)
- **Wednesday Evening Course of Christianity Explored at 8pm**
- **Thursday Morning Course of Christianity Explored at 9.30am**
crêche included but booking essential
- **Thursday LifeTrack Evening Course 8pm**
(Saint James Centre)
- **Friday LifeTrack Morning Course 10am**
(in the Saint James Centre)

NEXT SUNDAY:

21ST OCTOBER

JESUS KNOWS YOU AND LOVES
YOU: NATHANAEL'S STORY

- **8am HOLY COMMUNION (FUL)**
Chris Lion
- **9am MORNING WORSHIP(GX)**
Chris Lion
- **10.45am MORNING WORSHIP(GX)**
Chris Lion
- **11.15am HOLY COMMUNION (FUL)**
Ben Topham
- **4pm SUNDAY WORSHIP(GX)**
Chris Lion
- **7pm Resonate Youth Service** *(SJ Centre,GX)*

Welcome to the two St James. If this is your first visit to St James or if you've recently joined us, please fill in a Welcome card or simply talk to one of our host team (with lilac badges) so we can invite you to our next Newcomers Coffee. If you are new to the Children's or Youth Ministry we have LOTS going on that you might like to know about! Ask someone on the team/take an info card or look at <https://saintjames.org.uk/kids/> or <https://saintjames.org.uk/youth/> (click on icons to move around the website for more details)



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rev'd Matt Beeby as our new Rector. Matt, Amy and their three children will join us some time in the New Year.

For more information see our website www.saintjames.org.uk.

Please pray for Matt and his family as they prepare to join us at The Two St James.

24/7 Prayer Week – Friday 2nd to Friday 9th November. Our next 24/7 prayer week is almost upon us. This term we are especially focusing on praying for our community, as we all prepare for the Re-Think Mission week. Prayer is key to all we do here at the two Saint James and we hope that you will prioritize spending time in our prayer room to equip you, refresh you and recharge you whilst you pray "Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!" The 24/7 prayer room offers you a creative space to inspire new ways of prayer, whilst also being a peaceful place to simply meet with God. If you haven't tried it you, please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Play your part by signing up for an hour, or more, here: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/3be2ce> Let's see what God will do through these 168 hours of prayer"

St James@Resonate: Today, Sunday 14th October from 7pm-9pm in the Saint James Centre. Come in worship, join with our Youth Service and listen to the Uganda update. All welcome.

rethink

Rethink update: We now have full details of all the five 'open' events, which are below. Invitations will be available at all services this Sunday, so do take as many as you like, and start inviting everyone along! We will also be asking for help to make the events happen, so please listen out at all services for other ways you can get involved with rethink. Here are the open events:

Fairy Tale or Factual Truth: Is there anything credible about the Christian faith? On **Thursday 22nd November, from 8-10pm**, international speaker Amy Orr-Ewing will be talking on this topic. A delicious light supper will be served alongside the talk and discussion.

Food for Thought: What does Christmas mean to you? On **Friday 23rd November, from 10am-12noon**, anyone can come and learn to make some quick and easy canapes. Whilst the canapes cook, there will be time to reconsider the meaning of Christmas.

Kids & Teens ask Tough Questions: On **Friday 23rd November, from 7.45 to 9.45pm**, we will be addressing some of the difficult questions about life that kids or teens ask. This is a chance for parents to consider answers to questions you may not have thought about before, or you may not know how to answer. Light refreshments will be provided. There will be separate locations for parents of younger children, and parents of teens.

Does Integrity Matter?: The Business Breakfast. On **Saturday 24th November, from 8-10am**, this will be an opportunity for businessmen or women to rethink the importance of integrity in the workplace; and what happens when it fails. There will be breakfast; time for networking; a short talk; and time for questions and discussion.

Question Time: Rethink Life's Big Questions. On **Saturday 24th November, from 10am-3pm**, we will be directly addressing life biggest spiritual questions. Topics will be "**God & Science**"; "**Suffering**"; "**Ways to God**"; "**In the End**"; and "**Miracles**". A session will last 45 minutes, with breaks in between. Each session will comprise a 20-minute talk, followed by a chance to question a small panel of experts.

The next PCC Meeting
is on Tuesday
27 November at 8pm.

Readings Today @ 8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21 page: 1176
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 page:990

PRAYER

Prayer Diaries:

Pick up a paper copy today after the service or signup for daily prayer emails at saintjames.org.uk/prayerdiary/

GX Monday Prayers:

Held every Monday in the Saint James Centre at 9.30am.

Monthly FULMER Discussion/Prayers:

Held first TUESDAY of each month in St James, Fulmer at 9.30am.

Quiet Garden:

The 'Quiet Garden' is a place to withdraw to nature and 'Come to me ... to a quiet place and get rest'. We are fortunate to have the original Quiet Garden close by at Park Road, Stoke Poges, SL2 4PG. Call Noreen Cooper 644 273 for 2018 dates. NEXT DATE: Thurs 15th NOVEMBER at 10am

Operation World focus: RUSSIA

The fall of the Iron Curtain opened Eastern Europe and Central Asia to evangelism, church planting, rebirth of Christian society, Bible translation work and more. Churches more than doubled in number and size, and the number of people who identify themselves as non-religious or atheist dropped by more than half from before 1991! Evangelicals tripled in number since 1991, and now a recognized place within Russian religious culture. Their experience and maturity allow them to face with wisdom the agendas of both Western and Russian governments. But days of fast growth (1990s) soon ended. Moscow and St Petersburg have only 10% of Russia's population, but the largest amount of mission activity, ministry and resources.



JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Passionate about how excellent church administration can enable other ministries to flourish?

We are advertising for a full-time or part-time job share Church Administrator to join the team. This role gives you the opportunity to make a positive impact on the running of the Parish and provide a practical contribution to the sharing of God's word, serving others both within the church community and across the Parish. If you would like a copy of the job description, salary details and an application pack please email nici.johnson@saintjames.org.uk or phone the church office on 01753 88 33 11.

Current and Future Events:

St James Church Walk: Tuesday 16th October.

Starting at the Hit or Miss pub in Penn Street (HP7 OPX). It is a varied walk of just over 5 miles across farmland. Meeting at St James Church, GX 9.20am and car share to Penn Street. If you are planning to go straight there, we will start the walk promptly at 10.30am. If you are planning to come please contact John and Angela Foy on 01753 883355 or 07775 996 773.

Can you give a lift to a person who is older or disabled? We have a team of drivers who assist older and disabled people to get to and from mid-week activities like Friendship Lunches, and Senior Fellowship. Would you be willing to drive someone in need so that they can continue to connect with the church? Please contact the office on 883311.

Home for good. Ever thought about fostering and adoption? Come along to an information evening to find out more **Thursday 8 November 2018 7.30 for 8pm** Gold Hill Baptist Church.

Research project into discipleship and daily work: Are you a Christian woman in full-time or part-time secular work (i.e. not church-based) or have been in the last 2 years? Would you be willing to take part in a research project into discipleship at work? Will involve one 60-minute interview and a focus group (optional). If you are interested, please contact James Leach for further details: james.leach@saintjames.org.uk or 01753 886480.

To book a Friendship Lunch in November: On **Mon 5th Nov, Thurs 15th or Thurs 29th Nov from 12.30pm for 12.45pm** call Brian Horne: 884722.

Men's Breakfasts: The next breakfast will be on **Saturday 3rd November and Friday 9th and 23rd November.**

Global Connections: St James are now members of Global Connections, bringing together most of the mission agencies in the UK. They hold one day Forums, some reflect our current sermon series. **Pursuing Justice**, on **Wed 17th October**, with a speaker from the International Justice Mission. As a member of St James you can attend at a reduced price of **£20 (includes lunch)**. Book online at www.globalconnections.org.uk/events

Blast Foundation: Reducing re-offending through offender training - is holding a fund raising curry evening **26 November at 7pm for 7.30pm** at Bawarchi Restaurant, GX. £25 for a 2 course dinner. For tickets and details contact John Stanley. Email: h_j_stanley@hotmail.com.

Philip Mounstephen consecration: Will take place St Paul's Cathedral on **30 November 2018** the link below provide details where people can sign up and get more information <https://churchmissionsociety.org/philip-mounstephen-consecration>

Messy Church: Friday 9th November at 4pm.

Fairtrade Stalls: Love Creation will be running Fairtrade stalls. Selling gifts, advent calendars and Christmas cards. Payment by cash, cheque or card.

At Fulmer: Sunday 28th October after the 11.15am service

At GX: Sunday 4th November after the 9am and 10:45am services in The Saint James Centre.



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Please note the deadline for the **Weekly News** is 12 noon Wednesdays