



ST JAMES THE GREAT
Catholic Church in Petts Wood

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



St James – A shining light in Petts Wood

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Pastoral Care Pillar

'Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.....'

Annual Mass for Bereaved Parents and their Families, Sunday 7 July at 3pm

Fr David and the Pastoral Care Team warmly extend an invitation to bereaved parents, their families and their friends to join us to commemorate the lives of children of any age who have died under any circumstances.

We hope that this special Mass will enable us all to come together in prayerful unity and that it will offer you comfort.

To conclude the Service, we will move outside together to the Memorial Garden where Fr David will offer a special Blessing in memory of all the children whose lives we will be commemorating.

Following the Blessing, everyone will be most warmly welcome to join Fr David and members of the Pastoral Care Team for refreshments in the Community Centre.

If you haven't contacted the Parish Office already, and if you need a candle, please could you do so as soon as possible then we will have it ready for you on the day.

If any parishioners already have a votive candle or candles from a previous Service, please bring it/them with you and we will happily provide you with new candle inserts if required.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly 2024.

Pope Francis instituted World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. This is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

This year this special day will be celebrated on Sunday the 28th July, Fr David will look forward to celebrating this mass with you all.

Team News

We are delighted to welcome a new member to our Pastoral Care Team, here is a lovely introduction from Madeleine.



'Hello, my name is Madeleine Shawyer. I've lived in Petts Wood since 1986. I have two adult sons who live in the Midlands.

My mum suffered from dementia and I was able to be her full-time carer for 20 years. After she passed away in 2019 I have been volunteering at a Warm Space for mainly elderly people and a Food Bank locally which I find very rewarding.

I have received an incredibly warm welcome from everybody on the Pastoral Care Team and it is a privilege for me to join this amazing group.

I hope to be able to contribute to the Team and help the people of the Parish. A particular interest of mine is helping people who who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse'

Madeleine Shawyer.

Anyone that is interested in joining our team please let Fr David know or a member of the team, our names and photos are displayed in the entrance to the church.



Finance Pillar



Congratulations to the June Winners

- £100 Vicky Terry number 60
- £50 Mary Ingledew number 119
- £25 Susie Matak Number 175
- £25 Richard Clegg number 28

The 200 Club continues to flourish and at present there are five vacancies available. Subscriptions are £5 per month payable on the first day of each month. Alternatively subscriptions can be paid annually online or by cheque for £60 payable to St James the Great 200 Club. Details are as follows:

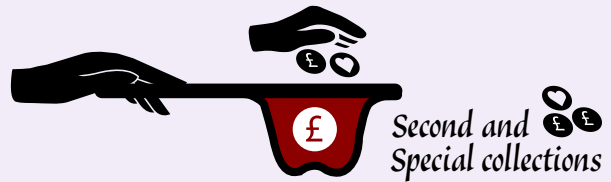
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Account Name St JamesChurch 200 Club.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Ken Evans telephone 01689 851793 or the Parish Office 01689 827100.



Second collections in July

- 7th July - JPIC Project**
- 14th July - Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)**
- 28th July- Maintenance/Building Fund**

If payments to these second collections are being made by Bankers Order, please show the following payment references:

- JPIC Project - JPIC/Gift Aid Number/Surname
- Apostleship Of the Sea - SM/Gift Aid Number/ Surname
- Maintenance/Building Fund - Build/Gift Aid Number/ Surname

Gift Aid News

It will soon be time to order envelopes for the financial year 2025/2026 so please let us know if you want to change your method of giving. Letters of thanks have recently been sent by email to regular gift aiders and donors. If you did not receive a letter please let us know.

If your letter was delivered by post or through your letter box that means that we do not have an email address for you – if you do have an email address please let the office know.

All queries about gift aid or standing orders should be sent to gift.aid@stjamespettswood.org or to the parish office.

The good news is that the contactless terminals are back working again and donations given this way can also be gift-aided.



We're in the top 50% of causes on easyfundraising!

Thank you to all of our supporters who raise free donations for us every time they shop online. Your support means the world to us!

If you're not already signed up please join today and you too can raise free donations when you shop with over 8,000 retailers. It doesn't cost you anything extra and the donations make a huge difference to **St James The Great - Petts Wood**.

Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjamespettswood/31E5Q3/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CR115/facebook/>



Evangelisation Pillar

Synod For Parish Priests

Fr David would like to share with the community of St James his experience of last April's Synod for Parish priests. He would like to invite anyone who would be interested to know what the synod involved. On Monday 22nd July, 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

SAVE THE DATE!

25th – 27th October for a Parish Weekend Retreat – More details to follow.

Eucharist Adoration – Be Still in the Presence of the Lord

Time set aside in your hectic life – wasting time in silence with God, takes place for an hour each Wednesday shortly after the Morning Mass and the Wednesday Café, starting at 10.45am and finishing with Benediction at 11.15am and on the first Friday of the month from 5pm till 7pm. The next will be on Friday **5th July**. All are welcome for all or part of this time of Adoration ending with Benediction.

Pondering the Word (Lectio Divina)

A quiet reflective look at the following Sunday's Gospel. Mondays 11am-12 noon, except for Bank Holidays, meetings are via zoom. Please contact the parish office who will arrange the zoom link to be sent to you. All are welcome

Welcome Back Lunch

Hello everyone,

The Evangelisation Pillar is planning a Welcome Back Lunch on Sunday 22nd September from 12 noon until 2.30pm in the Community Centre.

We're inviting you to bring and share your favourite food(s), with everything cooked and ready to eat please, and the more variety the better.

Everyone is invited, so please put the date in your diaries and calendars now and look out for our poster and "sign-up sheets" which will be in the church foyer in August and September.

We're looking forward to seeing you.

House Mass

House Mass is an initiative at St. James to help develop Fr. David's vision of St. James becoming a "Sanctuary in Suburbia".

The idea of House Mass goes back to early Christians who, in small groups, gather in houses to celebrate the Lord's Supper. It typically has a more intimate atmosphere (than a Sunday Mass), and everybody feels more involved in the celebration. The setting also allows time to develop friendships and community.

Provisional Timing for House Mass

8pm Arrive (before 8pm if possible) and settle

8:05pm Start Mass

8:50pm Mass finished and social to follow.

Dates for 2024

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday 19th November

Tuesday 10th December - Allocated

If you think you would like to host a House Mass, please contact Suzanne and Caroline via email pettswood@rcaos.org.uk to agree mutually convenient date.

Prayer Meetings on Thursdays

Charism Thursdays exists to establish a weekly spiritual hour of rest and worship, open to anyone who is interested in deepening their connection with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

During charismatic worship songs, each member is encouraged to participate and share their spiritual gifts from a place of liberty and freedom. Rest and contemplation in the Agape love of God is primary, contributions in scripture reading, words of encouragement, pictures and prayer etc is secondary.

Along with the main focus of group singing, we focus on practices of meditation and circling.

These types of practices help to facilitate transformative experiences through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We have already enjoyed our first few meetings with a good response.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the **weekly event, starting at 7pm** in the church.





Evangelisation Pillar

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Special thanks this Lent to

St James

for raising

£1,342.57

to support CAFOD projects helping communities around the world build a brighter future.



Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light."

1 John 2:10

Thank you

Ishmael and Lucia in Sierra Leone are determined to support their daughters through school despite both parents having disabilities. They've bred a herd of goats from the two goats the Sisters loaned them, and are using the money to buy resources for Ishmael's blacksmith work and pay the children's school fees.



The current needs are for:

- Tinned Cold Meat
- Tinned Hot Meats
- Rice
- Tinned Vegetables
- Long Life Desserts
- Cooking sauces

There are two baskets available for your donations: both are in the main church entrance



The Foodbank warehouse **cannot accept**: baby formula, fresh, out of date, chilled or frozen food.

Financial donations are still very much appreciated and there are several ways you can donate:

- Post cash, cheques or supermarket vouchers through the Parish Office letterbox. Cheques should be payable to "Bromley Borough Foodbank".
- By direct transfer to the Foodbank's bank account
Bank NatWest
Sort code 60-16-03
Account name Bromley Borough Foodbank
Account number 77879007
Reference STJAMESPW
- £5 gift vouchers for Tesco and Sainsbury's are very useful to the Foodbank

Like most volunteer run charities, our Foodbank needs monetary donations. If possible you might consider setting up a standing order to help this vital work. Bank details above.

Thank you from the Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Group.



Evangelisation Pillar

A Love Letter To Mother Earth

You have been in existence for a long time, Mother Earth, a very long time. You slowly evolved from a flaming volcanic sphere to what we now see. There is an abundance of fauna and flora, great oceans and mountains, fruits of all kinds and a vast variety of animals. Homo sapiens was a latecomer to your creation.

Our ancient indigenous ancestors saw you and creation as their teachers. They treated all with respect. They took from you only what they wanted and gave back to you that that which they could not use. There was mutual reciprocity between you and them. This beautiful balance lasted for generations. Then came along another breed of homo sapiens whom, in time, would change you forever. They were the masters; they knew better. They saw you and your creation as their property by right. Over the centuries, they dug holes on your surface to extract ores, coal and oil. They cut down swathes of forests. They poisoned rivers, lakes and seas. They removed indigenous people from their sacred lands to make room for the new settlers. All this was in the name of progress.

So many species are now extinct. Food chains are disconnected. There is no longer mutual respect or reciprocity. You know that, Mother Earth and so does creation. For many decades, you have become unsettled. The signs were there, but homo sapiens ignored them and still do. Your seasons are out of kilter. Your surface is getting warmer. Ice caps are melting. Forest fires are raging. Severe storms are more frequent. Sea levels are rising. It is not your fault.

Where is the sapiens in this most destructive of creatures? Why do they still think you will settle down and be your old self again? Irrevocable laws of nature do not allow you to settle down. You will carry on with greater intensity until the critical point is reached. Then will homo sapiens fully realise the consequences of their greed. Your future has all the signs of being apocalyptic. There is still time to reverse the inevitable. Like our indigenous ancestors, we need to respect you and all creation. You have the ability to reclaim that which you have lost. The ball is now in mankind's court.

Pat Courtney

Virtual Parishioner – County Wexford

Petts Wood Churches Together

Petts Wood Repair Cafe

GARDENING – DO YOUR TOOLS NEED REPAIRING? HAVE YOU FOUND A SUMMER OUTFIT WHICH NEEDS REPAIR?

Don't bin it - bring it to the Petts Wood Repair Café and get one broken item repaired by experts at the Repair Café.

For a donation of either cash or card bring one item such as an electrical or electronic item, clock, bicycle, toy, or clothing for repair. The Repair Café can also sharpen knives and tools. Enjoy coffee and cake while you wait but please bear with them if you have a wait as demand can be high.

The next dates are Saturday 27 July and Saturday 28 September. Timings are: 2.00 – 5.00pm in the Church Hall next to St Francis of Assisi Church, Greencourt Road, Petts Wood BR5 1QW. Contact: pettswoodrepaircafe@gmail.com. Please note the Petts Wood Repair Café will not take place during August.

Orpington Repair Cafe

The Orpington Repair Cafe is a charity with skilled volunteers who help to repair household items. Bring along any broken items like kettles or toasters or clothes that need mending.

We extend the lifespan of products, actively reduce waste and have a positive impact on our environment.

The volunteers will do their best to fix it for you for FREE while you enjoy a cup of a tea and a slice of cake.

Join us on Saturday 20 July or Saturday 21 September from 10am - 1pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Worlds End Lane, Green Street Green, BR6 6AG.



Communication Pillar

Supervision of children in hall toilets

It has come to our notice that there have been incidents of the toilets in the hall being misused. Items have been dropped in the toilet bowls and the liquid soap containers emptied onto the floor. We seek your assistance in ensuring there are no further incidents of this kind. Please be reminded you are responsible for your children at all times.

Supervision of children in the church around the candle stands

Please ensure that all children are assisted by an adult in the lady chapel area when lighting candles.

St James Repository

The Repository in church is open after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses throughout the year. There is a good selection of Religious articles always available, including Bibles, Prayer Books, Sunday Missals, Children's Books, Rosaries, Statues, Mass cards and cards for most other occasions.

Appeal From The Knights of St Columba

Please continue to bring in your used postage stamps. If they are on postcards, it is fine to donate the postcard as well. Money raised will go to Knights good causes. Please leave stamps in the wooden box in the church porchway.

St James' RC Primary School Vacancy

A permanent full-time class teacher is required for September.

Salary: MPS/UPS (Outer London)

St James' RC Primary School is an outstanding school with a caring and supportive ethos. We have the highest possible aspirations for all our staff and pupils.

To find out more about us we recommend you look at our website and, of course, you would be most welcome to visit. If you would like further details, would like to arrange a visit to the school or would like an application pack please contact Mrs Lisa Weeks at general.info@st-james.bromley.sch.uk

Applications from Catholics and non-Catholics are warmly welcomed.

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Do you have any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish? Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share with the Parish? If you do then why not use the Newsletter as a medium to share your thoughts with us and one to make a positive difference to the life of our Parish. If you do have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish then please send the information to Paul Cosgrave at the following email address: communication@stjamespettswood.org

Alan Pavelin Monthly Film Review

Over a dozen films have been made about Joan of Arc, the 15th century teenager who, claiming visions and messages from saints, dressed as a man, led the French army against the English, was burned at the stake for heresy, and was canonised in 1920. By general critical consent the best of the films by far is *The Passion of Joan of Arc* (1928) by the Danish director Carl Dreyer, based on the actual transcript of Joan's trial. Because sound equipment was not yet available at the Paris studio where it was made, it is a "silent" film, though invariably screened with music (I first saw it with a live orchestra).

What makes this film so great is the central performance by Renee Falconetti, in her only film, and in her mid-30s at the time. In "silent" films actors acted with their faces, not their voices, and this film consists largely of huge closeups, not just of Joan but of her accusers and the English soldiers guarding her in prison. It can be watched free on YouTube and is emotionally very powerful. Until 1981 the film could only be seen in mutilated form and with parts missing, because the original negative was thought lost. Then it was miraculously discovered in, of all places, a Norwegian mental hospital!

And talking of miracles, Carl Dreyer's later film *Ordet* (1955), meaning "The Word", ends with what is widely regarded as the most convincing "miracle" ever filmed, the raising of a character from the dead. Based on a play, the film tells of an old Jutland farmer having problems with his three sons: one has lost his Christian faith, one has lost his mind and thinks he is Jesus, while the third wants to marry a girl whose father is the leader of a rival Christian sect. Another intensely moving film but filmed in a very different style from the Joan of Arc one, slow stately camera movements with no close-ups.



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YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED BY YOUR SCOUT GROUP

For the last 75 years, our Scout group has been a beacon of adventure, learning, and growth for countless young people in our community. From knot-tying to problem-solving, our dedicated leaders have ignited curiosity, resilience, and lifelong friendships.

But today, we face a critical crossroads. Our Scout Group teeters on the edge of closure due to unfilled vacancies in essential Trustee Board roles, which include Chair of Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Roles which are not onerous but roles that have to be filled in order that the Scout Group can operate.

Why Should You Care?

Without these roles being filled, your children won't experience the exciting adventures, life skills, adventurous activities and camaraderie that Scouting provides.

Our Scout Group is woven into the fabric of our parish. It's where friendships blossom, where dreams take flight, and where characters are forged.

What's at Stake?

- No more camps or campfires.
- No more leaders teaching your children the skills of life, no more activities building up teamwork skills
- No more confidence-building hikes or community service.
- No more adventures
- 75 years of memories could vanish.

How Can You Help?

Trustee Chair and Secretary Roles: Just one meeting per school term. Your passion and commitment can keep our legacy alive.

Treasurer Role: We'll provide help and training where needed. Your financial savvy can safeguard our future.

Act Now! Don't let our Scout Group fade away. If you care about our children, step up and be part of the solution.

Contact Kate Charlesworth:

Email: c.charlesworth@btinternet.com

Phone: 07779415239

Together, let's keep the spirit of Scouting burning bright!





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Trustee Board Chair

The Chair will lead the Board of Trustees, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group. The Chair will work closely with the Group Scout Leader to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Treasurers' position

You will be required to reconcile expenditure, check bank statements and prepare financial information for the AGM, attend Trustee Board meetings which are held 3 or 4 times a year. You will also need to undertake some on line training as required by the Scout Association. The role does not require too much of your time, approximately 2-4 hours per month on average.

The role would suit someone with book keeping/banking/finance experience and who is experienced using Excel, it is an important and rewarding role supporting the Scout Group.

If you would like further information about this role **please contact Jackie Cosgrave** by email cosgrave_jackie@hotmail.com (please note there is an underscore between the surname and first name).

Secretary's position

This is an administrative position and would suit someone who has good IT and minute taking skills, you are required to arrange the Trustee Board meetings held each term, draft the minutes and distribute them, you will also arrange the paperwork for the AGM and take the minutes and assist the Scout Leader with any other administrative tasks. This role also does not take up too much time approximately 2-4 hours per month on average. You would be required to undertake some on line training. **Please contact Elaine Scott** by email elainemscott100@gmail.com if you would like to discuss the role and attend a Trustee Board meeting to see what is required.

Membership Secretary

The responsibilities include:

- Maintaining Membership Records by having accurate record-keeping for all members in the Scout Group.
- Guiding potential new members through the registration process.
- Welcoming new members and promoting active involvement.
- Supporting the Board of Trustees
- Advising parents of the annual subscription rates and monitoring receipt of the subscription monies.
- Maintaining a Waiting List for the Group.

In summary, the membership secretary ensures accurate records, smooth registrations, and overall support for the Scout Group.





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Discover a new adventure in just one hour!

Scouting provides you people with skills for life

Through the challenge and adventure of scouting young people get to take risks in a safe environment, have their first taste of responsibility and learn new skills. We give young people experiences they'll never forget. The sort of adventure scouting offers is the chance to try something different and the opportunity to face challenges. When a beaver scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover, or a cub scout has just got over her fear of heights by completing her first abseil - that's adventure!

Our scout group is seeking additional adults with energy and enthusiasm to help within the beavers and cubs. All our leaders are volunteers who ensure that our young people get the best opportunities and have the most fun. We now need you to help us build our team.

With your energy and enthusiasm, we know that we can!

Scouting is about everyday people working as leaders and supporters in scout groups in their local communities, giving young people confidence, a sense of purpose, life values and outdoor skills that are hard to find anywhere else - we call these skills for life!

So how can you help?

We are looking for people who want to make a difference in their local community, people who have enthusiasm and enjoy working with young people. Do you know someone who can motivate your people? Do you know someone who can help our scout group so that more young people can benefit from the adventure of scouting? Are you interested in finding out more yourself?



Part of scouting's modern appeal to adults is our approach to flexible volunteering, it's great when people can make regular commitment to help to provide weekly scouting to young people, but we know it's not always possible. We know that people have busy, often unpredictable lives - meaning that they can't commit to set hours on set days.

When a person helps at our scout group it doesn't mean giving up all their free time. Our leaders work in small teams, some people give an hour a week, others give an hour once a month (or as it suits them), to help plan and deliver an exciting programme for our members.

Being involved is great fun and it goes without saying that helping young people can be one of the most rewarding things to do. People sometimes think that they have nothing to offer but they are always surprised!

They don't need to know anything about scouting - we provide a warm welcome, relevant training and lots of ongoing support.



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Girlguiding - St James Girlguiding Units



We open up a world of possibilities to girls from 4-18-years-old, one where they can do anything.

It's totally flexible, you can help as much or as little as you want.

Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures.

Your local Girlguiding group needs:
New leaders to help run three units -
2nd Petts Wood Brownies,
3rd Petts Wood Guides
Petts Wood Rangers.
For more information please email -
Suzanne Horner
pettswood@rcaos.org.uk



Register today



girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer

Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

3rd Petts Wood Scouts Group

Ellie makes all the difference. So could you.

Help young people in Petts Wood step up and dream big.

Interested? Contact Kate Charlesworth
#email: gsl3pwscouts@gmail.com

Scouts
3rd Petts Wood Scout Group

Dad and Me

Dad and Me

What is it?

A group of dads that meet monthly, with their kids – to chill out, chat with other dads, while their kids play!

Some details:

- For dads with kids aged 1-8
- Toys galore, incl. arts & crafts for the older kids
- “Bacon butties” all round, plus tea, coffee & biscuits (juice for the kids, vegan options available)
- Also an online network of dads – for sharing contacts, knowledge e.g. of tradesmen, schools. Over 70 strong currently, including dads from over 7 years ago!

What are the benefits?

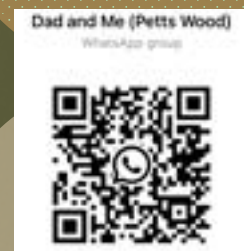
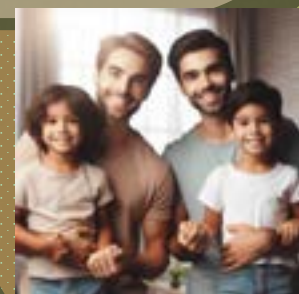
“Me time”, kids time and your partner get 2 hours free per month also!...WIN-WIN-WIN!

When and where?

10:15-12 Saturday mornings, once a month, at the Community Hall (next door)

How do I join?

Just join the Whatsapp group and get the latest on when the next ones are. David will kindly oblige.



Use this QR code and you're in!
(text me any issues...cheers, Jay)
07931 513598



Social Pillar

Wednesday Lunches

Our next Wednesday lunch will be on **Wednesday, 17th July**. We will be serving a light lunch from 11.30am in the Community Centre. All Welcome.

Note for your Diaries - please see the Wednesday lunches dates for 2024

18th September

16th October

20th November

11th December

The Companions Afternoon Club

Who are we? What do we do?

We meet in the Church Community Centre every week. We play scrabble, Triominos, indoor curling, table tennis and we hope to start Line-dancing. Maybe you have ideas as to what you may like to do? So do come and join us in the Community Centre at 1.30pm to 4.30pm on the first two Wednesdays and the second two Tuesdays of the month. Here is a chance to get to know some really lovely people!

July's dates for The Companions Afternoon Club:

Wednesday 3rd and 10th

Tuesday 16th, 23rd and 30th July

Doors open 1.30pm. All welcome.

Book Club

Book Group continues to meet once a month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us - even if it's just for one session....the more the merrier.

Our chosen books for the summer are:

10th July - Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt

We will have a rest in August but will start back in September with some new, exciting reads!

Parish Film Nights in July & August.

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who braved the elements, & sacrificed the football, to watch our film on June 15th! The generous £55 in donations you raised, along with additional funds being held in reserve, will be used to purchase a replacement microphone stand for the Parish.

On **Saturday, 6 July**, we will be showing **"Driving Miss Daisy"**, starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman. This tells the story of Daisy, an elderly & fiercely independent Jewish widow who, after crashing her car, must reluctantly accept the services of an African-American chauffeur.

Despite a rocky start, they develop a close relationship

which teaches them about racial discrimination, death & other valuable life lessons.

The Community Centre & the Bar will open at 7pm. The film will start at 7.30pm & runs for 99 minutes.

In keeping with usual practice during the school holidays, donations raised will be converted into £5 Supermarket Gift Vouchers which the local Foodbank Manager will pass on to particularly struggling families.

On **Saturday 17 August**, we will hold our traditional summer **"Fun Film-Night"** when everyone is invited to bring along some nibbles to share! Prosecco & ice-cream will be provided but as the Bar is closed in August, please feel free to bring any other drinks of your choice.

We will be showing the musical **"Fiddler on the Roof"** which won an Academy Award for Best Cinematography. Set in early 20th Century Imperial Russia, the film follows Tevye, a poor Jewish milkman, who is faced with the challenge of marrying off his five daughters.

Please Note!

As the running time is 181 minutes, the Community Centre doors will open at 5.45pm & the film will start promptly at 6.30pm! A ten minute interval will be included.

Petts Wood CWL

Teddy Bears, their owners and parents are invited to the **CWL Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday, 24th July, 2.30 - 4.30** in the Church Garden (in the hall if it rains).

The July meeting of the CWL will be held on **Monday 29th July at 7.30** followed by an illustrated talk by Jim at 8pm. All welcome to join us at 8 - no passports needed.

On **Saturday 5th October** we will be holding a Quiz Night.



Social Pillar

Parish Summer Garden Party - Sunday 14th July

The Fun Run is upon us! Same as usual: starts at 12.30pm at the entrance of Jubilee Park. One lap around is 2.5km so two laps and your mission is complete! It is £7/Adult, £3/Child and £14/Family and you can bring your money on the day. Chris will be waiting for you at the starting line and we'd love to see as many families taking part as possible. Pushchairs and buggies are welcome – these may be tricky to manoeuvre along the pathways but track marshals will be on hand to guide and assist you along the way! Once you've completed the course, return to the church gardens for a hero's welcome and grab yourselves a nice cold drink!

The Summer Garden Party will be going ahead and we're still hoping for more helpers to step forward this week, please. Without helpers to set-up, run stalls for an hour or two, serve food, sell raffle tickets and clear-up, it can't go ahead. Please email the parish office – pettswood@rcaos.org.uk with your offer of help – just an hour or so, so you too, can enjoy the day with your family and friends. Thanks in advance.

It's such a lovely parish family event to gather with fellow parishioners, catch-up and make new friends, in the safe and comfortable surroundings of the parish garden, in good company and with some great food. The barbeque will be going strong from 12.30pm until the burgers, hotdogs and buns run out.

The bar, teas/coffees and cake stalls will up and running right after mass!

All donations of cakes, cup cakes, cookies and cooked or cold food will be gratefully received. Again please let the parish office know what you'll be bringing. Gluten Free / Vegan Friendly options would be gratefully received too.

The 200 Club Draw will take place at 1pm and the Garden Party Raffle is, as usual, offering fantastic prizes of £250 1st Prize, £150 2nd Prize and £50 3rd Prize.

Come to join us and if you can tell jokes or sing, please do let us know – it's Open Mic from 1.15 – 2.15pm!

Sunday 14th July – see you in the garden after 11am Mass!



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ST. JAMES THE GREAT

FLOWER *Festival*

**13TH & 14TH
JULY 2024**

**INVITING ALL PARISHIONERS TO HELP US
FILL OUR CHURCH WITH FLOWERS**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS TO
CHURCH ON 12TH & 13TH JULY BETWEEN 10AM - 3PM.**

WE HAVE DISHES & OASIS IF NEEDED (£1)

ENQUIRIES

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Social Pillar

Petts Wood CWL
Presents a charity

QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 5TH OCT

7:15 FOR 7:30PM START

St James' Community Centre, Lakeswood Rd, BR5 1AY

Teams of 6-8 adults

Make your own team or join with others

Prizes for the winning team & grand raffle

Tickets only £5pp

Bought in advance after Mass or call:

Ann: 0208 402 4076 or Jim: 07889 322 093

Licensed bar, teas & coffee available

Bring your own snacks & nibbles

Please support this fun quiz to raise valuable funds
for charities supported by the Catholic Women's
League, including PACT & Aid to Churches in Need



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Numbers chapters 13 and 14

God had rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to the border of the land He had promised them - Canaan. But it was not empty..

12 young leaders were chosen to check Canaan out.



They went north to where Abraham had been buried..



and they returned 40 days later with fruit, and their report...



10 said "The people there are like giants! We can't beat them."



Caleb and Joshua said..



But our God is bigger than they are. We can win!

But the people said

"No! We should have died in the desert!"



We'll choose a new leader to take us back to Egypt.



But God said..

"I have had enough of you not trusting Me. You will wander in the desert for 40 years before your children return here."



We were wrong to complain. Let's go into Canaan!



Don't attack! God will not help you win.



Not listening!

And the Canaanites chased them out of the country.



Run away!



Mouse Makes

How many days did the Lord tell Joshua to march around the city of Jerico?

Joshua 6:3



What did the priests carry that were made from rams' horns?



What was carried along behind the priests?

The _____
Joshua 6:4

Joshua 6:4



On the seventh day how many times did they march around Jerico?

Joshua 6:6



Who was saved from Jerico along with her family?

Joshua 6:17

READ
the story
in Joshua
5:13-6:27

Word search grid:

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JERICO • LORD • JOSHUA • ISRAEL • KING • PRIESTS • GUARD
CAMP • MARCH • AROUND • DAYS • WALK • ONCE • BLOW • HORN • SOUND
DAWN • SHOUT • CITY • WALL • FELL • FLAT • FIRE • BURN • DESTRUCTION

Find the question answers in the word search too!

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ST JAMES THE GREAT
Catholic Church in Pets Wood

July Calendar 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 2pm Memory cafe 7pm - 7.45pm Firm Believers 8pm Table Tennis	3 1.30pm Companion Club	4 General Election	5 5pm to 9.30pm Scouting meetings	6 7pm Film Night	7 3pm Mass For Bereaved Parents And Their Families
8	9 2pm Memory cafe 7pm - 7.45pm Firm Believers 8pm Table Tennis	10 1.30pm Companion Club 7pm Book Club	11 4.30pm to 9pm Girlguiding Meetings	12 5pm to 9.30pm Scouting meetings	13	14 12pm Summer Garden Party
15 7.30pm Knights of St Columba	16 1.30pm Companion Club 7pm - 7.45pm Firm Believers 8pm Table Tennis	17 11.45am Wednesday Lunches 8pm Catenians	18	19 5pm to 9.30pm Scouting meetings	20 1.30pm Faith In Action	21
22 7.30pm Fr David's experience of the Synod for Parish priests.	23 1.30pm Companion Club 7pm - 7.45pm Firm Believers 8pm Table Tennis	24 CWL Teddy Bear Picnic 7.45pm JPIC Meeting	25	26	27 9.45am Dad and Me	28
29 6.30pm to 8.30pm Confirmation	30 1.30pm Companion Club 7pm - 7.45pm Film Believers 8pm Table Tennis	31 1.30pm Companion Club 7pm - 7.45pm Film Believers 8pm Table Tennis				