

Pastoral Conversations

If anyone would like the opportunity for a slightly longer chat than time affords after a church service please feel free to contact me. My contact details are:

0208 301 5387 or

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Thank you. Ian

Notice sheet

Please let Mary Liverton know of anything you would like included in the notice sheet by Tuesday morning. Tel: 0208 300 9502 or mary@liverton.mine.nu

Contact details:

Vicar (Rev'd Ian Smith) 0208 301 5387

vicar@stjamesblendon.org.uk (Day off Fridays)

Church website: www.stjamesblendon.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesblendon>

Prayer meeting

Every Monday we have a prayer meeting (at the moment by video calling) where we pray for the needs of our parish and the wider world. If you would like to join in please speak to Timothy Nunns or Ian.

We also have a **WhatsApp** prayer group - please contact Mandy (07894 956751) for details.

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us please speak to a Ian or one of the wardens before the service. If you need assistance with large-print books or the auditory loop please let us know.

My Notes

Morsbags

Mandy has Morsbag kits available. Please let her know if you need some - or just some labels.



Prayer focus: Mission partners

This week we pray for the staff at CRiBS as they plan and prepare for a return to schools in the Autumn.

Indian Christian Church in crisis.

Christians are facing the pandemic and increasingly extreme persecution for their faith, every day.

The local authorities do not distribute emergency food to Christians.

Hindu extremists have said they aim to eradicate all non-Hindu religions from India by the end of THIS year.

We give thanks for all that Open Doors partners are doing to support those in most need. We are asked to give, pray every day, and act by standing for truth and speaking out on behalf of the Indian Church by sharing **#StandForTruthIndia** on social media. Please pray that the Lord will intervene powerfully in this spiritual battle.

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11th July 2021

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome & notices

Opening words

Confession

Collect

Readings: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-19

Sermon

Creed

Prayers

The Peace

The Communion Prayers (Prayer H)

Share Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

New to St. James?

Please introduce yourself to Revd. Ian or a member of the welcome team. We would love to chat after the service.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

We are hoping some of our regular events will be starting up again in September.

Here's what's planned so far:

Sunday 5th September. 3pm: Messy Church (in church).

Tuesday 7th September: 1.15pm. Stay and Play

Wednesday 8th September: 12.30pm: Places of Welcome. - we need some board games for this if you have any to spare.

Saturday 11th September: 4pm: Barbara's 100th bash.

Saturday 8th October: Harvest supper and auction

Wednesday 1st September: 7.30pm: Christmas fayre stall holders and helpers meeting

Further details will be available nearer the time.

Website links

Our sermons and notice sheets are on the website.



Click on 'latest News' on the home page then 'Covid-19' then Worship Resources.

Worship resources has all of the videos / recordings of sermons plus some service sheets, dating back to January 2021.

The notice sheets, if you want to access those, are in 'Church Life' then 'Notice Sheets'.

The videos are also available on the church **Facebook** page each week:
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesblendon>

These all tend to be uploaded every couple of weeks - please let me know if you think anything is missing.
Mandy

Messy Church

We have a **Messy Church picnic** planned for **24th July @ 3pm.**



This will be an invitation event for all those who have received a Messy Church bag from us over the last 18th months plus as many church people as would like to attend / help.

We need help please: To help out on the day : setup from 1pm
To provide sandwiches / cake etc
To make hot drinks for parents etc

If you can do any of this, please talk to Ian or Mandy.

We are also going to provide each child with their last Messy Church @ Home bag while at the picnic. This will be in the form of a 'Summer Survival Kit'. This bag will therefore be slightly more expensive to put together so we *are asking for sponsors / donations towards the cost of these.* Again, if you can help, please speak to Mandy or Ian.

Please pray for all those families who will receive an invitation in the next week or so.

Prayer Focus

Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:

Doreen B, Isaac, Dan, Gerald, Kay, Emma, Hugo, Janet & John, George & Marie B, John S, James and family, Judy, Nikki, Miriam , Doreen S, Kelly W.

We thank God for the healing of Anaiya and the rescue of Doreen in her hour of need.

We also thank God that Betty is now settled in a new home where she is safe and looked after.

Please let us know of any other answers to prayers that we can share here.

Kitchen

Some of you will know that we are hoping, in the very near future, to carry out a major refurbishment of the church kitchen.

We need to start clearing it out - if you'd like to help (or make tea for us!!) we are meeting at church on **Tues 13th July @ 2pm.** Come and join us.

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Fruit juice
- ◆ Long life milk
- ◆ Ready made custard
- ◆ Dried noodles



They also still need:

- ◆ Toothpaste , Shower gel, Deodorant
- ◆ Shampoo & Razors
- ◆ Tinned spaghetti
- ◆ Canned meat (not pork)

25.9kg was delivered to Bexley food bank last week for which they were very grateful.

Please place items in the box at the back of church

Dates for the summer

We have a social event pencilled into diaries for the summer—all on the proviso that Covid cases continue to wane.

28th August - 12 noon: Church BBQ: Do you have a bbq we can borrow? Could you be our bbq chef alongside Ian on the day? Please let us know if you can.

We will also need donations of desserts / cake & cold drinks for the day. Watch out for a list.