

## 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**

**vicar@stjamesblendon.org.uk**

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](mailto:mary@liverton.mine.nu)

## Contact details:

**Vicar (Rev'd Ian Smith)** 0208 301 5387

[vicar@stjamesblendon.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjamesblendon.org.uk) (Day off Fridays)

**Church website:** [www.stjamesblendon.org.uk](http://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

### St James' gift day

Sunday 25th July is St James' day and this is the day we traditionally take a gift day collection specifically for the ministry of this church. Please see Sue Amey / Ian if you need an envelope.

### Prayer focus: Mission partners

This week we pray for the work of the water and sanitation project in Kigezi, Uganda.

#### 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.

[www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)



**25th July 2021**

### 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome & notices

Opening words

Confession

Collect

Readings: Acts 11: 27 - 12: 2  
Matthew 20: 20 - 28

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). Then monthly, on the 1st Sunday of each month

**Tuesday 7th September:** 1.15pm. Stay and Play: if you are able to help, please let us know

**Wednesday 8th September:** 12.30pm: Places of Welcome. - ***we need some board games for this*** if you have any to spare. There will also be computer basics help available. If anyone has an ***old laptop in working condition***, we would be grateful to have it donated!!

**Saturday 11th September:** 4pm: Barbara's 100th bash. Details as previously advertised

**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.

## Morsbags



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

## CRIBS



Cribs are still collecting old stamps, coins and bank notes, precious metals, medals & badges, keys / locks, metals and watches. *There is a collecting box on the stage for donations.*

## Messy Church Picnic



A huge thank you to everyone who came and helped yesterday. Fewer families than hoped for but parents all gave positive feedback, children had a great time and the weather was wonderful - thank you God.

Photos are on the church Facebook page.

## Shoebboxes



Yes, its rapidly approaching that time again. So start shopping 😊😊

There'll soon be a box at the back of church for anything for the boxes.

If you need a list or knitting / craft patterns please ask Mandy.

**Collection week is 15 - 22 November**

## Website links



Our sermons and notice sheets are on the website. On the latest news section and worship resources / notice sheets. **Mandy**

## Betty

It is with great sadness that we had to announce last week that Betty Moffat died peacefully. Her funeral will be taken by Timothy on Friday 30th July @ 1pm @ Eltham Crem.

## Prayer Focus

***Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:***

Emma, Sheila, Ken, Thelma., Janet & John, George & Marie B, John S, James and family, Judy, Nikki, Miriam , , Kelly W, Brenda M & her nephew Philip, Olivia's family and friends, Marjorie W and Anita, Simon.

We thank God that Marjorie has had her operation and is beginning the healing process.

## New Wine

This year is a golden opportunity to sample New-Wine without having to travel or camp out.

Type into Google - **United breaks out 2021** - to get the programme, then you can join in the worship and /or dip into whatever interests you. The first event is on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.**

## Singing Group

If you would like to join the singing group, please have a word with Nicky. The group meets for practice after church on 2 Sundays, sings before the service on 3 Sundays and at Communion on 2 Sundays.

## 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)

## 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: 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.