

Dear Friends,

A few bits of news and items for prayer:

With more donations coming in since the *Gift Day,* the St James Gift Day total now stands at just over £18,000! This is an amazing blessing, many thanks again to everyone who has so kindly and generously supported the church. It also means that both church Gift Days have overshot by around 20%, which is very apt for 2020.

If you missed it, *Sundays service *is here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dfyn0EYjNx4>

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Ruth will be running a *course in the autumn* for people who are new to Christian faith, or want to explore it in more depth for themselves.

Please let her know if you'd like to be kept in touch about this her email address is in the 'cc' line at the top of this one.

There's a new reflection from David, on *masks, wholeness and vulnerability* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJm097-LWfw>

St Peters Community Coffee has restarted on Monday mornings, outside the church building. Thankyou to Caroline and Annie for getting this up and running. If you go along please observe social distancing and follow any instructions you are given. These are all so that the event can happen safely.

If you're not already a member of the church *Facebook *pages, there are several posts a week and it's a great place to keep in touch with each other, and share news, photos, stories and items for prayer. St James is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/123274077467>

<<https://www.facebook.com/groups/123274077467/?ref=bookmarks>>/ and St Peters page is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249890582396596/>

The *August newsletter* is going out to households who don't have internet and email access. A link will be up on the church websites soon, and we'll also post it to the Facebook pages. Because it has a lot of pictures, it's far to big to send by email!

If you need a bit of *encouragement*, have a look at this fantastic story of God at work

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/August-2020/I-saw-600-men-give-their-lives-to-Christ-in-prison>.

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/"whether you eat or you drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31)/

yours in Christ

David and Ruth