

Dear Friends,

It's still summer! We've started on our 'talking heads' series of sermons, following the named Bible characters in St James ceiling and asking 'what would they say to the church?' Someone recently commented that one major encouragement from learning about these characters is how flawed they are, yet that doesn't stop God blessing or using them. Same with us!

The latest *church newsletter* has been taken round to about 40 households who are shielding, or can't get to church for other reasons.

You can find it here

<http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Newsletter-FINAL-September-2021.pdf>

or on Facebook. If you know someone who'd appreciate this, please print them off a copy, or let us know so that we can get a copy to them.

The *LIFT* youth group restarts this Sunday evening, and *Messy Church* restarts on Saturday, please pray for both of these, and please pray for more helpers for Messy Church. It's always been something we've run with a team from both churches, and is a great outreach to families and children. Childrens groups at St James will start on 26th Sept, after the All Age service on the 19th.

A bit of *St. Peters news* following this weeks committee: watch out for a Friday afternoon 'Beetle Drive' starting 24th Sept, and plans are afoot for a mens Film Night, a Banner group, and possibly a Nativity Set Festival. Sadly it looks like the lunch club will not be restarting, as there is a mountain of red tape which makes it impossible to run whilst staying sane at the same time. And we can't do everything!

Cell groups are restarting (some just didn't stop!), these mostly meet weekly to look at the Bible together, share fellowship and support one another in prayer and practical ways. If you'd like to try them out, please have a chat with one of the clergy. They are a brilliant way to make friends and to support one another in our Christian walk.

We'll be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 26th September, and collecting donations for the Lords Larder at both churches. Here is their current Harvest needs list: <https://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/harvest-information/>
The Lords Larder are one of our 4 *Mission Partners,* along with Christians Against Poverty, Open Doors and Counselling 4 Yeovil. We're hoping to have a personal visit from each of them before the end of the year, to hear more about their work and to pray for them.

Encouraging news on *church finances*, both churches are currently breaking even on the year, which given the challenges of covid is an amazing thing, God is good and so are his people! The St. James Gift Day was an enormous help, and St James was also blessed by 2 generous legacies for work on the church building and facilities, which we are thinking carefully about how to spend wisely. Thankyou to all of you who support the church in this way.

Finally, please pray for Ruth and myself, we have quite a lot of baptism, wedding and funeral ministry on at the moment, each gives us the chance to engage both with the immediate family, and the guests at the service. Please pray for grace, wisdom, stamina and the Holy Spirit so we can point people to Jesus and bring God's love, joy and comfort to people.

yours in Christ

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