



PEW NEWS

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Sunday 20th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9am – Parish Eucharist

10:30am – Connect

Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-end;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; **Mark 4:35-41**

Live Streaming and Recording Notice

Please be aware that our services will be livestreamed and/or recorded to enable those who cannot attend this service to worship with us today.

The camera will be set up at the front of the church and none of the seating areas will be filmed during the service.

The administration of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

If you have any concerns regarding filming taking place today, please speak to a Sidesperson/Welcomer.

Events at St James for the Week Ahead

Weds	23 rd June	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Wednesday Welcome
Friday	25 th June	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice
Sat	26 th June	12.00 Noon – 3.00 pm	Summer Fete

Thought for the Week

On Sunday 6th June our Bible reading was taken from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 3: 20-35 where Jesus says “*Anybody who does God’s will is my brother! And my sister! And my mother!*”

At our Connect Service we talked about our own families, and shared the words we would use to describe what family means to us: *everything, unconditional love, connection, comfort, safety, home, known, identity, acceptance, loyalty, bond, commitment, belonging, love, complicated & disappointing.*

We must nearly all come from great families, because the words we used to describe our families were very positive overall, but we know that isn’t the experience of family that everyone has! Our own families are places that are important to us, although not always what we hoped for.

In this Gospel story we have a revelation of what family means for Jesus. The crowd, according to the norms of the time, thought of family as the chief place where you would experience belonging and identify, but Jesus finds it primarily in the intimacy or union that God wants and offers to all of us. That is where we will find family. With the Trinity, as we looked at with Rev. Dan on Trinity Sunday. The Trinity are a family of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit who model love and intimacy in relationship to one another. Many people are searching for those things that family offer; identity, belonging, a home, unconditional love. We will only truly find those things, when we come into the family of God and welcome others in as well.

Jesus always made a point of finding out and becoming friends with the most socially unacceptable and often highly unlikeable characters, whether that’s tax collectors or prostitutes and he did this by seeking them, getting to know them, identifying with them and welcoming them to his family.

As the St James family, we are called to welcome strangers into our family and all the more reason now, after this very difficult time of being isolated from each other. Perhaps blessing someone you live near or eating with people, sharing life and conversation around the table and praying for strangers to become neighbours. There’s no wrong way to do this, it starts simply with noticing and listening to people around you. Have fun! Sue.

News and Notices

Summer Fete (Socially Distanced) – Sat 26th June

Thank you to all those who have so kindly donated items for our Summer Fete. Please come along on Saturday and support this important fundraising event.

Bellringing Practice has re-commenced on Friday evenings in church. New ringers welcome. For further info please contact John Chantler (Acting Bells Captain) on 07764 475187.

Connect Kids – If you have grown your seedlings, then you can plant them in the Vicarage vegetable patch anytime you like, just look for the right area to plant them in.

Aylesbury Foodbank

Donations can be left in church or in the box on the porch at the Vicarage. Specific items needed at present please include: Powdered (dried) milk, long life UHT milk and fruit juices, toothbrushes (singles if possible please), sponge puddings, instant mash potato, ketchup, mayonnaise, tinned meat. Donations need to have at least 3 months validity in the Best Before Date please.

Prayers for those known to us:

Felicity, Doreen & Aubrey, Elaine N, Mary & family.
Adrian and Jake preparing for surgery this week.
All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayers

Monday – For both of our local primary schools.

Tuesday – For all the volunteers helping others during Covid.

Wednesday – For the most vulnerable countries suffering from Covid.

Thursday – For people struggling with their mental health.

Friday – For the vision and the mission of our church.

Saturday – For the country to come safely out of Covid restrictions.

Sunday – For the other churches in Aylesbury.

Every day we will pray at 11am, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford have asked us to say Psalm 23 and to pray the Lord's Prayer as part of our prayers.