



PEW NEWS

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Sunday 25th July – Patronal Festival

9am – Parish Eucharist

10:30am – Connect

Readings: Jeremiah 45:1-5; Psalm 126;

Acts 11:27-12:2; **Matthew 20:20-28**

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

Sunday 25 th July	2:30pm	Teddies from the Tower
Weds 28 th July	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Wednesday Welcome
Friday 30 th July	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice

Thought for the Week

Saints,

This Sunday we celebrate the Patronal Festival for our church of St James the Great, James was one of the inner circle of the apostles of Jesus witnessing some of his most amazing miracles. James became the first apostle to become a martyr by King Herod in Jerusalem.

James left everything to follow Jesus and after Jesus was resurrected and ascended to heaven, James became an active part of the early church. Even though the early Church faced persecution and the Israel was occupied by the Romans with different religious beliefs, James preached the Gospel that was given to him even though it ultimately cost him his life.

As we remember St James, let us all take inspiration from his changed life in Christ leaving what was familiar to him to further the Kingdom of God in his lifetime. He didn't get involved in the secular issues of his time because he knew that there was a more important message to be proclaimed. This is the challenge we must take up today.

Many blessings, Dan.

News and Notices

Teddies from the Tower

This Sunday 25th July at 2.30 pm. Bring your Teddy, choose a parachute and watch them float down from the roof.

Cream Teas available.

Children's Society Annual Box Opening

A big Thank You to all those who have a Children's Society Home Collection Box. We have raised an amazing £503 to support the valuable work of the Children's Society in helping and caring for vulnerable children.

Prayers for those known to us in need of prayer at this time:

Maureen, Felicity, Elaine, Jake & Adrian, Mary & family, Doreen & Aubrey, Gemma M, Felipa (Paula A's Mother) and Anthony (Jan W's Father).

All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

Collect for James the Apostle

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Monday – For both of our local primary schools.

Tuesday – For all those who are anxious about the restrictions.

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 everyone living in our parish.

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.