

“STRIKER” - is the title for some special events for children on the first and third Sundays in January, February and March, open to all children aged 5-11. Information leaflets and posters are available on the table at the back of the church. Could you pass on a leaflet to a family near you or place a poster somewhere local? Please contact me for details - phone 502440 or email: les@ayem.me.uk

Leslie Moore

FOODBANK COLLECTION - is next Sunday! Most needed items are: long-life milk and fruit juices, sponge puddings, soup, tinned meats and vegetables, wrapped biscuits (Penguins etc) and crisps. In this cold weather the need for the Foodbank will be even greater so thank you in advance for your generosity.

HYMNS WE LOVE - is the title of a short course being held on Wednesday afternoons in the hall at 2.30 pm. Come along and hear the story behind your favourite hymn! Refreshments will be served too!

WELCOME - to Kyla Price, our new Finance Officer! Do introduce yourself to her when you visit the Office.

COLLECTIONS DURING SERVICES - it has been decided by the PCC that we will no longer pass collecting bags around the congregation at church services. Instead, there will be bowls at the back of the church for gifts which people may wish to give, either before the service or as they leave. We trust that this will make visitors feel more welcome and encourage folk to give regularly by standing order or using the card machine which is also available at main services.

PASTORAL VISITS - if you know of anyone who would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care Team, please contact the Area Pastoral Coordinator for the part of the parish in which they live (see map on the Church Information Desk). Please obtain the person's permission before doing so. Sheila Nunney (504655).

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,
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News Sheet for 21 January 2024

Epiphany 3



‘a church for all - a place for you’

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to any visitors with us today. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, we trust you will know the presence of the Lord and be encouraged and challenged.



Here are the details of today's service:

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James who is also preaching, continuing a series of sermons on 2 Timothy: “Passing on the baton. 2. Endure hardship!”

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (church Bibles p.209 NT)
Matthew 16:21-28 (church Bibles p.17 NT)

After the service refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation - and meet new friends!

10.00 am “Striker!” - for children aged 5-11, in the hall (see note)

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Wycliffe Bible Translators

Its aim is to ensure that everyone has access to the Word of God in the language they understand best. Last year more than one new translation was launched every week but still 1 in 5 people are waiting for the Bible in their own language. Wycliffe Bible Translators' mission is to serve local partners worldwide as they bring God's word to their local communities. The founder of the Alpha Course said: “We need to get the Bible available in every language so that everyone has the opportunity to read it and to discover the person of Jesus.” For more information please look at the display stand in the Welcome Area.

You can use the blue envelopes on the display stand and post them in the wall collection box or put them in the offertory bowl in church.

Many thanks.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“(Jesus said: And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:13))

SUNDAY Remember in prayer today those in need of God’s healing and those who care for them, praying especially for grandson, aged 18, of church members, who has just been diagnosed with leukaemia. Pray too for those recently bereaved.

Pray for local funeral directors and their staff as they help to support families in preparing for funerals for their loved ones.

MONDAY Various issues such as the migrants arriving in small boats, the planned legislation sending illegal asylum seekers to Rwanda, the Post Office scandal, the Royal Navy intervention in the attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, show the political divisions and disunity in Parliament. Pray for the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, and MPs of all parties as they debate and vote on the different issues, that they will uphold the principles of justice, democracy and work for the good of all people and nations.

TUESDAY After the busy-ness of December, January can seem a dull, depressing month for many people, particularly those who find the cold weather a challenge with fewer opportunities for activities and outings. Pray for anyone you know who is feeling lonely and dispirited at the start of 2024.

WEDNESDAY Continue to pray for James as he leads the course on “Hymns we love” on Wednesday afternoons, giving thanks for the number of people attending week by week. Pray that the Connect groups this term - for the leaders and members, for the material being studied to be relevant and helpful.

THURSDAY *“As the 6th most populated country in the world, Nigerians are mostly either Christian or Muslim, and there are more than 250 ethnic groups. Religious and ethnic tensions mean there are frequent violent attacks and a climate of fear in some parts of the country. Pray for lasting peace and harmony between groups engaged in conflict.”* (Tearfund Prayer Diary)

FRIDAY Today we pray for people living in Fulford Close, Fulton Close and Glenalmond, praying especially for new residents as they seek to make friends. Please pray imaginatively for these residential areas in our parish. Pray too for local businesses, some struggling to stay afloat financially.

SATURDAY There is a conference entitled “Deeply Loved” being run for women today at Holy Trinity Church. It’s a reminder to pray for countries where women are barred from education, travel and normal freedom choices. Pray for Christian women who lack friendship and support, particularly within their own families.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WITH LONG-TERM CONDITIONS INCLUDING:
those coping with several health problems, and those who care for them

WHAT’S ON this week and NOTICES

Tues. 23rd

10.00 am Toddlers meet in the Hall

10.00 am Community Cafe at Ryrie Court - all welcome!

10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets (refreshments from 10.15 am)

Wed. 24th

2.30 pm “Hymns we love” led by James, in the hall (see note)

7.30 pm Wednesday Evening Connect Group meets

Thurs. 25th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James; Ros Wright is preaching

10.30 am Community Café in the hall - all welcome!

Fri. 26th

7.00 pm St Andrew’s Singers rehearse

Sat. 27th

9.30 am “Deeply Loved” conference day for women at Holy Trinity Church (see note below)

Sun. 28th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James who is also preaching, continuing the series of sermons on 2 Timothy: “Passing the baton”

N.B. Foodbank Collection today - see note

DEEPLY LOVED - “The heart of who we are” - is the title of a conference day for women on Saturday 27 January 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, from 9.30 am to 4 pm. Join other women from across the region for a day exploring Bible themes of identity and love. Tickets £12 including lunch. There are flyers on the table near the door - or more info from Margaret Smith (contact details on back cover).

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT (JAEP) - 25th January 2024 marks the 20th anniversary of John’s death. Services in his memory are to be held at the churches where John served, to celebrate the achievements of JAEP, a charity supported by St Andrew’s. For further details see: www.JAEP.org.uk

ON OFFER - Christmas tree stand for tree up to 2.5 metres (8 feet). Single foot operation! Now not needed in church but in excellent condition! Contact Chris Smith (453010) for details