

BOOK THE DATE! - Saturday 8 February in the Hall from 6.30 till 9 pm, a special come-and-share dinner is planned to celebrate the Chinese New Year! An excellent opportunity to invite friends along who do not normally attend church. All ages are welcome. Pick up a "Chinese New Year Dinner" leaflet from the back of church and book your place.

TERM CARD - for January to April 2025 has been printed, and you will find copies at the back of church. Please take one, save it, note dates and events, keep it to hand, and take extra copies to invite friends along.

321 COURSE - inviting you to see life the way Jesus does. Just 4 sessions considering God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Stories, commentary and conversations in a friendly environment. Wednesday evenings, starting 8th January at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage, 28 Bluebell Road. Interested? Contact James (james@standrewseaton.org.uk).

"ENCOUNTER" AND "DAILY BREAD" BIBLE NOTES - are here! The cost is £5.75 - a bargain for understanding God's Word each day! A few spare copies are available if you would like to try them for yourself. Have a word with Margaret Smith at coffee time today.

A NEW VENTURE - ART CAFÉ - will be held monthly on Saturday afternoons in the Hall, so if you are of an artistic bent, or would like to learn how to watercolour or try your hand at origami, pick up an invitation card from the back of church today. Alternatively, go to www.standrewseaton.org.uk/artcafe for more information.

DID YOU KNOW? - that we now have a Church Library? There is a bookcase just near the Prayer Corner in the New Church, with a number of books to borrow, and more to be added in future months. Do make use of it - borrowing is easy! Just fill your name, title of the book, and date borrowed in the "Loans Book" on the shelf, and enjoy a good read, especially during these cold winter months!

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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News Sheet for 5 January 2025

Epiphany Sunday



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone! Happy New Year!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our services today:

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James**
10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Jonathan Mason is our preacher.
Readings Isaiah 60:1-6 (church Bibles p.700 OT)
Matthew 2:1-12 (church Bibles p.1 NT)
Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!
- 6.30 pm New Year Celebration led by James (see note overleaf)**

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Bible Society

Working in over 200 countries Bible Society is on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for everyone, believing that when people engage with the Bible their lives can change for the good. Millions still do not have the Bible in a language they can understand or at a price they can afford, so Bible Society helps in translating and distributing Bibles around the world - not only in print but also by virtual, audio and digital forms.

In this country, Open the Book is a project offering primary school children the chance to hear the major Bible stories presented at school assemblies by teams from local churches.

Do have a look at the display board in the Welcome Area for more information. Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks

PRAYER THIS WEEK

‘Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us’ (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God’s healing, especially for J W (recovering from surgery), J Bl, D and J R (both unwell at home) R G (starting monthly treatment for cancer), N R (currently at a rehabilitation unit) and G I (awaiting the results of tests). Pray for the bereaved including the family and friends of D B and M D.

MONDAY South Korea has seen three quick changes in its presidency, and also the tragic loss of life in the recent plane crash. Pray for peace and security to be maintained, and for comfort and help to all those families bereaved and grieving.

TUESDAY Toddlers resumes in the Hall, so please pray for the Jenny H and Jane S as they lead, for those involved in preparing the hall, serving refreshments and generally on hand to chat to parents and carers, and for the children as they settle back into the weekly routine.

Remember too Eaton Primary School - staff, governors and pupils - at the start of this new term.

WEDNESDAY The 321 course begins this evening at the Vicarage. Pray for James as he leads the sessions, for the technology to work, and for all those who have booked, that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide people into a greater understanding of God, the world and ourselves.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Bluebell Road, Bradeham Way and Brentwood, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.

Pray for local businesses in Eaton facing an uncertain future with the prospect of extra taxes and expenses during the winter months.

FRIDAY Many people are facing the New Year worried about debts, employment or are homeless and friendless. Let us pray for agencies concerned with finding employment, especially for young people; for debt counselling organisations; for hostels and safe houses where abused children and adults can take refuge. Pray too for the ministry of the Samaritans as they seek to encourage and help those struggling to cope with life day by day.

SATURDAY After the busy-ness of Christmas, pray for all those preparing for our service tomorrow morning, especially James, as he begins a new series of sermons. Pray that we will come prepared to worship, to listen to God speaking, and to seek to grow as individuals and as a church fellowship in our faith and service

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Those coping with long-term health problems, and those caring for them

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 6th

12 noon Mothers’ Union Wave of Prayer at Christ Church

Tues. 7th

10.00 am Toddler group returns, Hall

12.30 pm Prayer Focus, Hall, led by James (see note below)

Wed. 8th

2.30 pm Old Eatonians, Hall - “Peter Scott (1909-1989) and other Pioneer Nature Reports” with speaker Jon Benington. All senior members of the area warmly invited.

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

6.45 pm Wednesday Connect Group New Year party

7.30 pm 321 Course begins at the Vicarage (see note)

Thurs. 9th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.30 am Community Café recommences, Church Hall - all welcome!

2.30 pm Book Group meets, looking at books they have enjoyed during the past year. For more info, contact Ann C

7.30 pm Julian Group meets for contemplative prayer

Sun. 12th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James who is also preaching, starting a new series of sermons on “Life Together” from I Corinthians chs. 1-4.
1. The Fellowship of the Son.

START THE NEW YEAR - by coming to the special New Year Celebration at Café Church next Sunday! The evening will take the form of a meal (jacket spuds with toppings and desserts) during which there will be discussion times, chat and James will lead our thinking as we begin 2025. Come and celebrate! Vegetarians will be catered for but please let Margaret Smith know if you have dietary needs - we want to cater for everyone! The service will begin at 6.30 pm.

“PRAYER CHANGES THINGS” - is an old children’s chorus which many of us may remember, but it rings true today. Please consider coming along on Tuesday at 12.30 pm to Prayer Focus and find the encouragement of meeting and praying together. Bring some lunch with you too!