

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.JAMES, HILL.
WHAT'S ON, WHERE AND WHEN.
WEEK BEGINNING 11th FEBRUARY 2018.
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT.

The family of St. James is part of God's presence in the community of Mere Green. We aim

- *to show God's love in worship and service;
- *to offer a place where people feel welcome and valued;
- *and to invite all people to share and journey with us in a deepening relationship with God.

COLLECT: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services today, Sunday next before Lent.

8.00am Said Holy Communion.

10.00am Parade Service.

6.30pm Reflections – St. James.

Readings for today:

at Communion: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6;

Mark 9:2-9

Through the Week.

Shrove Tuesday 13th 7.30am Early Risers Holy Communion.

4.30-6.00pm Pancake Party – Smith Hall.

Ash Wed.14th 10.30am Midweek Communion

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion
with the Imposition of Ashes.

Thurs. 15th 12noon – 2.00pm First Hearty Soups for Lent – Church Centre.

Sat. 17th 2.00pm Wedding of Charlotte Lamb and James Grundy.

7.30pm Film Club – Church Centre.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. The Church has a loop system. Large print hymn and service books are available as well as other aids for visually impaired. Please ask sides people. A ground floor toilet is available in the Vestry. If you feel you are unable to go up to the altar for communion, please speak to a sides person on duty who will arrange either for someone to help you, or for you to receive communion in your pew. Baby changing facilities are available in the Taylor Gallery.

A CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK.

Daily Readings.

Monday	Genesis 37:1-11; Galatians 1
Tuesday	Genesis 37:12-end; Galatians 2:1-10
Wednesday	Daniel 9:3-6,17-19; 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Thursday	Genesis 39; Galatians 2:11-end
Friday	Genesis 40; Galatians 3:1-14
Saturday	Genesis 41:1-24; Galatians 3:15-22

SUNDAY: Worldwide Church: Lui (Central Sudan), Bishop David, Bishop Anne, and in the parish: Hill Village Road;; Church Mission Society.

MONDAY: Worldwide Church: Lusaka (Central Africa), and in the parish: Hill Wood Road; Ben and Katy Ray, linked missionaries.

TUESDAY: Worldwide Church: Luwero (Uganda), and in the parish: Hillwood Common Road; The Bible Society.

ASH WEDNESDAY Worldwide Church: Lweru (Tanzania), and in the parish: Holly Lane, Holte Drive, Church in Malawi.

THURSDAY: Worldwide Church; Machakos (Kenya), and in the parish: Homer Road; The Birmingham Settlement.

FRIDAY: Worldwide Church: Madhya Kerala (South India), and in the parish: Homestead Drive; Jordan Close; Age UK

SATURDAY: Worldwide Church: Madurai-Ramnad (South India), and in the parish: Jordan Road; Shelter.

NOTICES.

ANNUAL INVENTORY. The annual inventory is to be carried out on Tuesday 13th February at 2.00pm. In order to complete the inventory the Verger and Wardens request that any items borrowed from church are returned by that date. Alternatively please let Linda know if you wish to retain the borrowed item during the inventory. I would be grateful if the team of volunteers that usually help with the inventory could put the date in their diaries. Many thanks. Gwen Giles.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION. The church Electoral Roll will be open for revision for four weeks from Sunday 25th February until Sunday 25th March. Any member of the congregation who wishes to have their name added to the new Electoral Roll should complete a form (supplies located at the back of church), and hand it to a member of the clergy or myself by the closing date of Sunday 25th March. If your name is already on the Roll, then no action is required this year.

Martin Addinell, Electoral Roll Officer.

LENT LUNCHESES. This year our lunches are to revert back to Thursdays and will commence on the 15th of February. All proceeds will be in support of the Sutton Coldfield Stroke Club who meet once a fortnight at the United Church in Sutton.

If anybody would be willing to make a cake for any of these days, please put your name on the list at the back of church. Your help and support would be very much appreciated. Very many thanks.

Margaret Nicholls.

MOTHERING SUNDAY APPEAL. Please consider supporting the appeal from Mothers' Union – the local, national and worldwide charity which supports families. Send a donation via the website makeamothersday.org or phone 020 7227 0620. A leaflet giving more information is available in church. Also a lovely way to give a gift in memory of your Mum for Mothering Sunday.

Jackie Brocklebank.

24th SUTTON COLDFIELD BROWNIES for one night only will be putting on a Circus to raise money for a chosen charity on Friday 16th February at 17.45pm. They will be performing a range of circus skills, dances, gymnastics, cheerleading routines and more! They are working towards their Circus Performer and Entertainer Badges and will also be serving refreshments to the audience. A raffle will also be running on the night with some fantastic prizes! We are donating all profits on the refreshments and the raffle money to the chosen charity Water Aid, chosen by the Brownies themselves. We would love it if you could come and support this worthwhile cause! If you are interested in coming please email

24thsuttoncoldfieldbrownies@gmail.com.

Hannah Cook. hannah.cook9@hotmail.com

The Girl Guiding Association is run by volunteers and is constantly looking for new helpers! It is a very rewarding experience, helping girls grow in confidence and self-esteem through informal learning. If you are interested in finding out more then please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

KNIT & NATTER. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th February at 11.00am in the Church Centre Foyer. Wool and patterns are provided, we are a very friendly group and welcome beginners who wish to learn a new skill. Come and have a cuppa and cake. For further details contact Brenda on 308 1598.

M.U. DIARY.

Mon. 12th Feb. 8.00pm Dr. Paul Giles – the Bible.
Roughley Suite.

Mon. 5th March 1.45pm Phil Wilks (Church Leader)
Baptist Church – the Ministry.

Mon. 12th March 8.00pm Ruth Loutit: Traidcraft.
Mothers' Union are holding a cake sale on Sunday
11th March (Mothering Sunday) after the 10.00am
service. Members can you start baking. Please label
each cake with what it is and the ingredients, if
possible. If you are going to be away we can freeze
the cakes beforehand, so talk to Gwen. All cakes can
be bought to the Centre before the 10.00am service.
Thank you.

M.U.OUTING. Tuesday 8th May to Leicester.
Depart 9.00am and return to St. James by 6.30pm
approx.. Cost no more than £12 pp. Please sign the
sheet which is on the board on the right hand side
wall of church, at the back, under 'events', with your
contact details if you are interested. Non M.U.
members are welcome. Lynn Penny 240 0321, email
lynn.penny@blueyonder.co.uk.

WORSHIP NOW! The next meeting of Worship
Now! will be on Wednesday 14th February 8.00-
9.30pm at 178 Blackberry Lane.. For more
information please contact either Gwen Giles on
07773336238 or 308 6691 or Sue Cutler on
07471684567 or 353 6521.

CHURCH CENTRE FILM CLUB. The next film
to be shown on Saturday 17th February at 7.30pm is
stars Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance and Alan Alda.
Price £4 – bring your own popcorn and drinks. Pay
on the day and let Ray Giles 308 6691 know if you
are coming.

**NOTICES FOR THE WEEKLY WHAT'S ON
NEWSLETTER.** If you wish to put a notice in the
"What's On", there are three ways to achieve this,
either write your message in the blue book at the
back of Church; phone me on 308 3562 or email
margandtony.hughes@gmail.com stating how many
times you would like the notice to appear. As there is
a need for me to prepare the What's On earlier, any
notices received on Friday morning will be too late
for the issue that week. Margaret

**Services next week 18th February 2018
First Sunday of Lent.**

8.00am Said Holy Communion.
10.00am Holy Communion.
6.30pm Evening Service – All Saints.

Readings for next Sunday:

at Communion: 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

