

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well, and welcome to the new people who've joined this mailing list in the last few days. Here are a few bits of news and items for prayer:

1. Sundays live webcast will be on our *new Youtube channel*,
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_rhjBAJTiXz3kIXLMN_Xw/, the stream normally starts about 10 minutes before the live service starts. This is where all our new videos and services will be from now on - we'll keep the old channel going for a few weeks, then move everything to the new channel.
2. Thankyou to people who have been *sending things in for St James Gift Day *next Sunday, please keep them coming! Just a reminder, we're looking for
 - *Inspirations*: Prayers, poems, bible verses, quotes or songs which you have found really helpful and inspiring in your Christian journey. We're going to put these together into a 2020 prayer booklet to give to everyone in the church. Please email these to David. If you can add a sentence about why it's special to you, that would be great.
 - '*What I Did During Lockdown*' - send your pictures in to David, and we'll put these together into a slideshow for Gift Day
 - All St James members have had a Gift Day leaflet with details about our financial target (£15,000), and a couple of *postcards *to fill in: 'what St James means to me' and 'my prayer for the future of St James'. If you're a member of St Peters, then feel free to do this as well, St James is your church too!
 - St James will be *open 2-4pm on the 26th*, the first 30 minutes for those who are shielding or vulnerable, then for everyone else from 2.30pm. Weather permitting there'll be drinks served in the churchyard (socially distanced), and a chance to bring your contributions to the gift day, prayer book etc in person. It will be great to see you if you're able to come.
3. If you've not checked it out for a while, the *Daily Prayer Podcast* is still going <https://anchor.fm/pjs/>
4. If you have *children or grandchildren* with you, here are some crafts, ideas and activities for them

<https://reflectionaryb.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/parable-sower-seeds-matt-13-1-13-18-23.pdf>,

this explores last Sundays reading (the parable of the sower), this Sunday is also about seeds and growth, so it's fairly close!

5. *From Sunday 26th July we will restart public worship at St James*. This will be with a socially distanced congregation, which will mean numbers are reduced to around 12-14 people. For this, we are prioritising those who can't access the Youtube services, and we will be inviting people to come on specific Sundays. We're also encouraging cell groups to use the church to gather during the week. We'll review this again at the start of September, when we hope to restart public worship at St. Peters too. Please bear with us and thankyou for all your understanding and encouragement. Please do get in touch with David or Ruth if you have any concerns, and please pray for God's grace to surround all of us, especially those who are feeling isolated and are struggling without the support we recieve from gathering together

"Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in every way." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

yours in Christ

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