

Dear Friends,

Hope you're enjoying the superb weather this week. I'm currently reading the book of Revelation, written to churches under tremendous pressure and reminding them that Jesus was still on the throne of the universe.

That's a good thing to remember, and we need a good diet of biblical truth alongside all the other news, stories and events that seek our attention.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE There is a new course starting in the Parish on Tuesday, 6th October in the room at St. James' Church (or online if the group exceeds 6!). The Emmaus Course is for those wishing to go deeper into the Christian faith and to give an opportunity to ask those questions you have been afraid to ask before. It is a 6 week course with a break for half term. For more details or to sign up for this course please contact Revd. Ruth Chapman on 579602 or revruth@mail.com

Virtual Assembly: Ruth and David are doing weekly assemblies for local primary schools, which will appear every Tuesday at 11.45am on the Youtube channel. We'll be covering the Fruits of the Spirit, here's the first one <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqNSC8JJdUA>.

Electoral Roll: *if you would like to play a fuller part in church life and to be able to vote at our AGMs, please complete the attached Electoral Roll form and return it to Chris Harris chrisharris23@talktalk.net by 3rd October at the latest (St James), or to Margaret Hamilton margaret-hamilton@outlook.com by 26th September. We will put paper copies of the forms in each church, and if you have trouble emailing it back in, please contact Chris or Margaret directly

This Sunday: the first of our new All Age Services at 10.30am in St James and on the live stream, which will have something from everyone from 0 to 100. At 3pm we've an experimental 'car park praise' in the St James car park. Please come in a car, and remain in it for the service, which will last about 30 minutes.

Rule of 6: We are still awaiting detailed guidance from the Church of England. However the government guidance so far, from what we can see, allows a) Gatherings of up to 6 in either home or church premises. b) Gatherings of more than 6 in church/community premises, provided people stay in groups of no more than 6 and do not mingle between them. So cell groups of more than 6 can meet in either church, but should break into smaller groups for discussions, prayer times etc.

Rule of 6 pt 2: During 'Thy Kingdom Come' we encouraged everyone to pray for 5 other people, that they would discover living faith in Jesus.

5 plus you is..... 6! Why not pray for God to show you ways to connect with the people you were praying for? Or, if the idea is new to you, sit down with a postcard, still yourself before God, and see which 5 names the Holy Spirit prompts you to pray for. Even better, why not start a regular get together with one or two other people -whether it's to walk the dog, to knit, to make face masks, as a book group, for the toddlers to play, or to support a local business by having a regular cuppa there. /During lockdown our place of worship moved from the church to the home.

Most of our outreach and social groups are no longer possible, perhaps they need to stop happening from church and start happening from the places where we live, work and socialise. /

'Into the Unknown' a series of reflections on our Youtube channel with a new video added every few days. The latest is on Ruth (from the Bible!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYfAztQ6Ang>

Thankyou for your *prayers *for the LIFT youth group, which started back last Sunday and went very well. Please pray for wisdom over other church midweek ministries - baby and toddler groups, community coffee, etc., about what we can safely restart, or whether there are other or better ways for us to reach out.

"These are the words of him who is holy and true... what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open...See I have placed before you an open door which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept y word and have not denied my name. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no-one will take your crown." (Revelation 3:7-11)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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