

A message from Si, our vicar:

The letter of James we are preaching through, is all about leading a transformed and impactful life that goes deeper than the claims we make about our faith. Personal transformation is what God wants and what the world needs from you and me.

On Monday 22nd June we will be interviewing a candidate for the post of Associate Vicar. This has been a good lesson, that we can have our visions and strategies, but it is the Lord's timing which prevails and what a great God He is. As you know, we had 'moved on' from appointing someone, because several rounds of applications had yielded no success. So, we enter this process from a different perspective, having done nothing to bring it about and just testing to see the Lord's plan. Please pray for the panel who will consist of Bishop Michael (Penrith), Archdeacon Stewart, myself and several local representatives. Thank the Lord we have come to this point and please also pray for the candidate and his wife; that the Lord will open the door to them joining us if it is His will. The sacrificial giving of the St John's members, has given us the confidence to make this post three years in duration.

This Week's Bible Reading:

James 1:19-27 'When teaching is applied'

Psalms 71:13-17

The Collect:

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

What's On This Week:

13th June 2-5pm Text2Talk training

Sunday 14th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 14th 11.00am: Morning Service with Holy Communion and Baptism (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children's groups for ages 3-11. Children are also welcome to stay in the service and there is a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

Sunday 8.30pm Prayer Meeting for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>

Monday 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Wednesday 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

Dates for your Diary:

21st June: 6pm, Confirmation service at St Andrews.

3rd October Women's Day

News:

-This Sunday at 11am we will have the adult baptism of Mei Lan Benn, known as Lan. Please note, the service will be longer than usual.

- On 21st June there are several candidates from across the Mission Community, among whom are Andy Walkingshaw, Charlotte Weightman and James Parr, from our own church. James will actually first be baptised and then confirmed on the same evening. The service will be led by Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh. Light buffet is provided.

- Volunteer BBQ: The deadline for booking to attend is the 12th June. We'd love to celebrate with you, so please don't miss your chance to book.

- Especially in July we will join with the Church of England Evangelical Council to pray for the Church of England. Details of PRAYjuly can be found [here](#). We are concerned with CEEC that a [private members motion](#) has been introduced for General Synod that will again seek to undermine our Church of England doctrine on marriage. As we learned in our Bible study on Acts, session 3 'Church challenges', when apostolic teaching is undermined by religious elites disregarding scripture, God's people must pray (Acts 4:23-24).

Please pray for:

Helen Stoker, Tony Pang, Jenny Wong, Jean Mainey and Carolyn Crawford.

Romauld and Liz Lasnes, our mission partners in Paris.

Those about to be baptised and/or confirmed over the next two Sundays.

The interview for Associate Vicar.

Serious unrest being reported in Belfast. Let's ask God for peace on the streets.

Pastoral Visits

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk

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