

News...

St James & Emmanuel, Didsbury



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Friends of Didsbury Park and a huge team of volunteers have taken to the scrubland path between School Lane and the park to create Didsbury's Poppy Path. A field of poppies painted by Russ Meehan either side of the bridge opens up the site where teams of volunteers have created beds to plant some 3 million poppy seeds from Flanders Fields, which will represent the millions of people killed in the First World War. Poppies are intrinsically linked to remembrance and signal the start of a season of remembrance for Didsbury.

In the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, St James Church is hosting a WW1 art installation called There but not There. Life-sized, individually named acrylic silhouettes will be placed in the pews of St James, one for each of the 56 soldiers who are commemorated on the memorial plaques in church. These moving silhouettes create spectral echoes of a community sacrifice and a window into why we remember.

(Taken from an article in Didsbury magazine)

If you would like more information or to donate towards the purchase of a silhouette please call Claire in the Parish Office 0161 446 4150)



L'Arche Manchester celebrated its 5th birthday this year and it's got us thinking about where we've come from and who we're a part of. On Friday 15th June at 5pm in the Parish Centre, we're having a solidarity evening to get back to our roots at St. James and Emmanuel as one of the first churches in Manchester which gave us space for this L'Arche Manchester idea to grow.

We want to stand in solidarity too with other communities around the world and recognise we're part of an international federation of 150 communities, so we'll be having updates from around the globe. Join us for food, news and updates as well as the Portugal vs Spain World Cup game as we celebrate L'Arche locally and internationally. Please let us know by Thursday 14th at manchester@larche.org.uk if you wish to join us so we can plan food but feel free to bring your own drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Launch

Jayne Ozanne book launch 'Just Love' Emmanuel Church Tuesday 12th June 7.30pm. All welcome for a profound and moving evening as one woman tells us about her journey of self-acceptance.

Didsbury Festival—Saturday 16th June

Diana & Hilary will have their stall at Didsbury Festival selling jams, crumbles, etc please come and support them.

Plus of course, the 'There but Not There' stall which will be next to them.

Women's Walk

Our next date is the **16th June** when we will take a leisurely stroll along the Mersey of a maximum of 6 miles. We will meet at 9 am in the church car park, and then get a tram to Stretford. We will walk back to Didsbury via Sale and Chorlton water parks where there are options of taking tram or bus back into Didsbury if you prefer. Please bring picnics even if we end up eating them in Fletcher Moss gardens. Please email to say you are coming

Open Gardens - St James - Sunday June 17th

There will be refreshments, an organ recital at 3 pm by Simon Leach and the unveiling of a new sculpture in the Garden of Remembrance by renowned artist, Nick Roberson, called 'A Cloud of Witnesses'. Diana & Hilary will be selling jams and crumbles and Deborah Conibear will have her plant stall.

All welcome to this fabulous community event

A unique opportunity to strengthen our links with Uganda

Many of you will have noticed a friendly new face in the worship groups and Gospel Choir. I'm pleased to introduce Benjamin Irakiza who is with us at St James and Emmanuel until next April.

Benjamin comes from Kisoro in Uganda where we have two very active mission partners: Bishop Cranmer and his wife Hope at the Cathedral and the Potter's Village, a child crisis and medical centre. Members of the church community have made several visits to Kisoro over the past few years and enjoyed these trips enormously.

There is a great opportunity to get to know Benjamin and what is going on in Uganda first hand, and for him to get to know us. An informal way to do this is over an evening meal or Sunday lunch. Or perhaps you would like to include him if you have an activity planned. If you would like to offer some hospitality, please can you get in touch with Benjamin directly at: benjrak@gmail.com or on 07721 794756.

Coffee Concert 23.6.18 11am

Tula Flutes

Details to be confirmed

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator,

whose mercy never fails:

deepen our faithfulness to you

and to your living Word,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This month we pray for our mission partners who proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and/or work to teach, baptise and nurture new believers

* Bishop Cranmer transforming communities in the Diocese of Muhabura, Uganda

* Pastor Hossein Khalifehadi – working with the Farsi speaking community at St. James and Emmanuel and other churches.

Please pray for:

- * All those recently bereaved
- * All those undergoing cancer treatments
- * All those with long term illnesses
- * Sam Barker and his family
- * Alan Vollam



Stamping your attendance cards

(for Wedding, Baptism or School Admission)

The official stamps will be available at the end of the services.

We can only accept an official stamp on your attendance card as confirmation of your attendance.

Admission to Didsbury/West Didsbury CE Primary School

If you require an attendance card for any of the above please contact Parish Office.



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The closing date for news sheet submissions is noon on the Thursday before the relevant Sunday.

No personal advertisements are included but you are welcome to advertise on the noticeboards.

We regularly send out information about events and developments by email. If you are not on our database but would like to be please email;

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To keep up to date with all the news from the church please visit our website:

www.stjamesandemmanuel.org