

Lilian Hindley

Lilian died on Tuesday, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time



News...



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Matthew 20 v1-16

The Labourers in the Vineyard

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



Mission Prayers

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

Please pray for:



- * All those recently bereaved
- * All those undergoing cancer treatments
- * All those with long term illnesses
- * All those working on the Emmanuel Church roof renovations
- * All those in our Parish Family who are suffering with poor health
- * Mark & Bev Hesford

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; nickbundock@stjamesandemmanuel.org
To keep up to date with all the news from the church please visit our website: www.stjamesandemmanuel.org

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.

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.

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St. James and Emmanuel -

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Dads and Tots Group Needs Help!

Would you be able to help at this lovely group once a month on a Saturday morning? Are you able to make drinks and snacks for the dads and their children, and to help them feel welcome? We urgently need at least one, but preferably more, new volunteers to enable this group to keep meeting regularly and serving the dads in this way. The group currently meets on the first 3 Saturdays of the month in the lounge of No.6, from 10.00 till 11.30 am. Please email Tony Higgs at - anthonyruthhiggs@btinternet.com if you can help. Thank you!

Adult Confirmation

A date has been booked for the Bishop to take a confirmation service on July 7th. Any adult interested in being confirmed, Lisa will be leading a series of 6 classes. Please contact Lisa for more information lisabattye@stjamesandemanuel.org

Mission Partner Reselection

We are in the final year of our contract of support with our Mission Partners. During this year the Mission Team will be selecting new partners for the period 2020, 2021 & 2022.

We would like the congregations in both churches to be aware of this and to engage with the process. If anyone has a special interest in a particular organisation, or individual's work and would like them considered, please note the following guidelines:

Do not tell the Mission Team! – We must remain impartial and objective and cannot invite individuals to apply for partnership if there is a possibility they may not be selected.

Personally (it must not be on behalf of the church) inform the individual or organisation that we are recruiting new partners for a 3 year period starting in 2020. Suggest they visit the church website where they will find an introductory letter and an application form which are self-explanatory. All forms must be returned to us by 1st September 2019.

Selection criteria will be the same as in 2016 as detailed in the Mission Policy

Thanks Helen Denham – Mission Team Leader

You are invited to an interesting Holy Week experience this Easter - a **Christian Seder** (or Passover Meal) including wine, for £12 per person at 6-8.30pm on Easter Saturday (April 20), which is the First Day of Passover this year. Bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis, and advance payment will be collected by Claire in the Parish Office (office@stjamesandemanuel.org 0161 446 4150).

Women's Walk on April 20

We will meet in the church car park at 9.00 am, walk to the tram stop, and go from there to Piccadilly. We will get the 10.19 train to Marple. If you want to travel differently then we will meet you on the train platform at Piccadilly [probably platform 1 or 2]. From Marple station we will walk along the canal and over the aqueduct. We will pause at Chadkirk gardens, and then walk on along the river to Vernon park, Stockport. We may stop for tea and cakes there before going into Stockport town and getting a bus back to Didsbury, A walk of five and a half miles, and mostly flat. Please contact me if you are planning to come annhillier@uwclub.net, or 07762 958657

In 2015 and 2016 over 30 amazing souls took on the **Born Survivor** obstacle course. Thanks to their bravery and sponsorship from friends and family we raised over £10,000.

3 years on it's time to take on another challenge! This year we going to take on Rough Runner on Saturday 15th June at Arley Hall, Cheshire. It's great fun and a good family day out.

Rough Runner is the closest thing you'll find to doing Wipeout, Ninja Warrior and Gladiators rolled into one. Take on the sweeper, be one of the 1% who succeeds on the big red balls and Triumph on the Travelator!! <https://roughrunner.com>

This challenge is open to all over 16 and with multiple distances mean there is a challenge for everyone of all abilities. All we ask is for you to pay the entry fee (currently around £50) and then ask your friends and family to sponsor you to complete this challenge. We'll set up a team fundraising page and share a link so it's easy for anyone to show their support.

This year the funds raised will support Lizzie Lowe's Legacy : bringing light out of darkness as we love each other as we are. Lizzie was the inspiration for the 2015 Born Survivor challenge. Funds raised this year will help to enable the youth work in the community to flourish by providing a safe, secure and welcoming space and where local needs of young adults such as mental health (including depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts), loneliness, social media and other seemingly unrealistic pressures can be discussed openly and addressed. If you are interested in taking part please drop Toby an email at tobysproll@btinternet.com spread the word and save the 15th June in your diary!

6:15 Community Weekend Away

On: 20-22 March 2020

Speaker: Bishop Chris Edmondson

At: Willersley Castle Hotel Cromford

Booking forms now available from: Church website / Parish Office / 6:15 service.

Booking deadline 21st April 2019.

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee & Chat and Friends Holiday Club
6th, 7th, 8th August

More details and booking form to follow.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen