

Mission Prayers

This month we pray for -

The No Barriers Foundation run by Kieran Roberts which donates books, builds classrooms, sponsors teachers and provides clean water to schools in Tanzania, Bangladesh, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda and Guyana.

Potters Village in Uganda, a crisis centre for abandoned babies. It is also providing the only facility with incubators for sick babies in the area and ante natal care for mothers.

Please pray for:

- * All those recently bereaved
- * All those undergoing cancer treatments
- * All those with long term illnesses
- * All those in our Parish Family who are suffering with poor health
- * Chris Ross
- * Chris Park and family
- * Margaret & Bryan Campbell -Smith
- * Rod & Dolly Ashman



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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News..



St James & Emmanuel, Didsbury

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LENT:

I am the good shepherd

John 10 v11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'



Greening St James - Spring into Action on 21st March.

All willing helpers are most welcome at our spring gardening morning - any level of experience welcome. 9 am to 12 midday.

Bring some garden tools, if you have some, and we will provide some refreshments. We always have a great shared time working together, touching and engaging with God's nature.

Women's Walk for April On 18 April we will walk from Marple to Stockport which is about five and a half miles. We meet at Piccadilly station in the main concourse near the correct platform for the 10.19 train. Please be prepared for mud, and bring some sandwiches for the picnic lunch. Contact Ann for more information and to say you are coming, annhillier@uwclub.net 01614454263.

Confirmation Preparation

There will be six sessions on:

27th April; 4th May; 11th May; 18th May; 1st June; 8th June

Sessions will take place in the studio at no.6 otherwise known as the Godly Play room starting at 7.00 pm and finishing at some time between 8.30 and 9.00 the confirmation service is on Sunday 14th June

Sessions will be led by Rev Jane Whittell

janewhittell@stjamesandemanuel.org

The Electoral Roll (the official Church Members List) is going to be revised in March – so if you would like to join it, pick up a form from this Sunday (or fill one in on-line from the beginning of March). Also, if you are already on the list but have moved or changed your email, etc since last year, please let us have your new details. You need to be on the list in order to vote for Church Wardens, PCC & Deanery Synod at our Annual Meeting on 26 April, and if you have been on it for at least 6 months, you can stand for election yourself. Rosy Martin is our Electoral Roll officer, if you have any questions.

Rosy Martin - rosy.b.martin@gmail.com

Date for the Diary: 'Thy Kingdom Come' 24 hours Prayer Room at St James

We believe that when we pray God moves and we want to increase our prayer for our world at this troubling time, for our city, young people, our churches. We are proposing that we have a 24 hour prayer room from sunset (21.14) pm on Friday 22nd of May to sunset Sat 23rd May at St James Church. Please do invite interdenominational Christians, friends, students, neighbours and work colleagues to drop in. Spread the word. No one will be expected to be there for the whole time and we are asking people to sign up for one-hour slots. Please pray about this and look out for further notices. Thank you.

WANTED – old lampshades with wire frames for creation of mobiles for our Spring Tree Dressing workshops at Didsbury Parsonage on Easter Day, 12th and Sunday 26th April 10.00 -16.00. If you have one or more which are no longer needed please could you let me know and I'll collect? Thank you, Sue Good sue@pgood.co.uk

Dear Church Family

We want to reassure you that we are here for both your spiritual and physical needs as the world faces this crisis, unprecedented in the modern era. In addition to suspending the common cup and touch during The Peace we are going to implement the following changes with immediate effect:

- No food or biscuits will be offered at services
- Additional deep cleaning of all surfaces has been instigated across our buildings
- At Emmanuel tea and coffee will only be served after services so that all crockery has been through the dishwasher rather than hand washed
- The collection plate will not be passed during services

In this rapidly developing situation, we are also working on the following plans:

- Remote church services in the event of church closure
- A 'buddy scheme' for delivery of basic supplies to the elderly and vulnerable
- A daily prayer and reflection so that we continue to support each other in the event of social isolation

In the meantime let's remember to pray for our world, country and community. The Methodist Church has written the following prayer and I offer this to us all...

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that

Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

Nick

The Third Sunday before Lent

Eternal God,

whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch:

help us to show his love,

in your Church as we gather together,

and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen

