

Whitfield Parish

Sunday 11th March

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10.00am St Luke's Morning Praise

Vision and Commitment *Mark 14:1-11*

10.30am St James' Holy Communion & Baptism

Jesus the Transformer *Exodus 40:34-38, Mark 9:2-10*

Welcome to St James' & St Luke's and to our services today

If this is your first time, 'welcome'! We would love to meet you and give you one of our visitor packs, which are available at the back of church. If you wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of the WELCOME CARDS (also available at the back of church) and hand it to the person who led the service.

WHAT'S Happening - News in and around Whitfield Parish

TONIGHT'S PRAYER MEETING

Join us in praying for our new incumbent and the interview process 7-8.15pm tonight at St James'. With many different ways of engaging in prayer. All welcome even if only for part of the time.

Missing Items

Some items have gone missing from the hostess trolley in St James' Church. If you have borrowed these could you please speak with Denise Parry.

If any groups do need to borrow anything please speak to the Team Leader first or Jane at the Parish Office so that we know where things are. Thank you

Deeper Next Week

Join us for Deeper next Sunday (18th March 7pm at St James).

Martin will be exploring the theme of 'Our feelings - can we trust them?' and in particular "I long to feel the Holy Spirit, but feel far away".

Women's World Day of Prayer

This was postponed because of the weather last Friday. Please note new date. The theme of the service is "All God's creation is very good!" The service is being led by Kate Dowland. *All Welcome.*

**Friday 16th March 1.45pm
Central Methodist Church**

Easter Eggs for Whitfield Children

Whitfield Parish are partnering again with Glossop Children's Centre to provide Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs that contains the Easter Story and will be taken to children in need in our Whitfield community.

Please bring £3.50 at the same time as you sign for an egg for a child. The sign up boards will be at the back of both churches; the last opportunity to sign will be Sunday 25th March. As always it is on a first come first served basis.

Please pray for the young people and their families as they receive a practical blessing of the love of Jesus.

Thank you as ever.

Memorial Service for Bob Firmin

We will be saying goodbye and celebrating the life of Bob in a memorial service at St James' Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 20th March. Our prayers are with Marilyn and her family.



The final Lent course is the most powerful yet. If you wonder what the Sabbath is about and why it's a gift and a command, and yet you ask "what does that look like in my life today" then this one is for you..... **7.30pm St James Church Tuesday 13th March**

Lent Course Notes – Spiritual Exercises: practicing the way of Jesus

*Join us this Tuesday 7.30-9.15pm for our 'early' Lent course
(coffee and tea will be served part way through the evening)*

Week 6: The Practice of Sabbath

In preparation for Lent this year...

On this final week of our Lent course we are looking at the spiritual discipline of Sabbath.

Read Genesis 1-2:2

- Now read it again and jot down the 3 things God blesses
- What does it mean for something to give life?
- Have you ever thought of the Sabbath as a day that gives life?
- What are the things that give you life?
- What doesn't give you life?
- Fill your Sabbath only with things which give life (and don't be legalistic around it, remember you're celebrating life with God so be playful in creating sabbath)

Read Exodus 16:9-30

- How does vs 29 define the Sabbath?
- Have you ever considered Sabbath as a gift before?
- Jesus promises "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest!" (Matt 11:28)
- We know how to work and play well but not how to rest well. This is one way Jesus gives rest – wouldn't you like to receive this gift of Sabbath rest?
- How might your sabbath look? When deciding what to put in it consider what will be life-giving to you – what fills both the category of rest (enjoyable and not too effort consuming) and worship (meeting with God)?

Key Parish Contacts

Parish Office tel: 01457 853330

Office Hours

Tues 11.30am -5:00pm (Staff meeting Tues 9-11.30am)

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Next Week's Services

Sunday 18th March

St Luke's 10.00am

Holy Communion

Followed by

Bring & Share Lunch

St James' 10.30am

Morning Praise

Jesus: liberator – *Mark 9:14-29*

Deeper 7pm

What's on Next Week

Monday

Parish Prayer 9.15am St Luke's Church

School Prayer 8.45am St Luke's School

Tuesday

Bible Journaling 2pm Gamesley Café

Wednesday

Lent Prayers 7.15am Central Methodist Church

School Prayer 9.00am St James' School

Karibuni 10-12pm St Luke's Church

Holy Communion 10.30am St James' Church

Seated Exercise 2pm Gamesley Café

Thursday

Coffee Pot 10-11.30am St Luke's Church

Whitfield Café 1.30-3.30pm St James' Church

Chat & Craft 2pm Gamesley Café

*Please see the Website for details
of all that is happening
www.whitfieldparish.org/living-life/events-calendar and the
What's On page*