



WHITFIELD PARISH  
St James' | St Luke's

# Whitfield Parish

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**10am St Luke's  
&  
10.30am St James'  
Altogether Services  
7pm St James'  
Deeper**

## Sunday 26 February

Bring Your Learning to Church Sunday  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & Luke 2:41-52

**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.

### Key Contacts

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### Office Hours

Tues 11.30 -5:00pm (Staff meeting Tues 9-11am) Weds 9:15-5.00pm

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Our values are

Loving Jesus \* Loving each other \* Loving our town

**Our vision is to reach and transform our town with the love of Jesus**

# What's On This Week in the Parish?

## **Parish prayer at the start of each week**

Monday 9.15am St Luke's Church

## **School Prayer Meetings**

St Luke's Monday 8.45am in St Luke's School library

St James' Wednesday 9am at St James' School

**Alpha prayer course** Tuesdays from 28 February during lent. 7.30pm at St James' Church for refreshments, 7.45pm to start, ends 9.30pm.

## **16 Churches Together Prayer during lent**

This week 7.15am at St James' followed by breakfast at 8.15am

## **Karibuni**

Wednesday 10-12pm St Luke's back room

## **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with administration of ashes**

Wednesday 10.30am St James' Church

## **Coffee Pot**

Thursday morning 10-12pm in St Luke's back room

## **Whitfield Café**

Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm at the Vineyard

# Next Week's Services

## **Sunday 5 March**

**St Luke's 10am Vision Sunday** with Holy Communion – please make every effort to gather for the 2017 parish vision followed by your response in commitment Sunday on 12 March

**St James' 10.30am** Morning Praise and baptism of Elwood Brock

# Parish News

**Baptism & Confirmation** Aged 4 – 100? Want to affirm your new or old faith in Jesus Christ by making the step of either baptism or confirmation then speak to Andrew or Dan. Our full immersion baptisms will be at the church weekend 'away' on 18 June and our confirmation service on Sun 10 September

**Prayer on the Square** Saturday 4 March 12-2pm with the High St Mission Team. Speak to Suzy Bullivant for more details.

## **NEWS in and around the Parish**

### **BIG things for everyone to be part of!**

**Alpha Prayer Course** – starts this Tues 28 February

**16 Churches Praying together** – starts this Weds 1 March

**APCM & Elections** – 23 April

**Church weekend 'away'** – 16-18 June

Fuller details on flyers at the back of church and on the notices loop before and after the service.

**Thank You** for all the loving support and prayers that the family has received following the passing of Irene Bennett. We are hugely grateful, love Ruth.

**Hassocks** As part of St Luke's reordering we need to find homes for our hassocks / kneelers. Perhaps you made one and would like to claim it – please do so during March. We hope to rework some of the remaining ones into a small banner. Please contact Sheila Humphrey.

**An Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards** Friday 3 March, 7.30pm at St James' Church in aid of The Winnie Mabaso Foundation. Tickets are £5 available by contacting Helen Thornhill 07973 769069 or speak to Hilary Collard.

**Refreshments at St James'** Do you enjoy a cuppa before/after Sunday services? If so, would you consider helping to serve refreshments once a month? The current team is struggling to provide this important hospitality before and after services and more volunteers are urgently needed. It's a great way for newcomers to get to know folk! Please speak to Hilary (tel: 861435).

**Discretionary Grant Fund** If you want to apply for a discretionary grant please write to [awilliamsatwhitfield@gmail.com](mailto:awilliamsatwhitfield@gmail.com). Requests must be received by Wednesday 8 March to be considered at March's PCC meeting.

# the PRAYER course post

**Join us this Tuesday to explore the tool kit of prayer**

**This week: Adoration – 7.45-9.30pm, 28<sup>th</sup> February at St James (7.30 for coffee)**

Adoration is doing what comes naturally. ‘I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise ... The world rings with praise – lovers praising their mistresses, readers praising their favourite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favourite game.’ – C. S. Lewis

‘I didn’t marry my wife as a child-raising strategy. I married her because I wanted to be with her. One of the wonderful consequences has been children.’ – Pete Greig

C. S. Lewis said ‘in commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.’ What do you find enjoyable about God’s presence? What compels you to worship? Are there particular moments in your life, particular places, songs, people, or events?

### • **Personal Prayer Tool: The Lord’s Prayer**

»» Why not set your alarm on your mobile for a convenient time each day when you can pray The Lord’s Prayer slowly, trying to use each line like a search engine: to explore different ideas, always beginning with adoration and

thanksgiving: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name ...’

### **Articles for the Grapevine**

Please email [sarah@whitfieldparish.org](mailto:sarah@whitfieldparish.org) Any requests for an entry for the Grapevine will need to be with Sarah by Tuesday. Please email a word copy of around 100 words wherever possible of your article.



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