

# St James Church Fordhouses



Notices February 2024



## True Christian Giving

In the early Church, Christian giving was one of the most essential elements of worship; no wonder why people gave bountifully, and they received bountifully according to their ability, for God loves a cheerful giver. In this message, I would like to encourage us to:

**Give With Worship:** We worship through song, prayer, scripture study, and praise. When we partake in the Lord's Supper and baptismal rituals, we are worshipping. However, giving ought to be done as a form of adoration to God.

**Give Sacrificially:** Give until you can feel it. Sometimes, we ask the question, how much can I give? Everyone ought to contribute selflessly and to the best of their abilities. Take note of Paul's discussion on giving. 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Give With Faith** - First, we ought to give obediently—consistently and regularly. Second, we should donate faithfully, with sincere Faith in our hearts. There are numerous approaches to achieving this. Some prefer to give ten per cent of their income every Sunday. This would align with Paul's advice in 2 Corinthians 16:2, which states that money should be set aside on Lord's Day, the first day of the week.

**Donate To Advance Christ's Kingdom** - Paul reminded the Corinthian Church in 2 Corinthians 9:12 that their donations were "supplying the needs of the saints." Getting things done in the Church is made possible by your generosity. Furthermore, more kingdom work would be made possible by increased giving. Let us give to advance the kingdom of Christ.

**Give voluntarily and with joy** - Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Everyone should donate as they have determined in their hearts, without hesitation or coercion." Nothing should compel you to give. Giving should come from the heart; "God loves a cheerful giver." When you give with joy, you will be blessed.

**Give In Honour Of God:** Some give while pursuing personal fame. To the glory of God, we should give. Take note of how the early Church's generosity to the needs of Jerusalem

elevated God. Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 9:12 that he thought God would be exalted when His people gave freely and appropriately—that is, for the upbuilding of the body of Christ, the advancement of the kingdom, and the needs of those in our community, particularly those in the household of Faith.

May God receive all the praise, honour, and glory from our collective giving as a congregation and how we use the funds. Amen.

Rev Taiwo

## February News

### Notice Board



- ♥ As always our **Sunday Services** are in church at 9:45am.
- ♥ **Thursday Prayer time** - Thursdays in church at 9:30am.
- ♥ **Sunday School** - Younger Sunday School in the Lounge every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month, when parents can use the lounge with their children, some resources will be provided to use). Older Sunday School (8-12 years old) on the first Sunday of each month.
- ♥ **Postage Stamps** - Don't forget to pop your used postage stamps in the box in the foyer for the RNIB.
- ♥ **Contact** - If you need to contact the clergy, please in the first instance speak to the Parish Office - See contact details below.



**Foodbank Update:** With the temporary closure of the Father's Home food bank; the DCC have decided to support the Well Foodbank for the time being, so all financial and physical gifts, left in the basket at Church, will be going to them, so please keep bringing food and other items with long use by dates. Thank you for your continuing support of our foodbank providers in these very needy times.

There is a **vacancy** position of an executive officer from **Simeon's Trustees**. More details are available via [Exec Officer recruitment – Simeon's Trustees \(simeons.org.uk\)](https://www.simeons.org.uk) and anyone interested is welcome to email [guy.donegan-cross@simeons.org.uk](mailto:guy.donegan-cross@simeons.org.uk) for an informal chat about the role.

### News



A few people have been able to visit **Carol** recently at her new home in Verona Court, close to Holy Trinity, Heath Town. She would love to hear from you, so if you would like to contact her, please speak to Jane Gardner who has her details.



You will have noticed that different people have been leading our **time of prayer in our Sunday Services**. Taiwo has asked that members of the congregation lead this part of the service. He has been providing written prayers to use each Sunday, so if you would like to be one of those leading our prayers, please speak to Taiwo, Jacquie or Nick.

## Diary Dates



**Celebrations:** - Birthdays - 2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Newman; 10<sup>th</sup> Greg Mullett; 18<sup>th</sup> Ann-Charlotte Holman; 25<sup>th</sup> Betty Easterbrook - We pray that you will all have blessed birthdays.

- ♥ The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, 14<sup>th</sup> February, with a service for the whole parish at **St James** at 7pm, do come if you can.
- ♥ Advance notice that on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** we will be holding our church **AGM** immediately following our service, so please stay for this if you can. Also if you would like to be part of your church DCC, please prayerfully consider this and speak to Taiwo, Jacquie or Nick.
- ♥ Also on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, at 6pm there is a **Deanery Fellowship HC** service with food. All of us are welcome at this service and some help with the food and refreshments will be needed.
- ♥ **CAMEO:** 2-4pm on 19<sup>th</sup> February - movie afternoon!
- ♥ **3 C's for February:** 2-4pm on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ The next **City Wide Prayer** event is at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dunstall Road WV6 ONJ, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.
- ♥ The next **Men's Breakfast**, St Mary's Hall, 10am Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February: *Jonah Part II*
- ♥ Advance notice there will be an Easter Gathering for all of the churches in Wolverhampton in Queen's Square on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, between 1:30 and 3:00 pm.

## Please Pray



There are a number who continue to need prayer at this time, Doreen Cripps, Carol Griffiths, Alan Redmond, Joe (Donna's dad), Roger (Sandra's cousin), Elizabeth Westwood (Maureen Horton's daughter), Pam (David Newman's mother-in-law), Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## Rotas

If you are on cleaning duty, please use the cleaning check list sent to you and displayed in church - **Please do this** from 9:30am onwards on Saturdays, if you want to do this at a different time, please speak to Jacquie to check that the church is free.

We could do with additional volunteers to help with the cleaning, if you think this is something you could do, please speak to Jacquie, Jane or Nick, thank you.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - (TO/ES)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Jessica Bate

Chairs: James Hesp

Duty Team: Jessica Bate & Jacquie Mullett

Computer: Richard Mullett (Jacquie Mullett)

Readers: Jessica Bate - John 1:1-14

Jacquie Mullett - Philippians 1:19-26

Drinks: Jean Cook

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - HC (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Pukka Braitch

Chairs: Pukka Braitch

Duty Team: Richard Mullett & Ian Newman

Computer: Chris Astley (Jane Gardner)

Readers: Ann-Charlotte Holman - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Pauline Biddulph - Mark 9:2-9

Drinks: Jessica Bate

Flowers: Sue Tilley

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Sue Tilley

Chairs: James Hesp

Duty Team: Ann-Charlotte Holman & Nick Gardner

Computer: Jessica Bate

Readers: Nick Gardner - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sheila Turner - Mark 1:9-15

Drinks: Sue Miller

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February - (IP)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Mary Widdal

Chairs: Chris Astley

Duty Team: Jane Gardner & Jessica Bate

Computer: Jacquie Mullett

Readers: Jane Gardner - Mark 8:31-38

Jessica Bate - Philippians 2:1-11

Drinks: Catherine McCulloch

Flowers: Jane Jones

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Richard Mullett

Chairs: Richard Mullett

Duty Team: Jacquie Mullett & Richard Mullett

Computer: Jane Gardner

Readers: Jacquie Mullett - TBA

Catherine McCulloch - TBA

Drinks: Jane Jones



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