

ST JAMES CHURCH
Church Family News for Sunday 22 September 2013

We continue in Proverbs this coming Sunday, looking at Chapter 2, exploring the value of wisdom. Here are a few things coming up....

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JAMES

Alpha courses run in churches, bars, coffee shops and homes all around the globe. Our Alpha course here at St James will run every Tuesday evening for ten weeks from 8 October to 10 December. A typical evening includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. Alpha really is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. If you are interested contact churchoffice@st-james.org.uk.

STUART TOWNEND

We are delighted that Stuart Townend will be performing again here at St James on Friday 18 October at 7.30pm. Stuart is one of today's leading worship songwriters. Hymns such as 'In Christ alone' and 'How deep the Father's love' are sung in churches around the world. An evening with Stuart is an evening of worship and performance, made up of a mixture of his latest songs and older well-known classics. This is a fairly informal concert, designed to be accessible to people of all ages, musical tastes and backgrounds. Tickets are £10 (£5 for concessions) and are available from the bookshop or on-line at www.st-james.org.uk. All proceeds from the evening will go to the Haringey Winter Night Shelter and Besom in Haringey.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We collect items for the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen from the list below all year round in the 'Munchbox' at the back of church but we make a special collection for Harvest which we will be celebrating on Sunday 29 September at the 9.30am and 11.15am services. Donations of the following are hugely helpful for the soup kitchen: tins of tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, condensed soup; Jars of sauces, curry mix or paste; Stock cubes; Red lentils; Custard, sugar, salt and pepper, rice and pasta.

EARLY MORNING PRAYER AT ST JAMES

We have an exciting opportunity to come together each week and pray at 6.30am till 7.30am every Thursday morning in church, starting next Thursday 26th September. Please use the chapel door to the church. Everyone is welcome.

WHEN WILL JUSTICE PROSPER?

The World Mission Group here at St James invites you to this conference looking at the Biblical perspectives on poverty, oppression and corruption. The conference is on Friday 4 October 7.00pm to 9.30pm and Saturday 5 October from 9.30am to 4.30pm here at St James. There will be speakers from Tearfund, Dalit Freedom Network, Justice Matters and Micah Challenge. For more information contact justice@st-james.org.uk.

INVITATION FROM KIM AND PENELOPE

Open Day and Launch for THE VINE @ MAYS FARM, in the southern Cotswolds, on Saturday 28 September 12noon to 4.00pm. Come for as long as you can, call in, or stay! Light refreshments served all day. There will be a short dedication at 2.00pm with prayers in the Chapel. Come and see what is on offer at this place of spiritual sanctuary. RSVP to penelope@ministriesbydesign.org

THE RECOVERY COURSE

Are you struggling with an addiction or a compulsive behaviour that is spoiling your life? Why not try The Recovery Course, a free 16-session Christian programme based on the Twelve Steps used by Alcoholics Anonymous. The next course starts on Thursday 26 September, 7.00pm at HTB Brompton Road. Register at www.htb.org/courses or email courses@htb.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The United Reform Church Muswell Hill as they make a big decision on 6 October on where and how they are going to continue to witness as a Christian community. They have been looking prayerfully at various options for the future. Please pray for their ageing and aged congregation and those who are housebound through disability or the problems associated with getting old.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Muswell Hill Churches Forum Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 28 September at Muswell Hill Baptist Church from 9.00am to 10.30am.

With every blessing

Gaz Daly
Associate Vicar

