



## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 and notices for the coming week

This month the Lectionary takes us into James, one of the smaller books in the Bible, only four pages long yet containing many familiar verses. James is the first of a group of seven general 'letters', so called because they are addressed to groups of Christians in different parts of the Greco-Roman world and not to one particular church. In fact the book is more of an address than a letter, giving practical guidance on Christian conduct, covering various topics: rich and poor, pride and humility, wisdom, patience, prayer, controlling the tongue and most importantly, faith and actions.

Who was James? Little is known of him but:

- he was one of the select individuals Christ appeared to after his resurrection
- Paul called him "a pillar of the Church"
- Paul on his first post conversion visit to Jerusalem saw James
- Paul did the same on his last visit
- when Paul was rescued from prison he told his friends to tell James
- James was a leader in the important council of Jerusalem
- Jude identified himself simply as "a brother of James",  
so well known was James

James reminds his readers of the need for genuinely Christian standards and values of every area of life. He wants his readers to mature in their faith in Christ by living what they say they believe. He condemns various sins including pride, hypocrisy, favouritism and slander and encourages believers to humbly live by godly rather than worldly wisdom and to pray in all situations.

*Alan Steele*

**9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)**

## ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

Dear Lord, I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will and rank me with whom you will. Let me be employed, laid aside, exulted or brought low for you. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. Freely and wholeheartedly I yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, "So be it".

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Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alan Steele

Duty Steward Nicola Garriock

stewards are the people to ask, if you need help before, during or after a service

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Our CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM requires hearing aids to be switched to the telephone or T programme. Recordings of our services are available through the church website, or a CD copy can be provided on request – please ask a Steward.

The Church operates a system of covenanted, planned giving (details of which may be obtained from Nicola Garriock).

There is a children's area available at the rear of the Church which parents and their young children may use during the service.

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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Music:	Keith Nye/Candela
Hosts:	Barbara Keene
Sound System:	Denis Leigh
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

**HYMN (StF) 8            God with us: Creator, Father**

Responsive Psalm 834 (StF)

Prayer

**HYMN (StF) 152 This is the day**

Lessons

James 2: v.1-9 (p.1213) read by Barbara Keene

Matthew 6: v. 1-8 (p.970) read by Nicola Garriock

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN (StF) 652 Lord, we come to ask your healing**

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Collection and dedication of the Offering

*(congregation please stand)*

**HYMN (StF) 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky**

The Blessing

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Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink  
of squash in the River Room after the service.

The flowers today are a gift from the Weightons - Sue, Peter, Mark,  
Russell, Daniel, and Bob – in thanks for the blessing of Family.  
Arranged by Wendy Weston.

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**The Annual Congregational (Church) Meeting will be  
held after the morning service on Sun 30th Sept**

**Christian Aid emergency appeal for Kerala Floods.**

Devastating floods in Southern India have resulted in over 400  
deaths and 1200 people needing immediate relief. Christian Aid  
envelopes are available in the Foyer this morning and next Sunday  
16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Correction to a date in SPAN**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by meeting of the Pastoral Visitors
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Brownies ( <i>Alison tel: 422841</i> )
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Godaltots ( <i>Jacky tel: 423768</i> )
	12.15 for 12.30pm	Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips
	8.00pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Rainbows ( <i>Julie tel: 428701</i> )
	6.00pm	Cubs
	7.30pm	Scouts ( <i>Grahame tel: 01420 475773</i> )
Fri 14 <sup>t</sup>	10.30am–2.00pm	Church open for private prayer
	12-1.30pm	Lunches
	2.00pm	Hobbies and games group
	6.00pm	Music Kids ( <i>Barbara tel: 421268</i> )
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	September	
	9.00-10.15am	<i>emerge</i> Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
	10.30am	Morning Worship – John Oborn
	3.00pm	Pantomime read through

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Ladies Fellowship AGM and Bring & Buy table
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.15 for 2.30pm	QUI discussion group – all welcome
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at St. Mark's, Ockford Ridge

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