

MOTHERING SUNDAY  
ST. JAMES CLAPTON

WELCOME TO ALL THE FAMILY

To contact us for baptism, weddings, funerals, blessing of your home and blessing of a new baby, please contact the Vicar on 07896964693 or the Curate on 07710095404. Please don't leave messages do text and we will answer as soon as. Website- [www.stjamesclapton.co.uk](http://www.stjamesclapton.co.uk)

**Reflection for this week-**

**JESUS' FAMILY** – I can imagine Jesus' mother being rather fed up with all the attention He got right at the beginning of His ministry; it must have been hard for her to spend much time with Him at all, with people continuously pressing around.

When Jesus' mother and brothers came looking for Him, they found Him in the middle of a busy meeting. Rather embarrassingly for them, their search for Jesus was announced in front of everyone! However, Jesus took this opportunity to teach some basic principles of discipleship.

**'Who are my mother and my brothers?'**.....(v.33-35)

These words are for us too. The condition for being part of Jesus' family is: 'Whoever does God's will. The good news is that anyone who accepts Jesus, God's only begotten Son, is doing His will. So we become part of His family when we become Christians! This news is for everyone we see around us today, regardless of age; colour, status, or gender.

God is seeking to extend His family in our communities.

**For your personal thought:-**

1. In our church family, how can we encourage younger and older church members to help each other?

2. Take time this week praying by name for the children in this church family.

Thank you to all who came to make posies yesterday.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: **Phyllis, Claudette, Sylvia Filletti, Audrey, Robert, Dahlia, Minnie, May, Godwin, Joyce, Isolyn, Lin, Babs, Auntie Sylvia, Uriel, May, Godwin, Joyce, Isolyn, Elizabeth, Kevin, Lydia, Gift, Monique, Cynthia Michael, Christine, Jean Blanchard, and Tapiwa.**

Weekly opening hours at St. James:::~::~:

**Tuesdays;** Morning Prayer **10am** followed by open Church until **2pm.**

**Wednesdays; 10am** Eucharist, Knitting, Credit Union, shared lunch and hospitality ministry.

**7.30pm** Bible study, prayer/praise, to which all are welcome.

**APCM Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>.**

We need a PCC secretary, a treasurer, and an Electoral Roll officer. Training will be given, please talk to Jane or the vicar.

This Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> ULTREYA for all Christians at All Hallows by the. This service will be lead by The Bishop Sarah of London, she is also preaching.

Why not come and support the vicar who is stepping down as Spiritual Director for the London Diocese, and a new person will be commissioned by bishop Sarah. All is welcome to join us.

Today is the last Sunday to fill in your electoral roll form please do it and give it to Jane or one of the church wardens.

To learn recorder, drum, and piano please see Derek our organist. Recorders are provided.