

Celebrating the life of our church



These two cheeky girls came back to re light their baptism candle a year on. It is a joy to have them as part of our community of faith.



Phoebe was baptised at Easter and we continue to celebrate new and developing faith. We are looking to hold a confirmation service at the end of summer if anyone is interested in baptism or confirmation talk to Rev Laura



Sunday Morning Service 9.15am.

Every week we gather to meet each other and meet God through music, prayer, and space. Everyone welcome whether you are a long standing person of faith, or are just curious. From 0- 101 we celebrate everyone. Come with your dog, neighbour, friend, in your best clothes or PJs

Thank you Rhiannon.

Rev Rhiannon is celebrating finishing her curacy. This is a huge achievement of 4 years of training as a curate in the Church of England. We are so grateful and thankful for all Rhiannon has brought, her energy, her faith and diligence. We look forward to the new season and all that God will do in your life, and how you will bless others and grow Christ's church.

Summer series: book of James

The book of James is a cracker! A new testament letter written by James the brother of Jesus to the scattered Jewish people who had become Christians. It is written by a man who is on a mission, who is writing to a real church -he leads through persecution, famine and the usual bickering, uncertainty and debate. James even negotiates a ticksy conversation between Paul and Peter! Imagine being between those two- debating if non Jewish converts needed to be circumcised or not.

So James was brave, wise, totally committed to the Lord. He opens his letter 'James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.' But it was not always like this. In John's gospel it describes Jesus brothers not believing he was the son of God and even teasing him, James was not at the cross. But he is detailed in multiple letters as leading the church in Jerusalem over a long period of time. He was praying with the other disciples when the spirit filled the room, the people and the world at Pentecost. What changed? Paul gives us the answer: Jesus met James one on one after the resurrection. James and Jesus sat together... what a conversation that would have been?

Most of God's work is done quietly, one on one, privately with each of us. My prayer is that each of us will encounter and re-encounter the Lord- Who sits with us and gently reassures, loves, encourages, unpicks our mess, strengthens us, and transforms us. May we like James be transformed to servants of Christ.



Top Bible verses from James:

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.



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We
welcome
new
Church
Wardens.
Liz and
Joy



How can you contribute to church?

Lots of people already give so much to church in their time, talent and passions. We are a community and we thrive when we all have opportunity. We are also working with other churches across the valley. Is there anything else you or someone you know would like to get involved with?

- **Taking part in services**- reading, leading prayers, creative times, distributing communion etc. If you want a go let Laura know.
- **Children and Young People**- in the valley we work across the whole age range from babies to teenagers you could support The Arc, Messy Church, TnT, Puppets, open the book etc. We are looking to expand our children and young people work.
- **Older People**: Home communion team, scones of praise.
- **Care Home Visiting** - There is a team across churches that deliver monthly services in every care home, with some more capacity they would like to expand to supportive living environments.
- **Building, Maintenance, cleaning**. Please talk to Liz or Joy if you can help.
- **Prayer** is so important in the life and growth of our church. Please continue to pray diligently for God's will to be done and kingdom come here.

trypraying.

The desire to reach out to God is basic to many people. Trypraying is a resource for people with little or *no church connection or interest, but open to find out about God*. The trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide and is now being used to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement, 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?'

We will put the banner up outside church and booklets are available on the gate and inside church. Please help yourself, pass them on... Let's see what happens when people give praying a go.

Financial Support

We are so grateful for all the support given to church financially. We have a very tight budget and are giving does not cover the costs for running this church. Is there a way you could help?

- A regular standing order or direct debit. Many Christians give a percentage of their income or disposable income to churches. Is this something for you? Has your donation increased with inflation? Could it?
- Giving through the plate and offering.
- Do you know of any grants we could apply for?
- Fundraiser- Pat is organising an open house on 21st July 10.00 onwards. Thank you Pat.
- Growing Faith - the growing faith project grows faith in the next generations and we are a hub site. TnT and Messy church are part of Growing Faith- could you contribute to this?

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