

## Sunday Teaching

**James** - The New Testament letter of James (the brother of the Lord Jesus and leader of the early Church) is a fiercely practical book. Writing to believers James was concerned that they should not just say that they believed but live out their faith. They were saved by believing in the Lord Jesus and receiving the implanted word of God, but they were not just to be hearers of the word, but doers, putting their faith into action. Many of the examples James gives of how we are to live out our faith are very challenging. Over this term in our Sunday morning sermons and home groups we will be working our way through the letter.

**Numbers** - At the evening services there is normally a short talk or reflection rather than a sermon. Towards the end of the term we will return to the Book of Numbers that shows us both the blessings of God and the sad failures of His people.

**3 John** - Early in the term at the evening services we will take a leisurely stroll through the third letter of John the Apostle. It is a personal letter written to a believer called Gaius but in its brief span covers a number of important matters of discipleship.

**The Book of Love** - when the people of Israel crossed over into the Promised Land their leader, Moses, was forbidden by God to go with them. As Moses prepared the people for what lay ahead he preached a (long) sermon and indeed sang them a song all of which is recorded in the book of **Deuteronomy**. Love is a recurring theme in the sermon and over our summer morning sermons we will be looking at the relevant verses under the title "The Book of Love".

Audio for most sermons is normally posted on our website within a few days.

### Contact and further information

If you would like to know more about the work of St. James or have any other enquiries please come along to a service, see our website ([www.stjameschorley.org](http://www.stjameschorley.org)) or contact our Vicar, David Phillips:

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## Sunday and weekday activities

Our **10.30am service** attracts all sorts and sizes and families are particularly welcome. Most weeks the children have their own activities and teaching programme in small groups for part of the service. There is normally a Communion service once a month and occasional baptisms.

The **8.45am service** is quieter and usually a Communion service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, a service rich in Scripture and shaped by the glorious truth that we can be right with God only through faith in Christ.

The **6pm service** is also a quieter service but following different formats depending upon the week as shown on the programme.

There are a number of groups who meet together each week to read, discuss and learn from the Bible together. These are also opportunities for fellowship and prayer. Please ask if you would like to know more.

A parent and toddler group meets each Wednesday morning during term time.

Also on Wednesdays is a monthly communion service and a fortnightly Bible study group. Details are on a separate card.

Crew, for children aged 6-11, meets early on Friday evenings for games, activities and teaching. There are two different age groups meeting separately.

Rooted, for young people aged 11-16, meets on Sunday mornings and on Friday evenings at 8pm.

The Ladies Link meet once a month on a weekday evening for a range of activities.

A prayer meeting is held each Thursday morning, 9.30am in Church and this is followed on alternate weeks with a Drop-In for chat and fellowship over tea or coffee.

Further details of activities and teaching are published on our website:

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## Services & teaching programme



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## Summer 2017

*"the wisdom from above is first pure,  
then peaceable, gentle, open to reason,  
full of mercy and good fruits,  
impartial and sincere."  
(James 3.17)*

	Sunday 8.45am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
	<b>James - Living Faith</b>		<b>3 John &amp; Numbers</b>
23rd Apr	Trials (James 1.1-11)	Trials (James 1.1-11)	
30th Apr	Temptations (James 1.12-18)	Temptations (James 1.12-18)	Evening Prayer
7th May	Hearers and Doers (James 1.19-27)	Hearers and Doers (James 1.19-27)	Evening Prayer (CW)
14th May	The Royal Law (James 2.1-13)	The Royal Law (James 2.1-13)	Prayer Meeting
21st May	Living Faith (James 2.14-28)	Living Faith (James 2.14-28)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
25th May	<b>Ascension Day : 7.30pm Holy Communion (The ascended Lord in Hebrews)</b>		
28th May	A Tongue of Fire (James 3.1-12)	A Tongue of Fire (James 3.1-12)	Night Prayer
4th Jun	A Harvest of Righteousness (James 3.13-18)	A Harvest of Righteousness (James 3.13-18)	Evening Prayer (CW)
11th Jun	The War Within (James 4.1-10)	The War Within (James 4.1-10)	Prayer Meeting
18th Jun	One Lawgiver and Judge (James 4.11-12)	One Lawgiver and Judge (James 4.11-12)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
25th Jun	A Vanishing Mist (James 4.13-17)	<b>Outdoor service at school followed by lunch and games</b>	Night Prayer
2nd Jul	Warning to the Rich (James 5.1-16)	Warning to the Rich (James 5.1-16)	Evening Prayer (CW)
9th Jul	Perseverance (James 5.7-11)	Perseverance (James 5.7-11) (Family Praise & Prize giving)	Prayer Meeting
16th Jul	Pray for One Another (James 5.12-20)	Pray for One Another (James 5.12-20)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	<b>The Book of Love - Highlights in Deuteronomy</b>		
23rd Jul	Chosen in Love (Deut 4.7 etc)	Chosen in Love (Deut 4.7 etc)	<i>no service</i>
30th Jul	Wholehearted Love (Deut 6.5 etc)	Wholehearted Love (Deut 6.5 etc)	<i>no service</i>
6th Aug	Loving Obedience (Deut 5.10 etc)	Loving Obedience (Deut 5.10 etc)	<i>no service</i>
13th Aug	Love and Blessing (Deut 7.12)	Love and Blessing (Deut 7.12)	<i>no service</i>
20th Aug	Love Strangers (Deut 10.18-19)	Love Strangers (Deut 10.18-19)	<i>no service</i>
27th Aug	The Testing of Love (Deut 13.3)	The Testing of Love (Deut 13.3)	<i>no service</i>
3rd Sep	Law and Love	Law and Love	Evening Prayer (CW)