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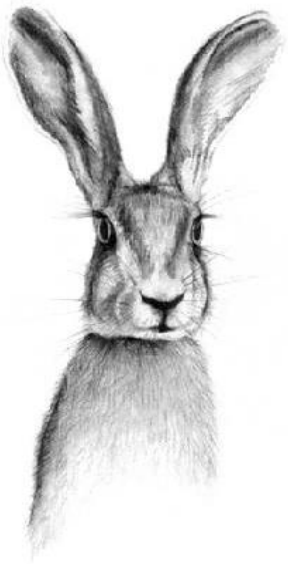


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## From the Vicarage

“You don’t get nowt, for nowt!” So says one of my Yorkshire friends and on the whole, it’s true. In fact, most of us have become so used to having to pay for anything worth having that a free gift usually comes with a degree of suspicion.

When the weather permits, a small but committed band of volunteers from St. James’ Church set up a table in the Glenbervie Enclosure car park in Church Lane and offer free tea, coffee and cake to those using the forest. Many people, whilst grateful for a free cuppa, want to know whether there’s a catch. There’s not. It is simply that Jesus calls those who seek to model their lives on his, to *“love their neighbour as themselves”* (Matthew 22: 39), which includes free coffee and cake!

It’s a pleasure to be able to offer the whole community a free copy of the Rowledge Review this month and we hope you enjoy what you find in the following pages. The magazine is produced by the church as a way of serving Rowledge and its outlying hamlets of Boundstone, Holt Pound and Bucks Horn Oak.

Whilst we do promote Church services and events, the purpose of the magazine is to publicise and report on all manner of local news and stories. So please do feel free to submit your own content to our dedicated editor, Tony Carpenter, who deserves a public vote of thanks for his hard work each month. If you would like to receive a regular copy of the Rowledge Review, there are details of how to subscribe elsewhere in this issue (see page 15).

When we are offered a free gift there are really only two possible responses. We can receive the gift, acknowledging that we haven’t earned it, but expressing gratitude none the less. Or we can turn it down, perhaps thinking it won’t do us any good, or that we don’t deserve it, or that we haven’t worked hard enough for it. Some people feel that same about God’s offer of a renewed life and purpose offered to each of us through Jesus.

St. Paul wrote these words to a community that needed reassurance about how they and we, can receive God’s free gift to us, simply through faith:

*“You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God’s gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own. It isn’t something you have earned, so there is nothing you can brag about”* (Ephesians 2: v 8-9).

Blessings,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russ'.

Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar





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## PARISH REGISTER



### Funerals and Thanksgiving Services

Pamela Harding (94)

Ronald George Sibbick (84)

### Marriages

Sarah Kelly and Richard Stevens – 20<sup>th</sup> September

## IN OUR PRAYERS

If you have any specific prayer requests you are invited to email [prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk) (or contact Russ by phone) who will ensure the church prays for your situation.



## Morning Prayers



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# ST JAMES' CHURCH – back in church!

We are now able to meet as a whole congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship, however we are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday for those who prefer that style, or are not ready to return to the church building.

Do join us live on our Facebook page:

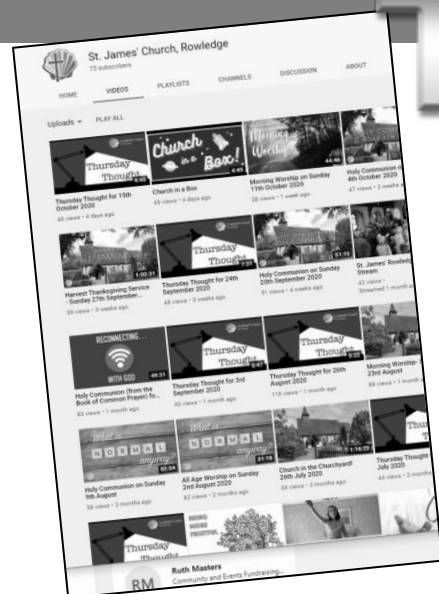
<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge>

## Two Services a Week

We are currently running two services each week - this will mean there is a traditional service of Holy Communion with choral music at 9.15am, as well as a more contemporary service at 10.45am each week.

A mix of formal and contemporary services - if you don't see it live, all our videos can be found on our YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd\\_IFbKX3CQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd_IFbKX3CQ/videos)



If you want to receive email invitations to any of our online resources, email [vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk).





Join us at St. James' Church for this year's  
**Harvest Thanksgiving Service**  
on Sunday 3rd October at 10:30am  
followed by lunch in the Church Centre.  
All are very welcome.

## Car Parking in Church Lane

As St. James' Church reopens, motorists are politely reminded that the Church car park and the Forestry Commission car park in Church Lane are reserved for visitors to church services on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your cooperation.





# St James' Church Website

**Take a look at our website.**

Full of interesting information and details of everything going on at St James'.



*We'd love to hear your comments.*

**[www.stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://www.stjamesrowledge.org.uk)**

For all the latest information, visit us online at [stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://stjamesrowledge.org.uk)



**Do you know anyone who is grieving from bereavement and needs more support or time?**

Meeting weekly in Farnham, the group is supported by pastoral assistants and bereavement visitors attached to various Farnham Christian churches, and allows an opportunity for those who are bereaved and lonely to meet others who understand.

**Bereavement Café meet every Monday afternoon 3 - 4:30pm for tea and chat at**

**The Spire Café, Farnham United Reformed Church,**

**South Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QU**

If you would like more details please contact Mary on **07999 368128** or [info@friendstogetherbereavement.org](mailto:info@friendstogetherbereavement.org)

There are also occasional evening groups for those who need to talk and share about a bereavement. Parents, Spouses, Children, Friends... Do you know anyone who is grieving and would like support?

You are also welcome to bring someone you know who may benefit from the support group, but not want to attend on their own. Accompanying friends are also very welcome.

**Contact Mary on  
07999 368128 for  
details during  
Covid-19**



# The Annual Rowledge Service of Remembrance

Sunday 14th November at 10:00am  
at St. James' Church followed by the  
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11:00am



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## Are you thinking about Christmas yet?



Would you consider  
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To purchase please send a cheque made payable to "The Parochial Church Council of Rowledge" for £10 to:  
The Church Office, Church Lane, Rowledge, GU104EN.

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Thank you for your support. We promise we won't mention Christmas again for at least another month!



## Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

Russ & Jenny Gant run a group on Thursday with about 8 people.

They meet weekly via Zoom.

They meet at 7.45pm on alternate Tuesdays via Zoom. In between, they meet socially at the same time on Zoom.

They hope to resume monthly walks once rules permit.

## Men's Group – First Thursday of the month

Starting with a Bible passage, discussion then moves on to ... well, anywhere and everywhere! The Men's Group meets (physically or by Zoom) on the first Thursday of every month.

All welcome. **To join in, contact Rob: [robriscs@aol.com](mailto:robriscs@aol.com)**

# Church is OPEN!

**Open: Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm.  
Saturday - Sunday 8am-8pm.  
Closed on Fridays.**

St James' Church is OPEN for **individual private prayers and Sunday worship**.  
If visiting, please try to be socially distanced from other individuals or households.

It is sacred space within the village, a refuge for quiet and reflection, and everyone is welcome to visit, or come and sit, to think, to pray, to find some space.



## METHODIST CHURCH – Now OPEN

The Methodist Church - now open for worship on Sundays at 10.00am.

Preachers for October:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Rev'd Michael Hopkins

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Rev'd Philip Simpkins - Holy Communions

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Stephen Clay

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Rev'd David Ashby

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

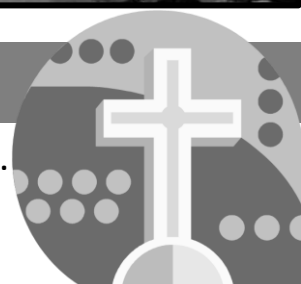
Maurice Raggett.

**Cameo meets on Wednesday October 6th & October 20th at 2.00pm**

Our prayer chain, led by Mike & Joyce, can be accessed on: 01252 793363

If you would like to speak to Philip Simpkins, our Minister, his number is:

01420 83167





## Farnham Foodbank

### At this difficult time, please do support your local Foodbank.

Donations can be made at St. James' Church, Rowledge Co-Op, Waitrose or at Anne Blackman, 12 Prospect Road or Mike Randall at Poplars, 7 The Avenue.

There is a huge increase in need at the moment, especially from those families who would usually be reliant on school dinners.

To access the Foodbank should you be in need, please see contact details below.

**WEBSITE - <https://farnham.foodbank.org.uk>**

**EMAIL - [info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk)**

You can also contact St. James' Church Office to collect Foodbank vouchers.

The Church Office,

Church Lane,

Rowledge,

GU10 4EN.

PHONE - 01252 792402

EMAIL - [admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

The Foodbank would also be very grateful for any financial contributions you feel moved to make.

If you have any queries, do contact:

**Anne Blackman (01252 793344)**

**THANK YOU!**

***"The Foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."***

**Foodbank urgently need:**  
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### Foodbank Vouchers

St James' Church is now able to issue Foodbank vouchers for those in need. To be eligible for an emergency food parcel as an individual or a family, you will need to be referred with a voucher from the church office.

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**Where: The Ball + Wicket, Holt Pound**

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Email: [alpha@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

or call Russ on 07414 631359



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## **The Coffee Mug**

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The Rowledge Review is produced each month by St. James' Church for the whole community.

The magazine contains local news, reflections, stories and history, as well as contact details for community groups and businesses.

Following disruption to our usual delivery service, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, **from this month we are returning to be able to deliver a copy to your door.**

This month we are delivering a copy to every house, free of charge, hoping to encourage more residents to sign up to receiving a regular issue.

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## Success for Rowledge Bowls Club - Chris Robinson

Rowledge Bowls Club enjoyed one of their best ever seasons in this Covid19 hit year. They have been very successful in the Farnham and District Bowls League, which has 16 clubs, within a seven mile radius of Farnham, competing in two divisions. Rowledge not only finished as runners-up in Division 1, but also reached three cup match finals. These finals were played in fine weather at Tongham Bowls Club on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September and the results were as follows:

**Goolding Cup:** Seale and Sands B.C. beat Rowledge B.C.

**Boyd Shield:** Seale and Sands B.C. beat Rowledge B.C.

**Mixed Triples:** Rowledge B.C. beat Farnham B.C.

The winning Rowledge Mixed Triples Team were: Aldo Piombini, Peter Ludford, Pauline Smith, Mehdi Akkouch, Dave Goddard and Lizzie Lunn.

Other Rowledge players who participated in the finals were: Tony Derrick, Martin Gerhold, Sue Stephens, Robert Green, Noel Thompson, Sue Shurmer, Liz Thomas and Ian Carter.

New members are always welcome at Rowledge Bowls Club. If you are interested please contact RBC Chairman at [chairman@rowledgebowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@rowledgebowlingclub.co.uk) or visit their website, [www.rowledgebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.rowledgebowlingclub.co.uk)



Anticipation at the start of the Boyd Shield

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### Bring the family.

We will, as usual, concentrate on the areas around the centre of the village but, the more who join in, then the wider the area that we can influence will be.

We will be tidying Gardens; recovering pavements/roads beginning to be covered up by verge creep; plus picking up litter, cleaning gutters etc.



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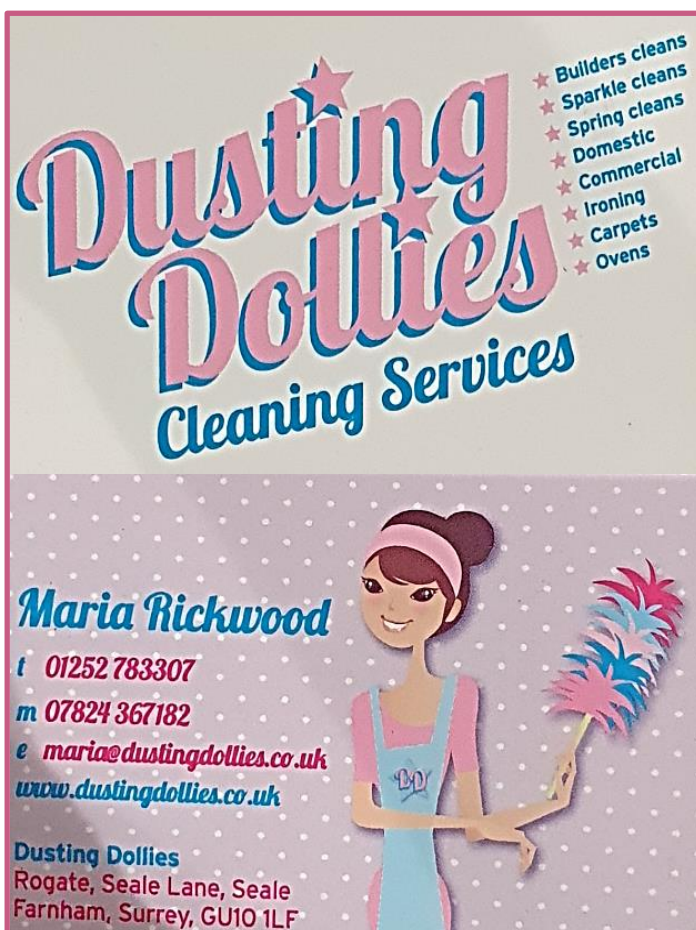
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## Where can you buy our calendar?

24th Oct Farmers Market in central car park  
20th Nov Farnham Christmas Lights switch on  
28th Nov Farmers market in central Farnham

Local businesses selling on our behalf throughout October and November including.....

UMG café - Waverley Lane near the station  
Hogs Back Brewery Shop  
Waverley Foot Clinic, East St Farnham  
Barista Lounge/Bistro Downing St  
Bears Restaurant Downing St  
( More locations will be added)

Occasional presence during October and November  
Various events at Farnham Maltings  
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## Alice Holt WI Report - July 2021

### TIME FOR A PARTY!

With great delight, over 35 members of Alice Holt WI met at Blacknest Golf Club on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August for their Summer Lunch. Having not met in person for well over a year, it was good to catch up with old friends. Following a glass of Prosecco, a delicious, varied buffet and miniature desserts plus coffee was all much enjoyed. Acting President, Jill Dickin, handed out small gifts to those who had helped over the past year and who organised the Lunch.

Members were reminded that AHWI will have a stall at the forthcoming Rowledge Village Fayre on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August and donations of cakes and preserves were requested and a timetable of volunteers willing to help on the day was completed.

The first “proper” meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at Rowledge Village Club. The speaker will be talking about intriguing events and scandals that have happened at Hampton Court in the past. There is a new start time of 7.15 for 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.





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...and who to contact?" section*

**ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2021**



# **VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

## **ALL ROWLEDGE Event Organisers!!!!**

**Please email the Editor with event dates for 2021, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: [rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk)**





# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<b>Children's Events</b>			
<b>Mon-Fri</b>			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Playgroup	2-4	Village Hall
09.00-15.00	Little Fishes Nursery School	2-4	St James Church
<b>Tuesday</b>			
17.00-18.15	Beavers	5-8	Village Hall
18.15-19.30	Cubs	8-10	Village Hall
19.30-21.15	Scouts	10-14	Village Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>			
09.15-11.00	Baby & Toddler Group (term time)	0-4	Village Hall
15.00-19.30	Ballet	3-13	Village Hall
16.45-18.00	Octave children's choir	7+	St James Church
17.00-18.00	Rainbows	5-7	Methodist Hall
18.30-20.00	Guides	10-14	Methodist Hall
19.00-20.30	#hungry (youth group)	11-16	St James Church Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
18.15-19.45	Brownies	5.30-7	School Hall
<b>Friday</b>			
16.00-18.30	Ballet	13-adult	Village H



Contact details  
are in the Village  
Directory - in the  
centre pages of  
the Rowledge  
Review.

## Adults' Events

<b>Monday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
14.00-16.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
19.30-21.00	Bruce Yoga		Village Hall
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>			
09.30-11.30	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Club
10.40-11.40	Pilates		Rowledge Club
14.00-17.00	Quilters (fortnightly)		Methodist Hall
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church Hall
19.30-21.15	Community Choir		Fransham Heights School
19.45-22.00	Womens Institute (3 <sup>rd</sup> T <sup>h</sup> )		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 <sup>st</sup> T <sup>h</sup> )		Homes
<b>Wednesday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30-12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walking		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo Singers (2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridges		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Rowledge Club		Village Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.30	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
<b>Friday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
16.00-18.30	Ballet		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
<b>Sunday</b>			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall



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## How can we serve you better?

Whether you attend St James' Church or not, we believe the church touches the lives of many in Rowledge. Whether you are part of the existing church community, a parent of a child at our Nursery School – Little Fishes, an occasional visitor for significant life events like Baptism, Weddings and Funerals, or someone who visits family graves, attends social events, or just appreciates the beauty and peace of the building and churchyard, we want to understand how we can serve you better.

During Covid-19 the Church has been excited to explore new ways of connecting with and serving our community, which means that many who wouldn't previously have attended a church service, have been able to get involved. This has mostly been via our online content. As we think about what the church, post-Covid19 will look like, we really want to hear from you, no matter what your age, or beliefs, so that we can find out how we can serve you better.

Please would you help us by taking around 5 minutes to complete the following anonymous survey and return it to the collection point at the back of St. James' Church.

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### 1. How old are you?

- |          |                          |       |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 51-60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19-30    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 61-70 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31-40    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 71-80 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 41-50    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 80+   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### 2. Who lives with you?

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| I live on my own                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I live with a partner and/or other family members | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### 3. Do you have children and/or teenagers as part of your household? *(Tick all that apply)*

- |                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Under 11        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12-18           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No one under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### 4. PRIOR to Covid-19, had you ever attended an onsite service at St. James' Church before?

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(If you answered 'No', go to Q10.)</i> |



**5. If you answered 'Yes' to Q4, how would you describe the regularity of your attendance at St. James'?**

- One-off attendance ☐
- Attend significant events (*Easter, Remembrance, Christmas, etc.*) ☐
- Attend roughly once a month ☐
- Attend roughly fortnightly ☐
- Attend most weeks ☐

**6. Think about when you last attended a service at St. James'. What aspects of your attendance did you find most beneficial to you? (Please tick all that apply)**

- Convenience of the service time ☐
- Warmth of welcome ☐
- Quality of music ☐
- Times of silence/stillness ☐
- Inspirational preaching/teaching ☐
- Being prayed for/being able to pray ☐
- Being able to contribute (sharing stories, celebrations, etc.) ☐
- Singing together ☐
- Style of service ☐
- Quality of children's/youth provision ☐
- Beauty/ambience of the building ☐
- Sense of inclusion ☐
- Socialising with people after the service ☐
- Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. When you last attended a service at St. James', what aspects of the service did you find least helpful? (Please tick all that apply)**

- Convenience of the service time ☐
- Warmth of welcome ☐
- Quality of music ☐
- Times of silence/stillness ☐
- Inspirational preaching/teaching ☐
- Being prayed for/being able to pray ☐
- Being able to contribute (sharing stories, celebrations, etc.) ☐
- Singing together ☐
- Style of service ☐
- Quality of children's/youth provision ☐
- Beauty/ambience of the building ☐
- Sense of inclusion ☐
- Socialising with people after the service ☐
- Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_



**8. Based on your previous experience of St. James' Church, would you feel confident to recommend the church to friends and family?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

**9. If you answered 'No' to Q8, what would be your main reason for not feeling you could recommend the church?**

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**10. Have you accessed any of the church's online content over the last twelve months?**

Yes ☐

No ☐ (If you answered no, go to Q12)

**11. If you answered 'Yes' to Q8, what have you viewed? (Please tick all that apply)**

Online Sunday services ☐

Daily Reflections ☐

Wednesday morning prayers via Zoom ☐

Zoo videos (after school club for Key stage 1) ☐

Fusion videos (after school club for Key stage 2) ☐

Zoom #hungry weekly gatherings (youth group) ☐

Sunday Madness videos ☐

Thy Kingdom Come reflections ☐

Thy Kingdom Come Zoom prayer gathering ☐

Zoom village quiz night ☐

Zoom Life Group meetings ☐

Remembrance events ☐

St James' Facebook/Twitter pages ☐

St James' website ☐

**12. If you answered 'No' to Q10, what are the reasons you chose not to access online content? (Please tick all that apply)**

Didn't hear about any online content ☐

Not interested ☐

Limited technological expertise ☐

Spend time online during the week and don't need additional screen time at weekends/evenings ☐

Couldn't engage with issues of faith online/felt disconnected ☐

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_



**13. If you don't attend church regularly, have you, or members of your household taken part in any of the following activities and events:**

- Little Fishes Nursery School (ages 2-4) ☐
- Life Groups (small groups for adult discipleship) ☐
- Evening talks at St. James' ☐
- The Zoo (after school club for Key stage 1) ☐
- Fusion (after school club for Key stage 2) ☐
- #hungry (youth group) ☐
- Receive the Rowledge Review monthly magazine ☐
- Receive visits from Church Pastoral team ('Parish Friends') ☐
- Met the Vicar, Russ Gant ☐
- Met the Youth & Children's Minister, Adele Regan ☐
- Visited the church for your own quiet reflection ☐
- Attend Rowledge Church of England Primary School ☐

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

**14. If you do not currently engage with the church, what would make you more likely to get involved? (Please tick all that apply)**

- More convenient times of services ☐
- If so, what day and time of the week? \_\_\_\_\_
- More online content ☐
- Answer questions more relevant to my life ☐
- Fulfilling practical needs in my life ☐
- Music which is more to my taste ☐
- Better facilities for my children/teens ☐
- More comfortable facilities ☐
- More informal discussions ☐
- A different venue (e.g. school hall, village hall, etc.) ☐
- A course to help me understand issues of faith ☐
- A personal invitation from a friend ☐
- A visit from the Vicar ☐
- A visit from a member of our pastoral team ☐

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you very much indeed for your help. Please return the completed survey to the box at the back of the church.**



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# The first marriage, baptism and burial at St. James' by Neil Pittaway.

In one of my many researches, I happened to look up a 'Warner' marriage at St. James' to discover it was the very first marriage to be undertaken at the church. A widower, Henry Harrison from Hale married Harriett Elizabeth Warner, from Weybourne, who at the time was housekeeper in Rowledge to her widower brother, Richard Warner and his children. Here we see Marriages, Page 1, entry 1.

## Page 1

1871. Marriage solemnized at St. James' Church in the Parish of Rowledge in the County of Southampton.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname	Age	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1	May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1871	Henry Harrison	44	Widower	Gardener	Hale, Surrey	William Harrison	Labourer
		Harriett Elizabeth Warner	32	Spinster	-	Rowledge	Edward Warner	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Arthur W. Parker or after Same by me, Arthur W. Parker.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry Harrison in the presence of us, Richard Warner and Harriett Elizabeth Warner by Arthur W. Parker.

Marriages were few and far between at St. James' in 1871 and this first one came four months after the church's consecration.

This made me wonder what and when the first baptism or burial would have been. This is sadder for both were for William Benjamin Bryant, baptised by the Rev. Arthur Parker on January 29<sup>th</sup> 1871 and buried by him on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Once again, for both records we see page 1, entry 1.

## Page 1

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of St. James' Rowledge in the County of Hants & Surrey in the year One thousand eight hundred and Seventy One.

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1871 Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	William James Benjamin	James Bryant	Rowledge	Labourer	A. W. Parker	

No 1



## Page 1

BURIALS in the Parish of St. James' Rowledge in the  
County of Southampton & Bury in the year One thousand  
eight hundred and Twenty one

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<u>William Benjamin Bryant</u>	<u>Rowledge</u>	<u>March 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>3 months</u>	<u>A. W. Parker off? Min<sup>a</sup></u>
No. 1				

Had he lived, William would have been uncle to Louis Bryant who died in WW1 and whose name is on our Memorial and great uncle to Sydney Bryant who died in WW2 whose name maybe should be on our Memorial.

By May 1871, the date of that first marriage, the Rev. Arthur Parker had buried four of the infants that he had baptised, William Bryant aged 3 months, Selina Knight aged 2 months, Susan King aged less than 1 month and Elizabeth Quennel, aged 5 months.

On page three of the baptisms at St. James', entry number 18 would surely have been a wonderful day for Arthur Parker when he baptised his own daughter. She was Annie Sylvia Parker, ten weeks old who thankfully lived until 1959 when she died in Bromley, Kent.

1871	Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Sylvia	William Parker	Rowledge	Incumbent	A. W. Parker
Born June 11, 1871.			Harriet Emily	Parsonage Rowledge		Incumbent
No. 18						



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## All the fun at the Fayre!

The village turned out en masse on 30<sup>th</sup> August, to enjoy this year's Village Fayre. Thanks to all those who helped make it a great success.

















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## Back to School

It has been a great start of term for the pupils at Rowledge C of E Primary School as they have returned to school with many of the COVID restrictions lifted. This has meant a return to whole school assemblies, playtimes and lunches. These parts of the timetable, once so routine that we may have found it hard to imagine them being 'excitingly new', were welcomed by pupils pleased to be reunited.

The school worked hard to keep the sense of community while the measures meant that we weren't able to be together as a whole. We hosted YouTube collective worship, Zoom singing assemblies and whole school quizzes but nothing compared to the real thing as the classes filed into the hall on the first morning.

Pupils enjoyed the spell of good weather on their return, playing on the school field as well as playground. In the last academic year, a new slide and a large climbing frame and KS1 playhouse were installed and have been much used during whole school playtimes.



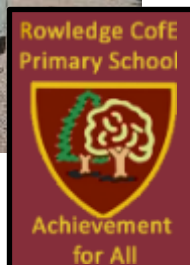
The start of the school year is naturally a time for new beginnings, and the school welcomes some exciting new additions to it's curriculum. One such addition is the fantastic parent-run gardening and wildlife club 'Busy Bees.' Set up by several parents with a keen interest for all things wild, the club will offer the opportunity for all pupils

in the school to experience planting, nurturing and harvesting a range of plants and vegetables as well as raising the profile of wildlife in the local area.

Busy Bees are renovating the school gardening area and seeking donations for plants or equipment. If any of the community would like to offer donations or support please email [rowledgebusybees@gmail.com](mailto:rowledgebusybees@gmail.com)

Finally, another start of the year tradition, is to welcome prospective parents to the school for our Open Morning.

This year, we invite prospective parents to join us for a presentation and tour of the school on Thursday 14th October at 9:30am.





## Missing from our Memorial. by Neil Pittaway

The Bryant name has been in Rowledge since before the Parish of St. James was formed. Last October I related the story of Louis Smith Bryant whose fell in WW1 and whose name is on our Memorial. Had he lived, Louis would have been Sydney Bryant's uncle as he was the older brother of Sydney's father, Arthur. Like Sydney, they were born in Rowledge as was their father, James, Sydney's grandfather. Sydney lived in Rowledge until the age of thirteen and will have attended school here as well as playing in the village band. Another of Sydney's uncles, Harry is named on the St. James porch Memorial to those who served in WW1.

And yet Sergeant Flight Engineer Sydney Herbert Bryant R.A.F.V.R. does not appear on our Memorial, perhaps he should?

### Sydney Herbert Bryant 1924-1944

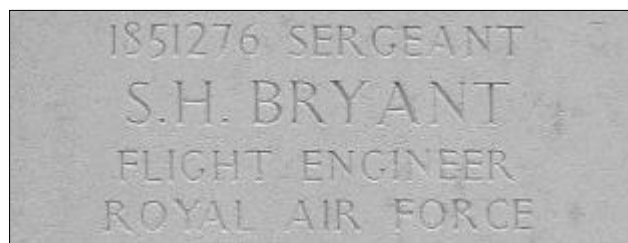
**Sergeant Flight Engineer. 214 Squadron  
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.**

**1851276**

Sydney Herbert Bryant would have been the nephew of Louis Smith Bryant who I bought to you last October as his name is on our Memorial after he fell in WW1.

Sydney was born in Rowledge in early 1924 to Louis Bryant's brother, Arthur William Bryant and his wife, Elsie May Bryant, nee Cole.

Arthur and Elsie were married at St Andrews, Farnham on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915.



1915. Marriage solemnized at <i>The Parish Church</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i>									
of <i>Farnham</i>									
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.	
124	<i>August 2nd 1915</i>	<i>Arthur William Bryant</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>bachelor</i>	<i>Grocer Manager</i>	<i>Rayth Sandwich</i>	<i>James Bryant</i>	<i>Gasfitter</i>	
		<i>Elsie May Cole</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>spinster</i>		<i>West End Farnham</i>	<i>John Cole</i>	<i>Baker</i>	

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* by *Harry Frank Cole* or other *Banns* by no.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Elsie May Cole* in the presence of us, *Edmund B. Morgan*

**Marriage of  
Sydney's parents,  
St Andrews  
Farnham 1915**

Father Arthur, a grocer was born in Rowledge on April 19<sup>th</sup> 1893 . Mother Elsie May Cole was born on September 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 and lived at West End Farnham. Sydney was Arthur and Elsie's youngest child. He had a sister, Dorothy born in 1918 and a brother Arthur born in 1921.

At the time of Sydney's birth in 1924, his parents were living in Yew Cottage, Rowledge and Sydney was baptised at St. James on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1924.

According to Sydney's nephew, John Cripps writing in the Farnham Herald in 2002, Sydney as a lad was involved with his older brother, Arthur in the Rowledge Youth Band. He would have attended Rowledge School, the family then living at 4 Glencoe Villas on the High Street

In 1937 Sydney at the age of thirteen moved with his parents, brother Arthur and sister Dorothy to 12 Downing Street Farnham where his father opened a Grocery



Provisions shop and are shown living there in the 1939 Register. Sydney's father Arthur remained at 12 Downing Street until his death in 1952 although neither he nor his wife, Elsie ever regained their health after the loss of Sydney. Both fell terminally ill on or very near the anniversary of Sydney's death.

When WW2 broke out in 1939, Sydney was just fifteen but as soon as he was old enough, he joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. His service number was 1851276. In November 1943 he qualified as a Sergeant Flight Engineer and from January 1944 was part of an eight-man crew flying B17 bombers with the 214 Squadron. He was learning to fly these aircraft and was classified as a co-pilot.



**A B17 of Sydney's 214 squadron, maybe his?**

**Sergeant Flight Engineer  
Sydney Herbert Bryant**



The photograph below shows Sydney on the left prior to his sergeant status with his brother Arthur (with Pilot Wings) and sister Dorothy. Arthur survived WW2, eventually flying Typhoon fighters with 198 Squadron and died in 2009 seven years after sister Dorothy.

(Photograph from John Cripps, Sydney's nephew.)



*(Photo from Foundation of Uden War Cemetery, Holland)*

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 1944 Sydney's B17 crew were sent on a clandestine sortie and were returning home over Holland when they were shot down near Nijmegen at 01.15 am on June 22<sup>nd</sup> by a German Night Fighter.

The photograph above taken secretly by a Dutch Civilian shows German Military personnel working at the plane's wreckage.



Five of the crew perished including Sydney Herbert Bryant. He was just twenty years old.

Sydney was initially buried on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1944 near Nijmegen, Netherlands with the other four members of his crew who perished. Their Guard of Honour, who gave a rifle volley salute was made up of Luftwaffe personnel who also laid flowers on the graves. A wonderful gesture of respect for the loss of fellow airmen especially coming three weeks after the D Day invasion.

After the war the five men were finally laid to rest at the Uden War Cemetery Noord-Brabant.

Sydney Herbert Bryant has a Memorial Headstone at Uden which is engraved at his family's request:

*'THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,  
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD'  
WE SHALL REMEMBER YOU*



**Uden War Cemetery at Noord-Brabant**



**Memorial headstone for Sydney Herbert Bryant at the Uden War Cemetery in the Netherlands.**

One of the crew survivors, Air Gunner Sergeant Sparks, visited Sydney's parents at 12 Downing Street and this is recalled in a Farnham Herald 'Peeps into the Past' for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2002 as related by Sydney's nephew, John Cripps. It was titled '*Ghostly goings-on in Downing Street*'. It is too long to reproduce here in full and this is an edited version of the somewhat mysterious events that followed the loss of Sydney.

*No doubt, like thousands of other bereaved families, the Bryants through various visits and correspondence set about finding out what had happened to their son and by the beginning of 1949 seem to have obtained all the answers, but then the year began to open old wounds.*

*Over a period of several months three reminders of their son's loss arrived. The first, a package containing posthumously awarded medals was followed by his flying log book which was believed to have been destroyed. Then, out of the blue one of the four surviving aircrew arrived on a visit. Air Gunner Sgt. Tom Sparks, who had been ordered to bail out, had been captured and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner.*



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*As one of the last to see their son alive, the Bryants insisted on him staying overnight and they put him in the guest room which contained family photographs, a piano and other furniture. Following an evening meal and listening to Sgt. Sparks' memories of the*

*night of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1944, the Bryants retired to bed only to be awakened three hours later by the sound of crashing. They found Sgt. Sparks standing in his doorway somewhat shaken. He told his hosts that someone woke him just before all the photographs on the wall fell off and those on the piano had jumped off.*

*Surprisingly none of the photographs were damaged and after some conjecture as to what had happened all returned to bed. The rest of the night was quiet and at breakfast it was decided that traffic in Downing Street had shaken the photographs loose, although no one recalled hearing any.*

*The incident was forgotten until a few weeks later when the family retold the story to a friend it was realised that the photos had fallen at 01.15 am, the time that Sydney's aircraft crashed. It was also noticed by others that the guest room sometimes felt strangely cold. Sgt. Sparks made one more visit but declined to stay in the same room overnight.*

*Whatever the explanation behind the events of that June 1949 night in relation to the night of June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1944, it is not so easy to dismiss as coincidental the dates on which the Bryants died.*

*After the shock and pain of losing his son, Mr Bryant was never a well man again and he fell seriously ill on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1952, dying six days later. Mrs Bryant who lived on for many years was taken ill in the middle of June 1977 and died on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1977, like her husband before her she never recovered from her son's death on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1944.*

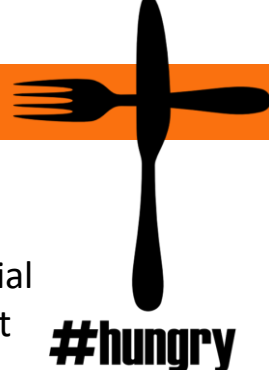
*Sydney Herbert Bryant was certainly 'One of the Fallen of Rowledge' as well as Farnham.*



He is remembered on the Farnham War Memorial in Gostrey Meadow and also, as seen here, on his parent's grave at the Green Lane cemetery. As a true son of Rowledge maybe he should have his name on our Memorial?



## #hungry return! – by Adele Regan



It has been a difficult couple of years for all of us but especially for our young people. They had been ready to take the leap of increased independence only to be forced to stay indoors missing out on essential teenage milestones. The youth group as we knew it came to an abrupt stop and mental health seemed to decrease amongst so many.



My heart leapt with joy however, as this week the church was flooded once again with the sound of young people piling through the doors to raid our food supplies, play games and to learn more about faith and love through the eyes of Jesus.

We spent time looking at a very famous passage in the Bible (**1 Corinthians 13 : 4-8a**) that says, “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not boast, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong. Love never ends.”

As humans, we will never be able to reach this level of perfection where we trust unconditionally, are never jealous and always has hope, but this is the love that God has for us and we can do our best to treat ourselves and others with this love.

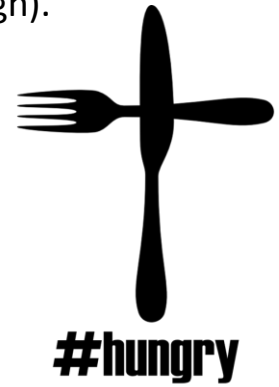
With that in mind, #hungry came up with commitments that the leaders and young people are making to one another during our Wednesday night sessions. We hope that you will also use these commitments in your own lives whether it's face-to-face interactions or on social media.



## #hungry Commitments

#hungry leaders and young people will:

- Show respect to people and not discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, wealth, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, different ways of learning, or sexuality.**
- Be kind (you never know what someone is going through).
- Stand up for injustice.
- Listen well.
- Be patient.
- Be forgiving and be forgiven.
- Keep #hungry a safe space.
- Snack.
- Use Jesus as an example of how to live our lives.
- Encourage each other in the highs, support each other in the lows and pray for each other always.



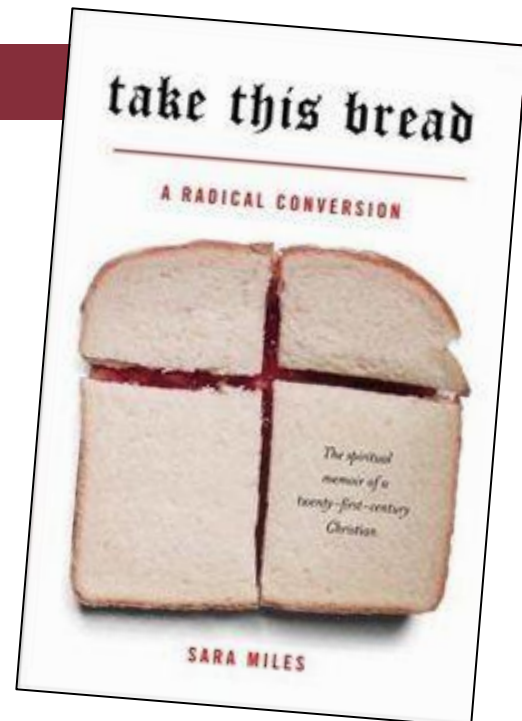
## Book Review from Clare Chardin

### Take this Bread by Sara Miles

I've spoken previously of the importance of the Eucharist – Holy Communion - in my own life, but never as powerfully as this author.

I was, temporarily, less active after surgery on my foot earlier this summer (though not relieved of household duties!) and came to this dense book finding it a real page-turner.

It's an account of her life in faith. Her grandparents had been missionaries, but she was raised in a family which disregarded it. The author discovered faith, not in Sunday School, Youth Camp, College or even in her daring early life as a war-journalist, but one day, in 'mid-life', walking into a church in San Francisco (St Gregory's) and taking the bread into her hand, and Jesus into her soul, in Communion.





Nothing in her life, as a researcher, war journalist, restaurateur, organiser and activist in Nicaragua, El Salvador, the Philippines and South Africa had prepared her for the change that this brought about in her life, even the birth of her daughter. She had come into contact with and sought guidance from the church leaders and other faithful who

underpinned the revolutionary movements where she had been working. She had observed the influence the peoples' faith had in their belief in freedom – but she had not been 'touched' by Jesus to follow and serve Him.

Sara found her way, her truth and her light in that community. Her work 'to pay the bills' as a writer, left her restless for more. Walking her daughter to school with her (now female) partner they encountered the City's poor, hungry, disenfranchised, criminal, drug dealers and dependent. They needed to be fed, just as those five thousand, who had listened to Jesus' teaching that day. Jesus told his disciples 'You feed them'.

Sometime later a leaflet dropped into her door about a 'church pantry' (foodbank) operating in the city. Sara decided to feed them. Her social circle of liberal professionals was at best bemused, or at worse hostile, as was her church.

St Gregory's was a traditional Episcopal (Anglican) community with a complex hierarchy of clergy, volunteer 'deacons', committees and congregation, many of whom attended for its musical tradition. It had a beautiful, newly restored building with a central communion table. Eventually opposition evaporated and a weekly pantry opened to all the hungry, or who had lost their way in life.

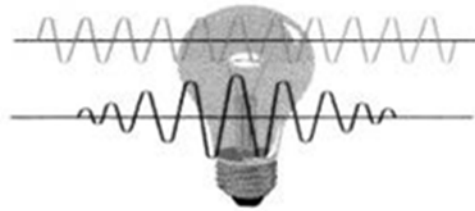
Every step, every expansion was a challenge. Fundraising was key: food was purchased from a central supply, not donated. This ensured consistency of provision. Volunteers emerged from those who came for food: many of those with a previous life of abuse or crime found a purpose in life. The work was underpinned by prayer.

Sara then linked with other socially conscious agencies to form a network of pantries across the city. Her work took its toll on her family life: her daughter and her wife. Key to her mission were two things: a deeply held belief that Jesus would want us to eat with strangers, not just those 'like us', that anyone, regardless of their knowledge of (or lack) of the doctrines or ritual of the established church(es) should share in the giving and receiving of Communion, that which 'fed' her in her endeavours.

Interviewed at the end of the book her final words when asked what she hoped readers would take away from her story are: 'I hope that readers, whether or not they are religious will be able to take away Jesus' message: *Don't be afraid*. That they will find ways to act; to feed others, to accept being fed by others, that they will be open to people very different from themselves.

I do agree, but nowhere in her account, driven as she was, does she give us an insight into her motivation outside the corporate, her personal relationship with God. Could it be that those of us who 'do' should sometimes stop and 'be'?





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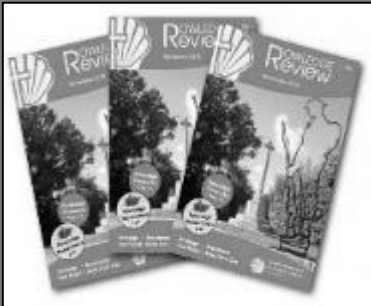
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The mission and ministry of the church continues to be focused around being a community where people and relationships are transformed by the love of God.

## The impact of Covid-19

The church has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. Many are not aware that all income at St. James' comes from local people like you. It comes through regular contributions via our Parish Giving Scheme or through collections taken during services. Of course this second stream of income has completely dried up.





Despite the reduction in regular income, many of our commitments to ministry in the village and beyond, remain. These include:

- Provision of support for children and young people (particularly in the area of mental health and wellbeing) through the employment of a Youth and Children’s Minister.
- Investing in the improvement of the church building and churchyard as resources for the whole community.
- Ongoing pastoral care for those in our village who are vulnerable and most in need.

St. James’ Church receives no external funding whatsoever. So we are asking:

## Will you partner with us?

### The 150 Appeal

To secure the future viability of the church as a resource for the whole community, we need your help. We need local people to commit to supporting the 150 Appeal for several years. We are seeking to attract as many new givers as possible who are willing to contribute from as little as £5 per week towards the future care of the building and churchyard as well as the development of our ministry to people of all ages in and beyond the village.

This additional funding will allow all those who consider St. James’ Church to be a valuable community asset, (whether regular church-goers or not) to make a positive and lasting impact both for the existing community of Rowledge and for future generations.

### Protect the Church for the price of a pint!

For the price of a pint a week, you can make a huge difference to the future viability of the church as an irreplaceable community asset linking us with our past, the present and our future hope. At St. James’ we believe the ministry of the local church is for all people - those of all faiths and none.

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We would love to hear from you if you feel you can help in any way to secure the future of St. James' Church. The easiest way for you to set up a regular financial contribution to the work of your parish church is by using the Parish Giving Scheme.

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# Fun time



@henryparker

What did one leaf say to another?...  
I'm falling for you.

A priest, a rabbi, and a monk walk into a bar... The barman stops them and says, "No no no, what is this, some kind of joke?"

What is the longest word in the English Dictionary?...  
'Smiles', because there is a mile between the first letter and the last.

What day do eggs hate most?...  
Fry-day!

What do you call a fake noodle?...  
An impasta.

Who lives in the scary Hundred Acre Wood?...  
Winnie the Boo!

The teacher was telling the story of Christopher Columbus and how many thought that the world was flat. Then she had mentioned that the world was really round and... got interrupted... "Miss Smith, the world is square, not round," said Johnny. "No, it's round Johnny. Who told you it was square?" replied the teacher. "My older brother. He claims he's been to all 4 corners of the earth."

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**Sudoku** Each puzzle has a solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 9 space shape.





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