



ST JAMES' CHURCH

The monthly magazine

NETWORK



Be the reason for a smile

July & August 2019

connecting – changing – transforming



Welcome Ian & Kate



I have just got back from an ordination service in the cathedral where over 500 people gathered to celebrate 8 people who have now turned their collar round and become Reverends. If you missed it, you not only missed a great celebration you missed the Rector dressed up in his robes!! Among the eight being ordained was Ian who is coming to serve as a Curate at St James. He and his wife Kate have spent the last 2 years in Durham where Ian has been training and Kate has been taking the daily commute to Berwick where she is an assistant head teacher in a middle school.

I am delighted that Ian is going to spend the next 3 years with us. A Curacy is the clerical equivalent of an apprenticeship and Ian will be experiencing all the tasks, ministries, joys and sorrows of walking with people of faith. In September Kate will be starting a new role as Deputy Head of a primary school near Bradford.

Please pray for them as they settle in to a new place and a new role.

The theme for this month's network is joy and it is not only a joy to welcome them to our fellowship, it was a joy to celebrate the calling of new people into leadership. It is a joy to realise that God is still building His church and it is a joy to know that God is always faithful to all of us who He is calling.

UNPACKING 21ST CENTURY
DISCIPLESHIP WITH 18-30s

discipleship challenge

A brand new workshop from Freedom In Christ
that will transform the challenges you
face discipling the millennial generation
into opportunities for fruitful, authentic
discipleship.

27 April **MILTON KEYNES**
Holy Trinity Church MK19 6JP

15 June **TADWORTH**
Merland Rise Church KT20 5JQ

13 July **WATERLOOVILLE**
Church of the Good Shepherd PO7 5QB

21 September **CLITHEROE**
StJames Church BB7 1HH

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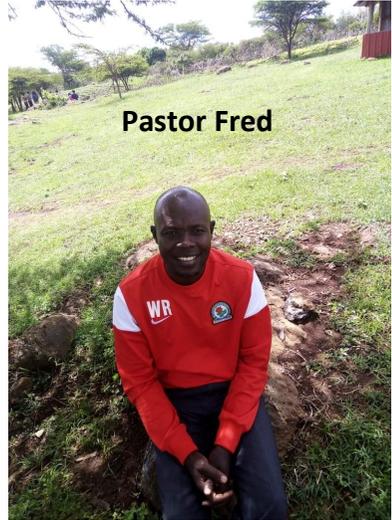


King's Highway Church

A place of Equipping and Connection



There are exciting opportunities this month to strengthen our twinning partnership with King's Highway Church in Eldoret as we welcome Pastor Fred Weswa and Gilbert Abucheri to St James'. Whatever the UK weather brings we'll be giving a very warm welcome to Fred as he returns to us following his first visit here in 2017, and to Gilbert on his first visit to Clitheroe.



Pastor Fred

We know their time with us will provide many opportunities for learning together. Despite



Gilbert

our very different contexts, both our churches are committed to bringing the kingdom of God to our communities. And so as well as sharing in the varying ministries at St James' church, Fred and Gilbert will be visiting a number of schools, having conversations with those involved in Foodbank, CAP, the Grand, Love Clitheroe, and Gateway Counseling. We'll be learning from them as they share about some of the outreach initiatives that King's Highway church are undertaking. In particular at the 1030 service on Sunday 7th July we will be able to find out more about the King's Highway Seed Opportunities Fund that we are

helping to support. Fred and Gilbert will also spend time with members of St James' sharing experiences of growing and sustaining leaders, particularly among young adults and millennials. Small groups are important in both our churches so Fred & Gilbert will be visiting some of our groups to see how they are developing and share something of how small groups are growing at King's Highway church. It's a privilege to learn together.

Fred and Gilbert will also have some time to enjoy visiting different parts of our region, including a trip to the beach complete with fish and chips, an evening on a canal boat and time to explore the Ribble Valley.

Please take advantage of the opportunities to meet and talk with Fred and Gilbert, and hear what God is saying through them. In particular -

Sunday 30th June at both our morning services and then at the church family BBQ and fun afternoon immediately after the 1030 service.

Wednesday 3rd July at our midweek Communion service 1030 (this month hosted by St James School) and at Deeper (1930 in church).

Sunday 7th July at both our morning services.

Joyful Giving

I wonder if any of you are familiar with the Cheerfully Given website? If you like giving gifts, and particularly if you have lots of women to give to, you may like it too: it's a website which sells lots of handcrafted, independently produced Christian artwork, jewellery, journaling materials and stationery. It's great for gifts, but especially because a lot of the sellers are independent, often creating their products in the evenings or at weekends, often while juggling other jobs, ministries and children.

The name of the site is taken from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, but I've recently read it in The Passion Translation, which gives a fresh interpretation:

Here's my point. A stingy sower will reap a meagre harvest, but the one who sows from a generous spirit will reap an abundant harvest. Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

At the beginning of the year, we knew we were facing a budget deficit. A deficit of £34,000 to be precise. Our income was around £13,000 a month in regular giving; we needed to reach closer to £16,000 to avoid a deficit. Every time I thought about the budget and what felt like a huge task, I was not feeling particularly joyful!

However, we have a faithful God. Over the last few months, we have seen giving increase gradually. We've seen people start to give regularly. We have tried to be really clear and transparent about how we spend the money: we've looked at our Attitude, Administration and Accountability, (the 'AAA rating'). We've tried to make it easy to give, and we've encouraged our members to give regularly. I think there has been honesty and duty there, but also a sense of joy.

As you know, we've made some cut backs. We've had to put some projects on hold, and we've spent a lot of time challenging how much we pay for things. We've applied for grants. But the single most encouraging factor has been that gradual, steady increase in the regular giving. To see that joyful giving growing, and realising that we may not be in a budget deficit this year is wonderful.

I've seen this joy reflected in the letters I've received, acknowledging our mission tithe. In May, we gave away £23,000. We've received thank you letters from every single project, explaining the impact that this gift will have. Whether that is allowing Bibles to be distributed in rural China, or allowing Mel and Mandy to develop their work in Mozambique, we pray that this will 'reap an abundant harvest.'

I love the idea of 'hilarious generosity.' Generosity which goes beyond duty; generosity which creates real joy. We don't want a meagre harvest; we want an abundant one! We want to do things well and completely – no half-measures. Let's sow from a generous spirit.

You might like to do this by giving a one-off, additional gift, or by increasing your giving. You can do this through a Giving Pack from church, or through a bank transfer or standing order:

Bank Details:

Name: St James PCC

Sort Code: 050378

Account number: 39144130

The income will allow us to continue as we are, without having to break into the reserve funds. However, we know that God wants more for this church, and for this community. If we want to employ a full-time youth worker, if we want to invest in our ministries and our building well, we will need to continue to increase our giving. Let's do it joyfully, with an expectation of an abundant harvest.

Naomi Lynas

Operations Manager



NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING,
DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR
INVITATIONAL HYMN



Shout for Joy



What is joy? I like John Piper's definition,

'Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world.'

I guess it's that moment my heart leaps with what God has done, when I see before me or experience his blessing and grace. So what has caused my heart to leap for joy? Let me share a few things.

A Cornish holiday...time to wallow in God's love for me revealed in his creation. Endless sky, sea and horizons.

Watching a sunset, marvelling at God's awesome handiwork.

The blessing of the brilliant Rockin team doing an amazing job without me.

The blessing of people taking on new and extra roles so that I could go away on holiday.

Seeing a team coming together and work-

Children

ing together for God's glory.

*Meeting up recently with the Kingdom Kids and Tid-
dler leaders and seeing what an amazing team they
are.*

God working in people.

*Time to pause and rest, to appreciate being in God's
presence.*

Worship

*My church family...their love of God and how this
causes them to reflect him.*

*Working alongside the Little Fishes team, being team
and watching God using people to love and bless
others.*

*Encouraging words from a grandparent at Little
Fishes.*

*A parent telling me how her children were so excited
about Mega Mondays happening again, because it
was the best thing that happened last summer!*

Plans to bless Rockin with summer trips.

The amazing Rockin kids.

*Walking into St. James' playground to be greeted by
kids who have missed me and want to chat to me.
Just being there.*

Friendly chats and faith filled conversations

*The excited anticipation from children at the
thought of Rockin, Bible Diggers and Superhe-
roes, jumping up and down demanding to know
what we are going to be doing, or just stating that
they're coming.*

Listening as children pray.

Listening to children talk about God and how important he is to them.

Hearing a child's testimony of how God has helped them in a difficult situation.

God lifting me out of trouble...coming to my rescue, answering my prayers.

The words, 'Hello Helen!' said by a child with a wave and a smile.

As we approach the summer holidays, recollecting the past year and all the blessings, but mostly just how God has been with me, how God has strengthened and inspired me.

Every time a child teaches me something about God. The privilege of doing my job, that God chose me for this, that I get to be a kingdom bearer and love bearer.

That I am a child of God.

LORD, you have made me happy by what you have done; I will sing for joy about what your hands have done.

Psalms 92:4

MEGA MONDAYS

Summer Holiday Themed Fun for Families

TODDLER ZONE INFLATABLES FACE PAINTING
PHOTO BOOTH ACTIVE ZONE
TREASURE HUNT QUIET ZONE CRAFT

and a FREE lunch!

10.30 - 12.30

St James' Church

Monday 29th July Monday 5th July

Monday 12th August Monday 19th August

Come along, have fun, make friends and enjoy the summer!



Yoof!

We have an incredible summer of activities on offer for our young people this year...some might say the youth worker is wanting to leave with a bang!!!

We have inflatable assault courses to navigate...indoors as well as on water (think Total Wipeout), Blackpool Pleasure Beach (an annual favourite), hanging out at the Pellets, Soul Survivor camp (another 2019 Summer last), and hopefully lots of getting together in between too.

Details have been emailed to all young people (age 11-18) and parents, but if you are reading this and haven't received the programme, please get in touch with me (jo@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk) and I'll make sure you get all the information you need. Parents please note that bookings for ALL activity trips need to be returned to me by **Tuesday 9th July** at the latest!

As I approach the end of my time employed as youth worker here I'm reflecting on the utter privilege it has been, particularly to have known a lot of our young people since they were babies!!! That lifetime investment in our children is special and involves the whole church family. Throughout my time I have benefitted from the ground work of others...wonderful parents, the church family, St James school (I will be in the middle of teaching and the group will be triggered by the words of a song they would sing at primary school... and then I've lost them to a trip down memory lane in the form of Christian children's songs for the next half an hour!), and many who have invested in young people well before me, and will continue to do so. We all leave a little of ourselves with people we care for... hopefully the good bits! I had a conversation with a young person (now mid 20s) the other day who was recalling the lasting teaching of mine that had significantly shaped her, and her perception of God...I

said...wait for it..."God cares about who you fancy"! You never know what will be remembered from what you say, but *you* will be remembered. I have heard stories of youth work from well before my time... leaders who have invested in individuals over the years, shaping, caring for and discipling them in significant ways, who now want to do the same for others, and pass on what they have received.

This fills me with joy, peace and confidence that God goes before us. Mark has always instilled in me that our ministries are bigger than us; God in his grace chooses to use us, even in all our weaknesses, but ultimately it...and we...all belong to Him, and so I can say with assurance that the future, trusting in and following God's way, won't just be fine...it will be great! Let's continue investing in, loving and being family for one another...doing what we do best. Love you all always.

Jo out...(Mic Drop)

Dive In—Answered Prayer

About three years ago I was in a very uncertain place in terms of employment and career.

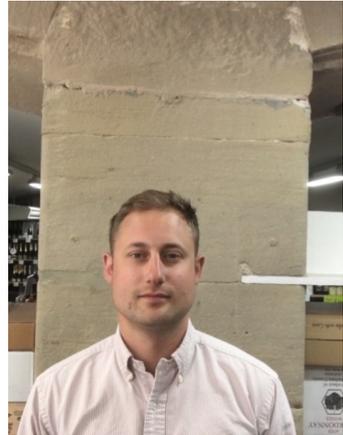
Eventually I started working for Majestic wine which is a job I love, which is a huge answer to prayer for me at that time.

After three years of working at Majestic there is again a lot of uncertainty around the future of the company and jobs.

There has almost been no worry or fear in me during this period, but a sense of peace and calm.

So looking forward to going into the next bit of life, knowing that our circumstances that change never get in the way of The God who leads, loves, forgives and never changes.

Matt Wood





All Children Can Succeed

Clitheroe St James' C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs F M Pattison BEd(Hons) NPQH

END OF SCHOOL YEAR SERVICE

Our End of School Year and Leavers' Service will be held at St James Church on Thursday 18th July 2019 at 2.00pm. All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend. A short farewell ceremony will follow the whole school service for Year 6 pupils, parents/carers and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bonkers Bingo Night on Friday 7th June. We raised a terrific £300 which will be used to buy extra resources for school. Thank you also to the Friends' Committee for organising the event.



SUMMER FAIR

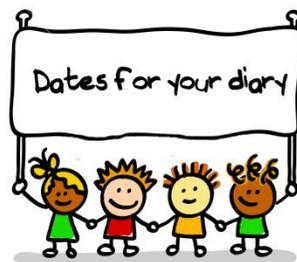
The Friends' Committee are holding a Summer Fair on Friday 5th July 2019 at 3.30pm. There will be plenty of stalls and games. Donations for stalls would be gratefully received. Items for the toy/book stall can be brought into school from Monday 1st July 2019. Cakes for



the cake stall should be brought in on the day. In-stead of our usual Jarbola stall, each child will be bringing home a paper cup to decorate and fill with prizes. The prizes could be sweets, small toys, hair accessories, crayons etc. Volunteers to help at the event are also required; the Committee will be setting up from 1.30pm.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 Jul	Yr6 at Blackburn Cathedral
3 Jul	Swimming Gala
5 Jul	Visit from Eldoret and Summer Fair
8 Jul	Rowan—Apprentice Sale
10 Jul	UKS2 Performance - PM/ Eve
11 Jul	UKS2 Performance—Eve
15 Jul	Yr6 Trip
16 Jul	Rowan Apprentice Awards
17 Jul	Moving Up Morning!
18 Jul	Leavers Service—2pm
22 - 23 Jul	INSET
24 Jul	Summer Holidays
2 - 3 Sept	INSET
4 Sept	School Opens
18 Oct	INSET
21-25 Oct	Half-term
20 Dec	INSET
23 Dec- 3 Jan	Christmas
2 - 3 Sept	INSET



Register

Funeral: Sheila Atkinson

ST JAMES' CHURCH NETWORK

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JULY DIARY

For all **August** events at St James, please look out for these on the weekly mail and notices throughout the month. Thanks.

Fearless

COMMUNITY

A day for women
to gather for
Worship, Teaching and Encouragement

Saturday 28th September
Turret House, Clitheroe
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Tickets: £25 (Includes 2 course hot lunch)
Guest Speaker: Debra Green (Redeeming Our Communities)

Find out more and buy tickets at
stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/fearless

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The next issue of NETWORK will be available at the end of **August**.

If there are items you want included please let us have them by **23rd August** at the very latest.

Items are best submitted by e-mail direct to nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk as Word attachments (.doc), or as plain text (.txt) files.

They may also be submitted on pen drive or hand-written and given in at the office Please don't spend ages formatting your articles we always have to change everything to make it fit!

THANK YOU



House groups are held on various days and at various times each week (mornings, afternoons and evenings). Please speak to Ali Groves for further details.

Cell Groups for 11-18's meet at various times on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Please speak to Jo Pellet if you would like more information or would like to join a group. You can call Jo at the Church Office on 01200 423608.

Prayers in Church (in the Garden Room) take place on the following days and times each week (unless otherwise stated in the diary): Tuesday 8.00 am, Wednesday 9.30, Sunday 9.45 am.



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