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A warm welcome to St. James' today. If this is your first visit please make yourself known to one of our welcome or ministry team members. We would love to talk to you afterwards.

If you are new to St. James' please complete a welcome card if you would like us to have your details. Forms for 'Electoral Roll' membership of St. James' Church are also available.



Drinks and toilets are available at the back of church.



Hearing loop & large print books available.



No collection is taken during worship, but we welcome your offering in the plate at the back of church. Gift aid envelopes are available.



Junior Church will meet, and crèche will be available at the back of Church during the I am service.

## Worship at St. James' today

**09.00** **Holy Communion**  
Leader Caroline McKeown  
Speaker Revd. John Samways

**11.00** **Informal Worship**  
Leader Revd. Keith Brindle  
Speaker Revd. John Samways

**Readings** Romans 12:1-3 (p1075)  
Mark 12:28-end (p962)

## Please pray for:

Rt. Revd. Anthony Poggio; Bishop Emmanuel Murye and the people of Kajo Keji; The work of Tearfund and the Bible Society which we support;  
**Churches Together in Devizes:** The Rock Community Church; The work of Devizes Opendoor, Devizes Foodbank, Police Chaplaincy, Alabaré and those supporting Syrian Refugees.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request to share with those in the church family who would love to pray for you, please contact Kate Morris: [kateemorris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kateemorris@hotmail.co.uk) or 07834 812975 (7.45am-5.30pm) or 01380 840787. If you would like to receive prayer emails from Kate, so that you can pray for others, please get in touch with her.

# THIS WEEK

## All activities in church unless otherwise stated

<b>Mon 19 Jun</b>	09.30	Start the Week Group
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
<b>Tue 20 Jun</b>	08.15	Morning Prayer
	18.00	Tuesday at Two
<b>Wed 21 Jun</b>	08.15	10:10
	10.00	Morning Prayer
	19.15	Holy Communion
<b>Thu 22 Jun</b>	08.15	Worship Group Practice
<b>Fri 23 Jun</b>	08.15	Morning Prayer
	09.45	Devizes School Staff visit Deanery Synod
	16.30	LYFE <i>at Costa</i>
	18.30	Toddler Group
	18.30	<i>In Parish Centre</i> Choir Practice
	19.00	Rollercoasters and Impact <i>at SSJA</i>
	<b>Sun 25 Jun</b>	09.00
	11.00	Informal Worship
	16.00	Tower Tours - Twinning Weekend
	17.00	Worship Leaders' Course
	19.00	20:20 <i>in Estcourt Room</i>

## Praise in the Park in Hillworth Park 2 - 4pm Sunday 18 June

Join The Churches Together Band for a fun afternoon of praise, jazz & pop music in the park. Bring family & friends & maybe a picnic to nibble while listening or singing along to a variety of music. (If wet, this will be St Andrew's Church.)

**Ethiopia Trip** – Sheila & Lawrie Smithson and Clare & Peter Kent are visiting the Stand By Me Bethany School & Children's Village in Bekoji, Ethiopia at the end of July, & are each taking 46kg of donated items. If you would like to help them fill the suitcases please bring your donations to church (box at the back). Suggested items include children's books – bible stories, prayer book, fiction, factual – new or second-hand, new children's & teens underwear, stationery & craft items, outdoor play equipment, sweets. You can also support the charity financially by pledging to sponsor a child or project (leaflets available at the back of church) or by donating money towards the rain harvesting equipment by cheque made out to 'Stand By Me' (Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of church) or directly via the website [www.standby.me/appeals/ethiopia-trip-2017](http://www.standby.me/appeals/ethiopia-trip-2017). Keith & the PCC have kindly offering to match any financial donations (up to a maximum of £1000) from the Outward Giving fund. Many thanks.

## Our South Sudanese Family

The situation in South Sudan has become so severe that there are now more than 3.5 million people displaced from their homes with 1.8 million people in refugee camps in the neighbouring countries. In addition to this shocking news 62% of the refugees are children making the refugee crisis in South Sudan one of the worst in the world. Moreover the situation has been compounded by famine due to the fact that communities cannot engage in the production of food due to the disruption.

Recently we read a report from the Diocese of Kajo-Keji which requested help to purchase food and to continue to support education for their young people. After prayerful reflection St James has decided to provide some financial support to the Sunday School leader, Francis Candiga, so that he can run some education programmes for up to 40 young people. This will be seen as a real blessing by them especially at this very difficult time. Many people from St James also continue to be incredibly generous in supporting the work of CRESS in providing the desperately needed funds to help out with the wider refugee crisis. St James has a big heart for God's people in need.

When Jesus said 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' I think he was talking about this kind of love. Thank you very much for your compassion, generosity and ongoing prayer.

**10:10, the St James' Church Youth Group**, have decided to help the homeless in our local area by handing out 'homeless packages', in collaboration with Open Door. In order to do this, they need to raise some money. The fundraiser will be a '**Tech Know-how Evening**', where they will assist the technically challenged with learning to use their digital devices, such as phones, tablets and computers. This will be from **6.30 - 8.00pm on Tuesday 27 June**. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. There will be no fixed fees, but all donations will be gratefully received.

There is a new **Noise project** in the **afternoon of Sat 1 July** (& maybe Sun 2 July) - clearing up after hedge-cutting. If you can help, please let Jenny know. [thenoisedevizes@outlook.com](mailto:thenoisedevizes@outlook.com)  
NB. This project is not suitable for under 13s.

**In Brief:** \*15/16 July Camp booking forms are still at the back of Church \*Please keep **CTD Holiday Club** prep in your prayers. \*2<sup>nd</sup> July is this year's **Chadwicks' Garden Party**.