

## HIGHLIGHTS at St James

### IN PROMISELAND TODAY...

MISSION UNSTOPPABLE: Listening to God, Matthew 6:5-15

Bible verse: Call to me and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33:3

**Know what?** Children will learn that God responds to us through the Bible and through His people. They'll also hear that he answers our prayers by saying yes, no or wait.

**So what?** Children will learn God desires our friendship and wants us to listen to him.

**Now what?** Children will do an activity where they'll see how God says yes, no and wait to people in the Bible. They'll discuss their thoughts on how and why God answers our prayers.

### 2 WEEKS TO GO.....

For your early bird discount for the St James Church Weekend Away, 29-31 October 2010  
Early bird discount of 20% for bookings received before Easter.

Please put completed forms in the perspex box at the back of church. For more details contact [jean.airey@st-james.org.uk](mailto:jean.airey@st-james.org.uk)

### IN EMERGENCY BREAK GLASS

Come and join us at Focus on Thursday 25 March at 9.25am to listen to Paul Hobbs talk about his paintings, sculpture, contemporary issues and the Christian faith. Do bring your friends For more information about Paul see [www.arthobbs.com](http://www.arthobbs.com)

### Spotlight on... Muswell Hill Churches Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen in Muswell Hill started in February 1994 in response to several people asking for food following the evening services at Muswell Hill Baptist Church. Based at the Baptist Church, volunteers come from different local churches. The soup kitchen is open five nights a week, Sunday through Thursday. Doors open 7.45pm-8.45pm. A two course meal is served to between 30-40 people each night, a total of 8,000 meals a year. Not all of the clients are homeless but they all have needs that cause them to come for the shared meal together. Their age range is from teenagers to pensioners. The clients are offered friendship and volunteers seek to share their faith with them through this hospitality.

St James has a faithful team that run the soup kitchen on Monday nights but they need more people to help! The commitment is usually one Monday evening per month, and involves a mixture of working behind the scenes in the kitchen and befriending and chatting to the clients. If you feel that this is something that you feel you could help with and would like to find out more please contact Rachel Elliott [rachel.elliott@st-james.org.uk](mailto:rachel.elliott@st-james.org.uk)

### Passion for Life

#### An evening with Philip Jensen 26 March at St James at 7.30pm

Invite your friends and come and hear Philip Jensen the dean of Sydney cathedral our guest speaker. If you are able to help during this evening (eg with stewarding, serving drinks or washing up afterwards) please contact [catherine.ellerby@st-james.org.uk](mailto:catherine.ellerby@st-james.org.uk)

There will be drinks and jazz music.

### St James Church Family Fun Day Saturday 27 March 2.00 -5.00pm

The church will be open to welcome everyone for a fun time. There will be two bouncy castles, face painting, Scalextric and a magician. Also free tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits. Please come and bring your friends.



#### Can you help?

If you can help on the day please sign up on the forms at the back of the church or email Jean Airey at [jean.airey@st-james.org.uk](mailto:jean.airey@st-james.org.uk).



# St James Muswell Hill

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### Today at St James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Celebrant: Penelope Swithinbank

9.30am & 11.15am

Morning Worship

Theme: The Life of the Body

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Speaker: Kim Swithinbank

6.00pm

Confirmation

Passage: Philippians 3:4-14

Passage: John 12:1-8

Speaker: Bishop of Edmonton

### Confirmation Service, 6pm

We welcome Bishop Peter to St James as he leads the Confirmation Service this evening. Please do come along to support those who are being confirmed.

## MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

### March is Membership Month at St James

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had accurate data! One of our major projects this month is to update the church's database so that we can communicate with you more effectively. So whether you've been coming for years or only just arrived, but consider St James to be your church, please complete a Membership Form and put it in the box on the Membership Month table at the back of church. Online forms are available on the church website, [www.st-james.org.uk](http://www.st-james.org.uk)

### APCM - Catch up with the Vision, 22 March 8.00pm

This is an exciting and important meeting in the church's calendar, when we look back and give thanks for what the Lord has done among us in the last year and look forward to the upcoming year. In particular we will be looking at last years Vision document and talking about priorities for the year ahead. If you want to know what's important at St James you need to come to this meeting!

We also have the chance to review how we have spent the money you have so generously given and to elect your representatives for the Church Council (PCC). There are 6 vacancies (five for three years and one for two years) and a one year Deanery Synod vacancy.

## UNDER 18s at St James

**Promiseland:** If your child is under the age of 11 then please take them through the glass doors before the start of the 9.30am or 11.15am services, for crèche, Scramblers or Promiseland. Registration is from 9.15am and 11.00am. For details of the children's work please contact Ellen Hunter Smart at [ellen.huntersmart@st-james.org.uk](mailto:ellen.huntersmart@st-james.org.uk)

**Engage:** 11-14s meet at 11.00am at the Birchwood Centre.

**Root:** 14-18s meet in the Church Centre at 7.45pm after the 6.00pm service If you would like more details about any of the youth work at St James please contact Amy Powis, our Youth Associate, at [amy.powis@st-james.org.uk](mailto:amy.powis@st-james.org.uk).

... this week

Monday	10.00am	Little Fishes
	8.00pm	APCM
	8.00pm	Internationals
Tuesday	9.15am	Pilates
	7.30pm	Alpha
	7.30pm	Marriage Course
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	2.30pm	Teatime
	4.30pm	Playball
	7.30pm	Explore Pastoral Care (in centre)
Thursday	6.30am	Central Prayer
	9.15am	Focus; Paul Hobbs
	5.45pm	Engage- 11-14s Film night (in centre)
Friday	10.00am	Challenge Group
	7.30pm	An Evening with Philip Jensen

**Next Sunday - 28 March Palm Sunday**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Penelope Swithinbank
9.30am	All Age Worship
11.15am	All Age Worship
6.00pm	Evening Worship Psalm 51

....Upcoming Events

22-28 March	Passion for Life Week
14 May	Graham Kendrick concert
29-31 October 2010	Church Weekend Away

**Church Office & Bookshop**

Monday - Thursday 10.00am-5.00pm & Friday 10.00am-1.00pm.  
The bookshop is also open Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm and after each morning service on Sunday. The bookshop enables our church to open to the Broadway seven days a week.

**Envelope Scheme:** If you donate to the ministry of St James through the regular giving envelope scheme the new envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Easter cards** We would love every home in the parish to receive an Easter card. We have bundled them up by street name and they are at the back of the church. Please can you take a bundle and distribute them for us.

**Side Chapel Flowers:** The rota for doing these flowers is being updated. If you would like to be involved in this please contact Maureen Smith 020 8444 4828. This entails putting a vase of flowers in the chapel each week.

**Remember** that the clocks spring forward by an hour on Saturday.

**Welcome to St James Muswell Hill**

If you are new to the church, or just visiting, we would love to meet you. Please come to the Welcome Area at the back of church and introduce yourself.

**PRAYER at St James**

Can we pray for you? Please email prayer requests to churchoffice@st-james.org.uk  
Please join us in prayer for:

- Primary schools work—Please pray for clubs at St Aidan's, Coldfall and St Michael at Bowes – parent invitation sessions; also for assemblies at St Michael's Highgate and Norfolk House
- Pray for Ali Grimes' mother Alena Lotova who is unwell in Sweden and for Ali and the family at this time.
- Pray for Charlie Roberts and Sam Carr in the Philippines with OMF. Charlie and Sam are helping to build a community centre between 8am and 4pm and then teach guitar and keyboard in the evenings. They are also writing a small handbook with basic theory and guitar chords to leave with the children.
- Pray for our church family and those who are unwell, in distress or struggling.
- Pray for other local churches particularly this week for St Ann's Tottenham and their ministers John Wood and Alex Ross
- Pray for Rachel Greaves and Ruth Mason.
- Give thanks for the improvement in Mollie Nicholl's health.
- Pray for John and Jane Bradley following John's recent stroke.
- Pray for the twin sons of Stephanie and Simon Buckingham who were born prematurely and are in special care. Please also pray for their brother Andrew.
- Pray for Peter Thompson going into hospital to have surgery on Tuesday.

The next gardening and clearing session will be on 27 March, all helpers welcomed. For more information contact Jimmy Peppiatt.

**Maudy Thursday half night of prayer with supper and communion.** The evening will begin with prayer at 6.00pm finishing at midnight. Supper will be at 7.30pm followed by communion. Anita Simmance would love some volunteers to help prepare the meal. If you can help please call her on 0208 444 4687.

**Engage Film Nights**

A Blockbuster Movie, Pizza, Popcorn and a Short Discussion in groups about the issues raised in the film...something your 11-14 would **ENGAGE** with? To take place on Thursdays from 5.45pm-8.00pm in the Church Centre, food and film provided! Please email Amy for more details, [amy.powis@st-james.org.uk](mailto:amy.powis@st-james.org.uk) or just turn up on Thursday!