



PRAYING FOR ST JAMES' YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRAYER & PRAISE

We have much to give thanks for over the summer.

The church group trip to the Keswick Convention was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The youth and children enjoyed a great week in their groups and the adults were able to enjoy some great teaching from Vaughan Roberts from the book of Psalms. These are well worth catching up on, all of which can be found on YouTube: Keswick Ministries Convention 2024.

Ben and his family served at Christians in Sport - Giggleswick Sports Plus camp. This is a week of coaching for those serious about sport as well as hearing the gospel in talks, bible studies and how it applies in the world of sport. It would be great for those young people from St James in future years to think about whether this camp (or one of the many others) would be suitable for them.

The summer is also a time when our older young people receive exam results. Please pray for those who have received results and for those who are now preparing to head off to university.

The summer is a chance to plan and prepare for the year ahead. We have another great year planned across all of our groups. Please pray for the leaders and helpers who plan and deliver these sessions.

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YOUTH

There is a change to our youth program starting this September. From September we will not be running a *morning* program for young people. Instead they will meet weekly in the *afternoon*. The older 'Lads bible study', has now stopped but will change in order to accommodate those aged 11-16. There have been a number of reasons behind this, but positively this should allow us to play more games and other activities, be more creative for our bible study times and not be so pushed for time than we would on a Sunday morning. The other prayer is that it might encourage the young people to invite friends who might be thinking about Christian things to come along.

There will not be specific provision for the youth during the morning services, however a space will be potentially earmarked so that any young people not with their families can sit together. Worksheets for the youth to help them follow the service and sermon will be made available.

We still need helpers, especially a female leader to help with youth in the afternoon.

Jr Church will continue to meet on a Sunday morning on the 2nd & 4th Sunday and the occasional 1st & 3rd as well.

Pray for the team as we begin to plan next term.

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Youth and Jr Church restarts after the summer break on the 8th September.

Other upcoming events:

Light Trail: 31st October