



FIRST SUNDAY

'On the Road with Jesus'

Pilgrimage, Mission, and Discipleship

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Sunday 2nd July, 6.30pm @ St Alban's



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Newsletter for Sunday 2nd July, 2017

Welcome to St Alban's on the 1st Sunday of July
Summer is a time of transition: people go on holidays, but also, students end at one school and begin another, or move on to university; people like to move over summer, so as to be ready for a new school term. Courses come to an end, and people start new chapters in their lives. We say 'au revoir' to Phil and Janet Abbott today, as they move to Salisbury this week; 'auf wiedersehen' to Anne Seiler, as she returns to Germany; and soon we will have to say the same to Paul, as he journeys on. Please remember them all in your prayers, as leaving and new beginnings can be hard. And as people come and go, and changes happen in our lives, let's remember that God never changes: He's the same, and His promises remain the same.

Events this week

Sunday 2nd July	10.30am 6.30pm	All-age worship First Sunday
Wednesday 5th July	2.30pm	Holy Communion

Events next week

Sunday 9th July	10.30am	Holy Communion
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WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 2nd July 2017

Look again at the passage for this Sunday – read a couple of verses each day, and pray as God leads you. Below are some reflections to get you started.

SUNDAY: Verses 2-4 – Joy under pressure: it's difficult sometimes to feel joyful when circumstances are against us, but as we seek God in those times, we gain maturity through it. What circumstances might you need to bring to God today?

MONDAY: Verses 5-8 – Faith in God's generosity: there are many prayers that we can ask in complete confidence, knowing that God will answer positively: for instance, praying for the Holy Spirit; praying for the fruit of the Spirit; praying for wisdom. Pray for the areas where you may struggle to believe, or for others who are finding faith in God's goodness hard at the moment.

TUESDAY: Verses 9-11 – God's upside-down view: God has a different perspective on status than our society does – consistently He raises up those who are humble, and humbles those who exalt themselves. Pray for those in positions of authority, whether they exercise power, or possess great riches, that they will remain humble, and use their power and riches not just for their own good, but for the good of others too.

WEDNESDAY: Verse 12 – Perseverance under pressure: pray for those who are under pressure because of their Christian faith. Pray that their faith will stand firm, and that they will persevere and know God's peace.

THURSDAY: Verses 13-15 – 'Lead us not into temptation': we are constantly under pressure from temptations which can lead us astray. Ask God to help you identify the wrong desires and the temptations which are liable to catch you out, or you are likely to downplay. Ask Him to help you overcome these wrong thoughts.

FRIDAY: Verses 16-17 – Good gifts from God: remember to count your blessings, and to remember all the good things God has done for you, and given you. Ask Him to show you how even the hard things in life can be turned by Him to good, if we will let Him.

SATURDAY: Verse 18 – Part of God's plan: reflect on the fact that God always intended to create you, and chose you to receive His Word, and has plans and purposes for your life. Can we ever hinder God's purposes in our lives? If so, is there any hindrance in your life to God's will being done in and through you?



**Holiday
Club at
St
James'
church**

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SONGS OF PRAISE AT THE CATHEDRAL

BBC's 'Songs of Praise' is recording at Southwark cathedral this Monday, 3rd July, 7 -9.30pm. If you are interested in going, you are invited to register via the Southwark cathedral website.

YOUTH MINISTRY – URGENT! HELP NEEDED!

This summer, our joint youth ministry will be losing up to 10 volunteers, with only a few new ones so far recruited. If you could offer to help out at the youth centre even occasionally on a Sunday morning, your help would be much appreciated. If you want more information, please speak to Marc or Nicky, or to offer help, do contact Sam Talbot at fcyouthministry3@gmail.com or ring 020 8677 5376 or [07805446509](tel:07805446509)