



Wednesday 22nd June 2022

"So He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!'"
(John 2.15,16)

Dear All,

I was struck on Sunday that Jesus is the angriest man in the Bible. I can't imagine how terrifying it would be to meet an angry lion, but that's one of the Bible's titles for Jesus (Revelation 5v5). But at the same time, His anger is perfectly calibrated. He's also the meekest man in the Bible. When suffering touches His self-interest with His illegal trial, torture and execution, He's like a lamb (Revelation 5v12).

One of the things I love about Jesus is the way He destroys all our expectations. Who would have guessed that the awesomely terrifying One is also our safest place of refuge - but aren't you glad He is?!

With love,

Simon

10.30am Service this Sunday: I don't normally add 'trigger warnings' to services, but the sermon is dealing with some difficult themes of sexual sin and suffering. The Mix will be out, but again, I wanted parents and others to be aware in advance.

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Church Family News:

Many congratulations to **Ellena Williams** and **Callum** on the birth of **Rae Alexandra Fraser Stark**. Stephen and Jenny sent this photo and reassured us that she's angelic (but only during the day).



Please pray on for **Simon** and **Rebekah** and baby **Elias**. **Elias'** condition deteriorated a bit over the weekend, and the surgery he was meant to have yesterday was cancelled. Please pray it will be able to go ahead soon, and that having half a heart will be no barrier to him knowing the peace of the Lord Jesus with all his heart.

Congratulations to **Martin**, **Kay**, **Charlotte**, **Danielle** and **Stefan** on their confirmation last week, and to **Scott** for becoming fully Revved-up...



ITV news have interviewed **Tim** and **Maggie Babb** about the problems they've had offering a home to a Ukrainian family and 4 year old **Alika's** visa. You can view the clip [here](#).

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Services:

Midweek Services

Monday-Friday, 9.30-10.00am on Zoom.

Please use the JMJ website to '[Contact us](#)' page to request details.

Sunday Services

Sunday 26th June *No. Adultery*

9.00am: Morning Prayer, St James

9.15am: Holy Communion, St John's

10.30am: Morning Prayer, St James and on Zoom

6.00pm: Evening praise, St Martin's

7.30pm: Marriage Matters Book Group (Chapter 14)

Sunday 3rd July *No. Lying*

9.00am: Holy Communion, St James

9.15am: Holy Communion, St John's

10.30am: All Age Worship, St James and on Zoom

6.00pm: Evening praise, St Martin's

7.30pm: No Marriage Matters Book Group

Sunday 10th July *No. Vengeance*

9.00am: Morning Prayer, St James

9.15am: Holy Communion, St John's

10.30am: Morning Prayer, James and on Zoom

6.00pm: Evening praise, St Martin's

7.30pm: Marriage Matters Book Group (chapter 15)

Sunday 17th July *Best of Enemies*

9.00am: Holy Communion, St James

9.15am: Holy Communion, St John's

10.30am: Holy Communion, St James and on Zoom

6.00pm: Evening praise, St Martin's

7.30pm: No Marriage Matters Book Group

Recordings of previous 10.30am sermons can be found [here](#).

Video & Audio recordings of the Looking Up events can be found [here](#)

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Next Central Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 5th July, 7.30pm-8.45pm – on Zoom

Home Groups:

Normally the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

Please use the JMJ website to '[Contact us](#)' page to request details.

The Jessop's group on Zoom (Tuesday at 7.30pm), starting a new series on 'Abiding in Christ'.

Peter and Judy Thomas's group on Zoom (Tuesday at 7.30pm).

Chris Greenhall's Group on Zoom in (Wednesday at 7.15pm) is (normal church link).

The group led by **Shayne and Alison Trinder** (Thursdays at 7.30pm) is NOT planning to meet this term.

(Apologies if I've got those details wrong - do check with group leaders!)

Youth Group:

Tuesday evenings. Please use the JMJ website to '[Contact us](#)' page to request details.

Mothers Union Friday Morning Coffee:

9:45am - 11:30am in the Pensioners Hall.

Mission Partner News

We're hoping Nick and Harriet Algeo will visit St James on 14th August.

Kip and Rachel Chelashaw and the Kiplings are hoping to visit St John's and St James on 24th July (not 1st July as last week's weekly email update claimed).

Restarting Tots

As work on St James Hall roof draws (we hope!) to a close, we need to think about whether/how we can restart Tots. For it to work, we need a core team to serve parents and little ones, as well as a team of supportive pray-ers. If you'd be interested in meeting to talk further about plans, please contact Annette Beech for more information (if you don't have her contact details please use the website '[Contact us](#)' page).



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Bottom Hall at St James

St James PCC are still considering plans to rent out the bottom half of the church hall on a permanent basis to repay the loan for the work on the top hall roof. That is obviously a big decision, so if you have any thoughts on it, or suggestions of other ways we could raise the funds to repay the loan, please contact Janice (if you don't have her contact details please use the website ['Contact us'](#) page).

Jobs!

Our Zoom team have done an amazing job in making the 10.30 service available online, but they could really do with some more Zoom hosts so we can keep offering an online service to those who can't be at the 10.30 service in person. If you think you might be able to help with the Zoom host rota, please contact Donna in the office (if you don't have her contact details please use the website ['Contact us'](#) page). You don't have to be a computer whizz, you don't have to be in the church building, and full training is available!

Looking Up Talks

The Looking Up When You're Feeling Down talks from March on finding hope in anxiety, grief, depression, regrets and conflict are now all available to watch as videos on the JMJ website [here](#). With many thanks to Jon Courthold and Alex Pickford for their work on them.



Online abortion petition

SPUC are running a campaign to highlight the shocking statistic that 15% of women in the UK have been coerced into an abortion they didn't want (that's 15% of all women, not just those who've had an abortion). If you'd like to sign the petition, it's available [here](#).

Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship

The DEF are due to meet on the 2nd July at [St. John's Church Hall in Stafford, ST16 3RP](#) 10am-12pm (coffee from 0930).



Lichfield Diocese
Evangelical Fellowship Gathering

ST JOHN'S STAFFORD
2ND JULY 2022, 10AM-12PM

Annual Meeting

including an opportunity to network and pray together across the Diocese, hear an update on LLF and meet our newest member of General Synod, Abishaq Leel.

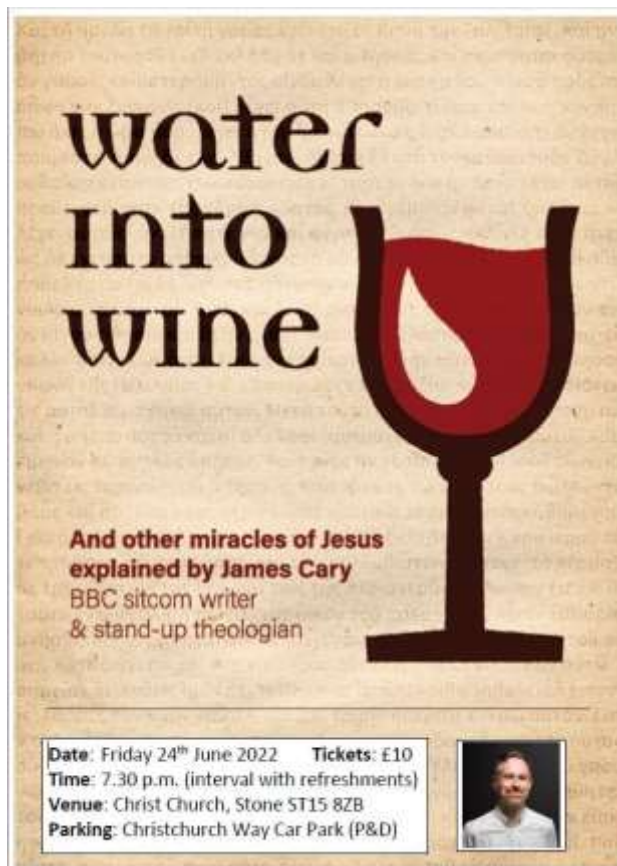
Refreshments and networking from 9:30am, suggested donation £5

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Guest Evening with Comedy Writer

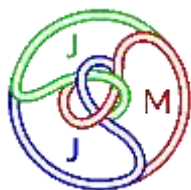

[Christchurch](#) in Stone have sent us details of an evening with James Carey, (a Christian and BBC comedy sitcom writer) this Friday, 24th June, 7.30pm with an interval and refreshments. Tickets £10, can be reserved by calling 01785 811990



water
into
wine

And other miracles of Jesus
explained by James Cary
BBC sitcom writer
& stand-up theologian

Date: Friday 24th June 2022 **Tickets:** £10
Time: 7.30 p.m. (interval with refreshments)
Venue: Christ Church, Stone ST15 8ZB
Parking: Christchurch Way Car Park (P&D)



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