

at St Thomas' Church in Kendal, on our royal identity entitled 'Who Am I?' David oversees the teaching, training and evangelism across their whole network and through his ministry oversight the church and school has been blessed with an explosion of growth. The cost of the day is £10, to book go to www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=7636&

RESET Women's Day

Join hundreds of women for RESET, on Saturday 19th October at Huddersfield Christian Fellowship, Cathedral House, St Thomas' Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LG.

Reset is described as a time to come – as you are – to re-boot, re-fresh, pause and reflect, as women share their inspiring stories of struggles and victories in the Christian life. Hosted by Nadine Parkinson, Lizzy Robinson and Katie Wade, with teaching from Lottie Jones and Rachel Hughes.

'I loved everything about Reset. It gave me space to reconnect with Jesus. The teaching and worship were amazing. I left feeling refreshed and renewed.' Jenny (Reset 2018)

Tickets cost £25 (includes lunch), for more information or to book visit www.new-wine.org/events/reset-womens-day

God bless, Simon.

EVENTS DIARY

- ⇒ Sunday 1 September, **Bring & Share Lunch**, Parish Centre, 12:00pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 4 September, **Prayer & Praise**, 7:30pm
- ⇒ Saturday 7 September, **Fell Walk**, meet at St James at 9:00am
- ⇒ Sunday 8 September, **Cornerstone Sunday**, St James Denton Holme, 10:30am
- ⇒ Saturday 21 September, **Wedding of Jordan Wilkinson & Rochelle Combe**, 1:00pm, St James
- ⇒ Saturday 21 September, **Messy Church**, Parish Centre, 4:00pm
- ⇒ Sunday 22 September, **Mission Community Service**, St James, 6:30pm
- ⇒ Monday 23 September, **PCC Meeting**, Parish Centre, 7:30pm
- ⇒ Thursday 26 September, **Men's Group**, Cornerstone, 7:00pm
- ⇒ Thursday 26 September, **Leisurely Lunch**, Parish Centre, 12:30pm



Vicar's Letter September 2019

Dear Friends,

Can I be honest with you?

Pete Grieg, the founder of the 24/7 Prayer movement, recently posted the following on his Twitter feed:

Can I be honest with you? I'm actually not into prayer. I'm into Jesus, so we talk. I don't believe in the power of prayer. I believe in the power of God. So I ask for his help. A lot.

I'm not into evangelism. I hate evangelism! I'm into Jesus. So I talk to people about him.

I'm not into social justice. I'm into Jesus. So I find myself picking fights with his enemies.

I'm not into worship - all those soft rock songs, over and over again - I'm into Jesus. So when I see him I smile. I bow. And yes, OK I admit that I sing quite a bit too.

I'm not into church (you seen the state of it?) I'm into Jesus, so I like his people. (They're a little weird, but so am I!)

THE VISION IS JESUS. Not Christianity. Not rules and religion. Not prayer, mission and justice. Not church planting, miracles or mission. Just Jesus.

If you love Jesus I guess you'll do all that stuff: you'll pray and worship, go to church, preach the gospel, but in doing the stuff, we can so easily forget why. In all the clutter of Christianity we can bury Christ.

Some of us need to stop being Christians for a bit - we're just too good at it. It's become habitual. Urgent voices call us to abandon the familiar comforts of Christianity to strike out into the unknown and rediscover Christ.

We are over familiar with holy things. We talk to God. He talks back. We claim to have an actual living, conversational, interactive relationship with the Creator of the cosmos. No middle ground. You're insane or a saint.

Jesus was so uninterested in starting a religion he never thought of a name for his way of life, never wrote a book, barely stuck around long enough to secure succession. The way of Jesus is viral not structural, relational not religious, revolutionary not predictable.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author & perfecter of faith" Hebrew 12:2

"I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"
Philippians 3:8

"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ & him crucified."

1 Corinthians 2:2

As we begin a new term, let's make sure that Jesus is at the heart of all we do and are.

Introducing Ruth



Our new youth worker, Ruth, officially begins her new role with us on Monday 2nd September. Ruth has kindly written a brief introduction about herself:

'I grew up in Ripon, North Yorkshire, attending Holy Trinity Church. I've spent the last four years studying Politics and Philosophy at the University of Stirling. During this time, I achieved my Adult Leadership Qualification in Girl Guides, and love spending time in both Brownies and Guide units in my free time. I spent my university summers working at Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Centre, first as a Youth Development Specialist, and most recently on the Leadership team as a Unit Coordinator, working directly with the children in a higher capacity. Through this work, I found a passion for the spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing of Young People, and am excited to use this passion at St James' Church in September!'

Please remember Ruth in your prayers, and for St James' ministry amongst youth and students.

Intern News

Also joining us in September are our two new interns, Inna, who is 22 years old and just graduated from university in Taiwan where she has been studying Philosophy, and Maria-Kristiina also 22, who has just graduated from Bible College in Estonia. Please pray for Inna and Maria as they spend the next ten months with us.

Cornerstone and Op Shop Sunday

Cornerstone celebrates its 7th birthday in September, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers, prays for, and supports the work we do in Cornerstone and the OpShop. We have recently had a double page article in the News and Star, if you missed it you can still access it online - <https://bit.ly/2ZsglAp>

At 10:30am on Sunday 8th September there will be a special service in the parish church, celebrating and focusing on the work of Cornerstone and the Op Shop, which is an important part of the ministry of St James. Come and meet some of our amazing volunteers and hear their stories about volunteering with us.

We are always on the look out for more volunteers from the church family to help at Cornerstone and the Op Shop. We particularly need volunteers to help in the Op Shop, especially on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon, as well as people willing to sort through the donations we receive. For more information please contact our Shops Manager, Andy on 549796.

Mission Community Service

On the evening of Sunday 22nd September, St James will be hosting a special joint service for the Two Rivers Mission Community. Our guest preacher will be the Right Reverend Emma Ineson, the Bishop of Penrith. This will be Bishop Emma's first visit to St James. Having had the privilege of hearing Bishop Emma preach on a number of different occasions (most recently at the New Wine Summer Conference), I do encourage you to join us for what will be a wonderful time of worship.

St James Fell Walking Group

The dates of our fell walks this autumn are: Saturday 7th September, Saturday 5th October, Saturday 9th November and Saturday 7th December. More information about the walks can be found on our church website, Facebook page, and will be printed in our newsletter and E-bulletin.

St James Men's Group

Our next men's group meeting will be on Thursday 26th September, meeting in Cornerstone at 7:00pm. There will be a competitive quiz (sports / music and general knowledge), fellowship and light refreshments. Please invite your male friends to join us. To help with numbers please let Paul Crooks (pcrooks71@gmail.com) or Garry Martin (garym2000@yahoo.co.uk) know if you wish to attend.

Alpha Course

We plan to start a new Alpha Course on Tuesday 1st October, at 7pm in Cornerstone. This is a free ten week course, exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session begins with a meal, followed by a short talk, and then opportunity in small groups to discuss and ask questions. If you or anyone you know is interested in Alpha please get in touch with me (email simon@stjamescarlisle.org.uk).

In addition I will be looking for people to help in the running of the Alpha Course, leading small groups, and helping in the provision of food, if you are interested in helping please get in touch.

Who Am I? Teaching Day

On Saturday 14th September from 10am to 4pm, David Webster one of the Directors of Eastgate Church and Eastgate School of Supernatural Life in Kent, will be leading a worship and teaching day