

# *ST JAMES' CHURCH NEWS*

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## **NUMBER OF YOUNGSTERS AT ST JAMES 20% UP AND RISING**

Of the many things that came out of St James' Annual Vestry Meeting in April (which is similar to an AGM) is the fact that attendance by young people rose 20% in the last year. And the upward trend continues. Since Easter this year, the average number attending rose by 25% over the same post-Easter period last year. Easter Sunday itself saw 21 youngsters and children in a packed church of 70 worshippers. That's 30% of the congregation.

**Up-Coming Events for Church Youngsters:** Below are examples of events being planned for this growing number of young church members.

**Swimming day out in Cardiff:** At Cardiff swimming pool during June.

**End-of Term Fireworks & BBQ Party:** This will be held July.

**Kidz Supper:** Held each month at the homes of church members, this is for kids of 7-12 years of age. It's an opportunity for them to enjoy a meal with their peers, play some games and ask and talk about faith.

**Youth Supper:** Similar format, but catering for youngsters of 13 to 18 years of age. June's Youth Supper will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Megan Roberts on 02921 880 212 option 1, [megs.r.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:megs.r.roberts@gmail.com) for details on all Suppers.

The age range of young people attending St James is from toddlers to teenagers. The little ones are catered for with an activities area, where crafts and books entertain them. We're indebted to Margaret Jones, Sylvia Dolbear, Peter & Suzie Taylor and other church members who provide the crafts and/or help supervise.

The older children help out at the services in various roles: managing the digital AV equipment, helping at the communion service, doing the collection, playing the music, being involved in many of the Vicar's sermons and lay peoples' talks.

So, if you are looking for a place to worship where your children of any age will be very welcome and well-catered for, you'll feel completely at home in St James.

## **OTHER EVENTS IN JUNE**

### **BAND OF BROTHERS**

This Saturday morning event is just for men and boys. The normal format is a walk and talk, followed by a brew. Locations include Cardiff Bay Barrage, Machen Mountain, Garth Hill in Taff's Well, and Rudry Woods. Any chaps interested to spend time with other guys exploring questions and aspects of faith are very welcome to come along. Simply go to <http://rudry.church/diary>, click "Band of Brothers" and sign up to receive the details. Walks begin at 9am and normally finish by around 12 noon. This month's walk is on Saturday 1 June.

### **HOUSE GROUPS**

There are seven House Groups in June. These are social get-togethers, for adults, where matters of faith and extracts from the Bible are discussed and explored.

The Trethomas House Group is run each Wednesday at 7pm in the home of the Taylors.

The Machen House Group is hosted by the Connolly family and will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. This House Group is particularly suitable for parent/guardians with young children as it runs at lunch time, beginning at 1pm.

Rudy's House Group is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Holt's home.

To attend any of the above, please contact Rev. Dean Roberts on 01633 309691, [rev.roberts@vicar.email](mailto:rev.roberts@vicar.email)

### **BLESSING OF THE BEER FESTIVAL**

Saturday 29 June, starting at 2pm. This will be hosted by the Cefn Mably Arms, Michaelston-y-Fedw, Cardiff CF3, CF3 6XS.

Our Rev. Dean Roberts will open the festival with the blessing service. The day will continue with live entertainment, BBQ food and good company as well as lots of different drinks to try!

Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from the Cefn Mably Arms Pub (Tel: 01633 680347).