



St James' Church, Rudry

Walking with Jesus

Web site: *rudry.church*

PROGRESS ON PROPOSED BUILDING WORK AT ST JAMES

As the numbers of families, young people and individuals coming to St James has increased, the need for upgrading the building has grown ever greater. So began the project called Enlarging the Tent. This aims to provide 21st Century facilities for the current expanding congregation and establish what's needed for future generations of those for whom faith and having a local church family, become rich parts of their lives.

At a meeting in St James on 19 June, the architect firm JBKS gave an inspiring presentation of ways in which the building could be developed. Being specialists in church architecture, their proposals were very in keeping with the local setting of St James and of the building itself. It's still early days, but there was a great sense of excitement at the prospect of having the natural loveliness of St James enhanced to provide modern standards of facilities with great empathy of design.

So far, the total money raised for the project stands at an impressive £92,234. Funding has also been secured to engage a professional fund raiser.

RECYCLED INKJET CARTRIDGES

In this month's issue of Villagers' News is an envelope entitled, "Recycle your used inkjet cartridges 4 St. James' Church, Rudry". The scheme both recycles cartridges and raises funds. £1 goes to the building project at St James for every used cartridge. We would be very grateful to all of you that use inkjet cartridges who would pop them in these pre-paid postal envelopes when used and post them off. Each envelope takes two cartridges.

For those of you who only receive Villagers' News by email, envelopes are available at the Hollybush, Maenllwyd, Rudry Hall and St James church.

To receive more envelopes for ongoing recycling/donating, simply scan the QR code on the front of the envelope, or write your email address in the space provided.

Our sincere thanks in advance to all of you who would support St James in this way.

"EASY FUND RAISING" BY ONLINE SHOPPING

Please also consider visiting www.easyfundraising.org.uk to sign up for having your online purchases generate donations to St James' building fund at no cost to you. The retailers kindly donate each time you buy something from them online. Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Sainsburys, Booking.com and many others run the scheme, raising over £25 million for local community projects. Again, our sincere thanks in advance to those who would sign up and so help with the provision of much-needed facilities at St James.

ONGOING CHARITY WORK: On Saturday 17 August all are invited to an Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Maggie's Centre at Velindre Hospital in Cardiff. Maggie's Centre provides facilities for recovering cancer patients and carers. The tea party will be held at St James from 2 to 4pm. With good weather and the beautiful surrounds of St James, it would be an ideal way to spend a summer's afternoon. Everyone can expect a warm welcome and delicious eats.

RAKE, BAKE & BBQ: Another opportunity to enjoy the setting of St James along with great food is the annual Rake, Bake and BBQ on Saturday 20 July from 11am to 3pm. Bring along either just yourself or yourself and a rake to help with gathering up of the cut grass in the Living Church Yard. This is an award-winning project of several years standing that includes a beautiful natural meadow area which has seen year-round wild flowers increase in number. Pics below from last year. Come along and enjoy a great community day.



BAND OF BROTHERS: The next meeting of the Band of Brothers (a blokes-only walk and talk about faith) will be on Saturday 6 July from 9am to 12 noon. The venue and walk will be Garth hill, Taff's Well. This is a moderate walk that should take around 2 ½ hours, leaving time for a local refreshment at the end. The starting point, including parking, is at Taff's Well railway station, CF15 7YF. More information on the walk is at:



To come along, go to <http://rudry.church/diary>, click "Band of Brothers" and sign up.

OTHER EVENTS: Kidz Supper, Youth Supper and House Groups continue through July and August. Details of these, plus the end-of-term Fireworks & BBQ Party and the Blessing of the Beer Festival next Saturday 29 June at the Cefn Mably Arms, can all be found on St James' web site at: <http://rudry.church/diary>.