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**The Friends of
St James the Great, Thorley**

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FESTIVAL

OF

FLOWERS

AND

MUSIC

**Theme:
Favourite Hymns**

27th - 29th August 2005

Programme 50p

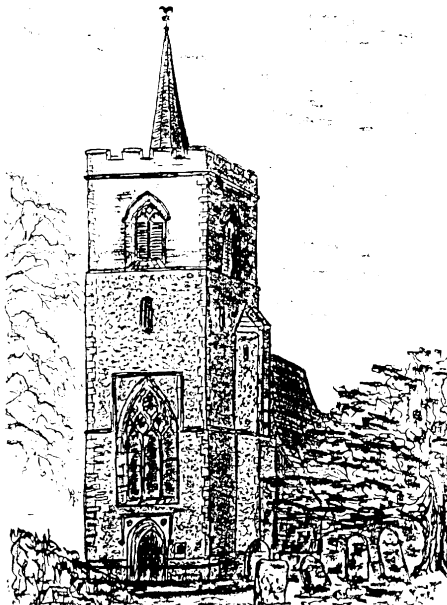
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The Friends of St James was founded in 1983 to assist the Rector and Parochial Church Council in maintaining and beautifying the Church and Churchyard.

The Church of St James the Great dates from Norman times and is the oldest building in Thorley. It consists of a Chancel, Nave, South Porch, Vestry and embattled Western Tower. The Tower is surmounted by an oak-shingled Hertfordshire Spike and contains six bells. The Church is built of flint rubble with clunch dressings and has a total length of 100 feet.

The Chancel and Nave were built in the 13th Century in the Early English style, but the Norman Font and Doorway suggest that the Church existed at least as early as the 12th Century. The Tower was added in the 15th Century. Outside the Western Door is a Holy Water Stoop and the Church contains three remarkable 14th Century stepped sedilia, or priests' seats.

In the Churchyard there is an ancient Yew Tree which has been dated as being at least 1000 years old.



The total money raised by the Friends since its foundation is now approaching the £100,000 mark. This has enabled numerous projects to be undertaken, most recently the restoration of the picturesque lych-gate, the first thing that catches your eye when you approach St James the Great from Church Lane.

The tower and many other parts of the Church now urgently require repair. An estimated £40,000 needs to be spent before the end of 2006, and another £20,000 over the following three years. The proceeds from this year's Festival will be used to augment the £12,000 the Friends has already been able to commit to help fund this work.

If you would like an application form to join the Friends, or wish to make a donation in support of our work, please ask one of the Stewards or write to the Treasurer, Rosemary Jones, 4 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 0AT. Alternatively you can e-mail the Secretary, Philip Hargrave, at friends.stjames@btinternet.com.

Music at St James



We hope you enjoy the musical activities throughout the Festival. We are blessed indeed in having so many people with musical skills amongst us. There are four groups dedicated to enhancing our worship by their musical leadership and combining together for special services and events.

In the early 1980s there was only the Church Choir, which sang at the main Sunday morning service, but the congregation was steadily outgrowing the capacity of the Church and the need for different forms of worship was becoming apparent. This resulted in the introduction, in the mid-eighties of the 9:15 a.m. service by the Revd. Alan Cole, Rector of Thorley at the time.

The Church Choir remained, until recently, with the traditional form of worship, but has now expanded its remit to encompass the Common Worship Morning Prayer service held in the Church at 11.15 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, whilst still maintaining its involvement in Prayer Book Mattins and Communion services on the second and third Sundays of each month respectively. Choral Evensong [6 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month] and many of the weddings that take place at St. James are also undertaken. Material comprises all aspects of the "sung" services - hymns/songs old and new, anthems, canticles, communion settings, versicles etc. Practices are held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm.

We introduced the latest addition to the musical family – Jubilate – in October 2001. This choir sings at the 11:15 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month, leading the Common Worship Communion service held in the Church. It has been very exciting to see new people coming forward to complement the Church Choir. Practices are held twice each month, in the Church.

The Music Group was formed in the early 1990s to provide leadership for the more informal service held in the St. Barnabas Centre at 9.15 a.m. on the second, third, and fourth Sundays of each month. This group of singers and musicians undertakes a wide range of contemporary songs as well as a cross section of hymns under the guidance of Katharine Roper. Practices are on Monday evenings.

St James Orchestra under the baton of Anna Smith was formed in the mid 90s. Drawn essentially from the younger members of our parish family, with some adult back-up, the Orchestra plays for the "all age" Family Service held in the Barn at 9.15 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Practices are normally on the previous afternoon.

ALL groups welcome new members. If you are interested please contact :-

Simon Dellow, Director of Music, 01279 771333

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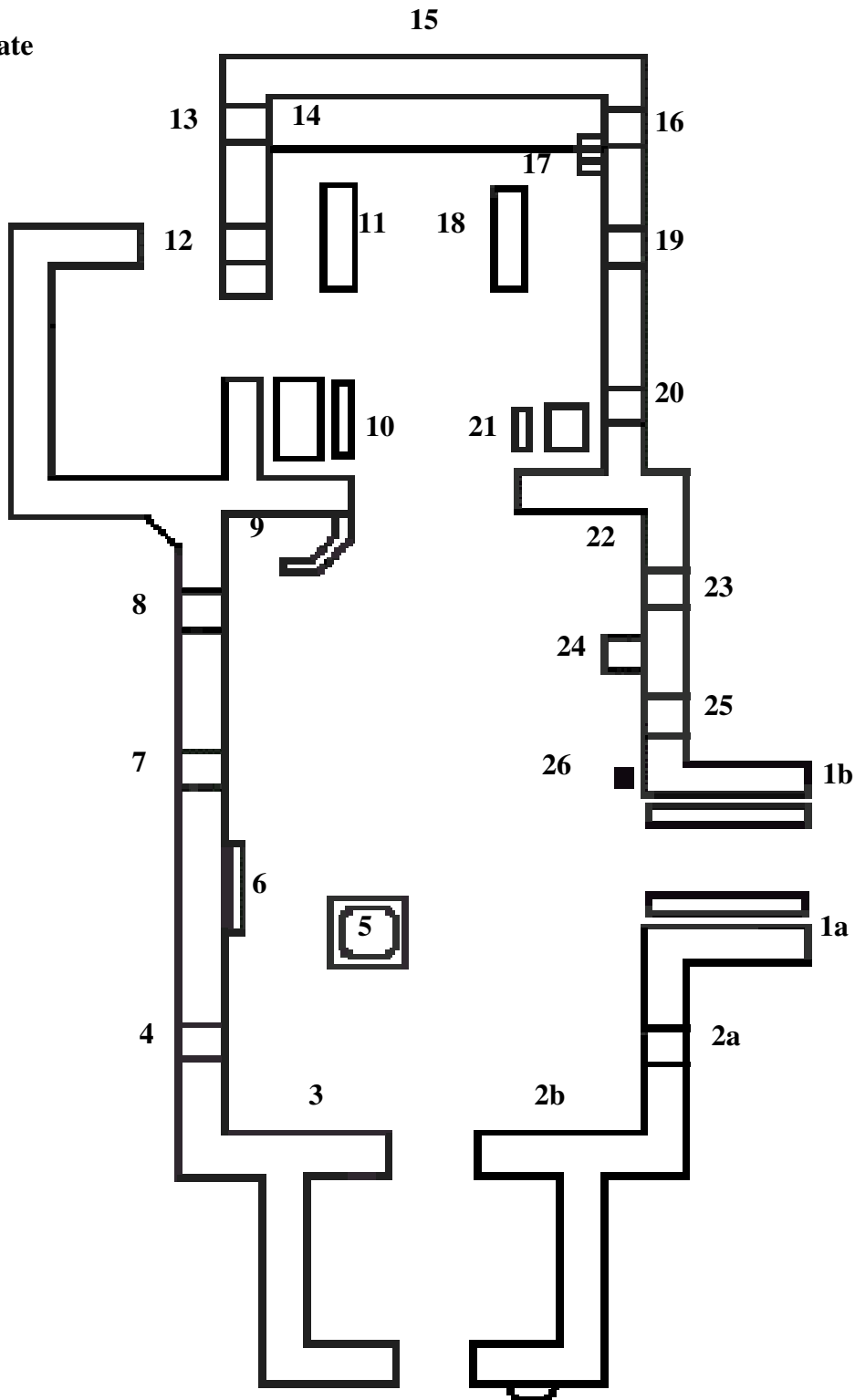
Church Choir / Jubilate - Simon Dellow (as above)/ Maureen Hargrave 01279 657273

Music Group - Katharine Roper 01279 758677

Orchestra - Anna Smith 01279 466275

Plan of Flower Arrangements

- 27 Lych Gate



Please follow the numbered displays where you will find the chosen hymn numbers and first lines. Take a 'Songs of Fellowship' book from the rack by the door if you wish to find the hymns. This will help your understanding of the interpretations of the arrangers.

Flower Arrangements

The hymns have been chosen by members of our Church family for many reasons. The most obvious are memories recalled by a baptism, confirmation, marriage or a funeral. Often the faithfulness of our Lord has prompted a deep response and a deepening of faith and trust in Him.

- 1a 381 Make me a channel of Your peace
- 1b 377 Love divine
- 2a - Water of life
- 2b 457 O worship the Lord
- 3 585 We plough the fields and scatter
- 4 79 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 5 - Lord of the dance
- 6 289 Jesus is King
- 7 40 Be still for the presence of the Lord
- 8,9 14 All things bright and beautiful
- 10 442 Onward, Christian soldiers
- 11 596 When I survey the wondrous cross
- 12 27 As the deer pants for the water
- 13 520 Tell out, my soul
- 14 357 Lord Jesus Christ
- 15 89 Faithful One
- 16 425 O Lord my God (How great Thou art)
- 17 851 I will offer up my life (This thankful heart)
- 18 316 Just as I am
- 19 - King of kings, majesty
- 20a 112 For the beauty of the earth
- 20b 830 I, the Lord of sea and sky
- 21 382 Make me, Lord, a dreamer
- 22 551 Thine be the glory
- 23 393 Morning has broken
- 24 19 Amazing grace!
- 25 - Eternal Father, strong to save
- 26 - Mine eyes have seen the glory
- 27 434 O love that will not let me go

A brief insight into the life of St James the Great

St James the Great is the parish church for Thorley. The church building, which is Grade 1 listed, dates from the 13th century. It is thought to be built on the site of a more ancient place of worship. The large yew tree in the churchyard is over 1000 years old. The written records of the church date from 1539.

Since the 1950s the population of the parish has grown substantially, especially with the recent developments of Thorley Park and St Michael's Mead. The size of the congregation has grown too, so now a number of other buildings are also used. These include the St Barnabas Centre, formally a local Grade II listed 16th century tithe barn, which is used for worship services, church activities, and by local community groups; the Christian Centre built in the 1980s, near the Thorley Park Shopping Centre; the Church Room, on the north side of the churchyard rebuilt in 1994, where teas are served to passers by and visitors on Sunday afternoons in the summer. In 2001 the increasing need for space for our children and teenagers led to the Emmaus Centre, built on the site of an old Dutch Barn. This centre provides modern facilities for several of the children's groups, as well as other parish events.

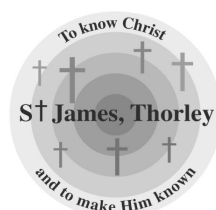
Worship is a key part of the life of St James, with Sunday services in the church at 8.00 am, 11.15 am and 6 pm (second, third and fourth only) and at 9.15 am with children's groups and 7:30 pm (first only), in the St Barnabas Centre. Please check notice boards for other special services. There is also an informal service of Morning Prayer in the church at 9 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and on Wednesdays at 10.00 am in the Emmaus Centre a service for parents and toddlers. In addition there are morning and evening house groups that meet around the town for bible study, prayer and discussion, as well as Mothers' Union, Teenage, Men's and Women's Groups.

For those wanting to find out more about the Christian faith in an informal setting with no obligation, there are regular Alpha courses.

For more information about us please ask at the Outreach desk in the St Barnabas Centre during the Festival, or go to our website - www.stjamesthorley.org.

The St Barnabas Centre office is open, Mon – Fri 9.30 am – 12.30 pm, **01279 506753**. Even better, come along one Sunday – its always good to see new faces and we always do our best to make people feel welcome.

We hope you enjoy your visit today.



Flower Sponsors

The Friends gratefully acknowledge sponsorships:

*In memory of Roy and Edith Key, parents of Kirstine Baxter
Edward and Tricia, in memory of our much loved parents
In memory of a beloved husband and granddaughter
Christine and Ken Tew, in memory of our parents
Thanks for safe arrival of Keisha, Valerie Farley
For our parents with lots of love, Jim & Marion
In memory of Christine and Arthur Rowley
For my dear Mum who loves flowers
With thanks for happy anniversaries
In memory of Betty and Doug Cage
In memory of a lovely lady
For my dear brother, John
In memory of my father
In memory of Leonard
In memory of Peter
Remembering Lily*

and others who wish to remain anonymous.



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David Tinney for the use of the farmyard for car parking
Musicians and Flower Arrangers for the use of their talents

Festival Programme

Daily

12 noon - 6 pm	Flower Arrangements	Church
	Plant Sale	St Barnabas Centre
	Refreshments	St Barnabas Centre
	Churchyard Database	Church Room
Various times	Organ & Keyboard Recitals	Church
As required	Guided Tours of Church and	St Barnabas Centre

Saturday, 27th August

2:30 - 3:15 pm	Music Group	Church
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Church Choir & Jubilate	Church
4.30 - 5.30 pm	Bell Chiming	Church

Sunday, 28th August

10:45 am	Quarter Peal of Bells	Church
12:30 - 5:00 pm	Craft Fair	St Barnabas Centre
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Musical Mélange	Church
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bell Chiming	Church
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Combined Singers	Church
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Festival Songs of Praise	Church

Monday, 29th August

12 noon	Mini Fete & Bouncy Castle	Emmaus Centre
12.30 - 5:00 pm	Craft Fair	St Barnabas Centre
12.00 - 1:00 pm	Bell Chiming	Church
1.00 - 1:45 pm	Jubilate	Church
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Music Group	Church
3:00 - 4:15 pm	Church Choir & Jubilate	Church
4:30 pm	Raffle to be drawn	St Barnabas Centre
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Closing Act of Worship	Church

General Information

Wheel-chair for loan St Barnabas Centre

There are opportunities for donations in both the Church and the St Barnabas Centre.

Thank you for your support.