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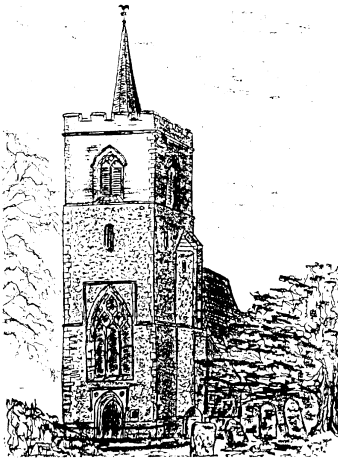
**FESTIVAL
OF
FLOWERS
AND
MUSIC**

**THEME:
ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**

26TH–28TH AUGUST 2006

PROGRAMME 50P

The Friends of St James the Great, Thorley



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 first major project undertaken with funding from the Friends was the construction, in 1986, of a new north wall for the Churchyard. The August Bank Holiday weekend of 1987 saw the Friends launch an appeal to fund the renovation of our 12th century font, repairs to Church masonry, and the restoration of the stained glass windows and tower. The Church was decorated with flowers for this occasion which, by popular demand,

became the first in an annual series of Festivals of Flowers and Music, of which this year's event is the twentieth.

Within a year of the launch of the appeal the first of its objectives had been accomplished, with the return to the Church of our font, fully restored. Since then the Friends has funded numerous projects ranging from a new kissing gate, through lightning protection and a new weather vane and window restoration, to a substantial grant to the Parochial Church Council towards the first phase of restoration of the tower in 2001. The most recent project funded by the Friends was the renovation of the picturesque Lych Gate. The proceeds from this year's Festival will be used to fund the power washing, re-rendering and re-decoration of the exterior of the Church as part of a major new programme of restoration work, in support of which the Friends has already committed a substantial grant.

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 Chairman, Philip Hargrave, at friends.stjames@btinternet.com.

Flower Sponsors

The Friends gratefully acknowledge sponsorships:

Remembering my Father, Arthur Frank Poole. Pauline Jacobs
In memory of my loving husband, Graham. Edna Taylor
Ken and Christine Tew - In memory of our parents.
In memory of Lizzy - a special child. Chris Q.
In memory of George Sampford and Tom & Evelyn
Morton. Colin & Marjorie Sampford
In memory of past friends of St James
For my dear brother, John. Lina
For my mother, Janet. Margaret
In memory of Eva Ashwell
In memory of Netta
For Lily

and by others who wish to remain anonymous.

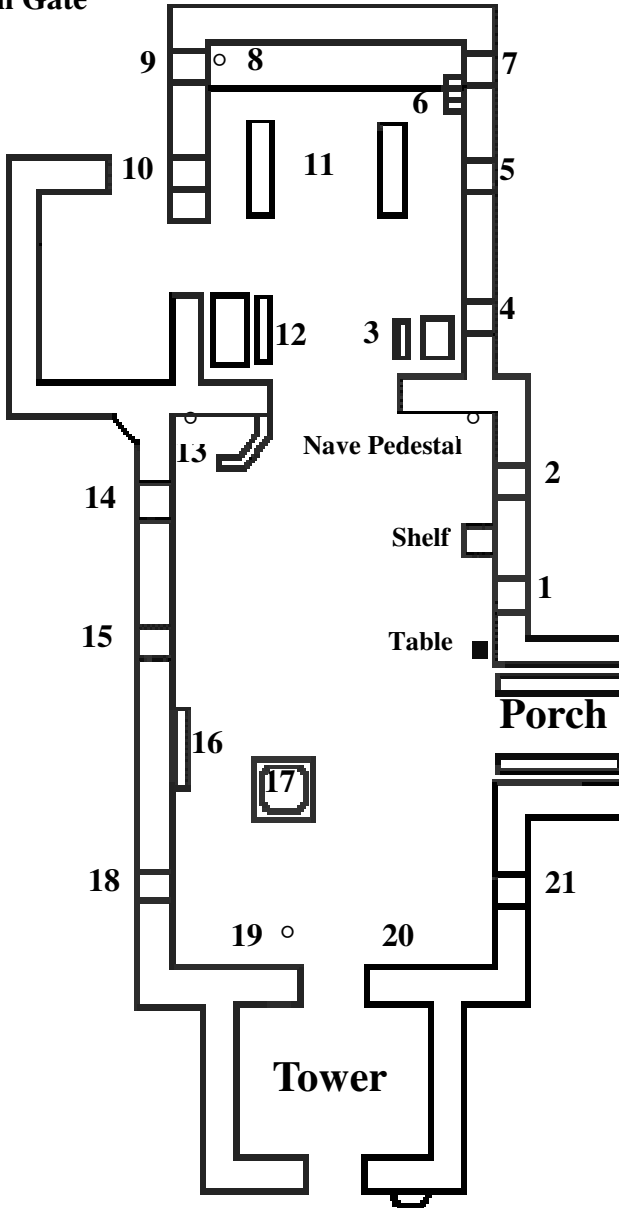


Acknowledgements

Bernard Chapman Florists for their valued help
Hadley Nurseries at Roydon Hamlet for supplying plants
Musicians and Flower Arrangers for the use of their talents

Plan of Flower Arrangements

← 22 Lych Gate



ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

All who encountered Jesus were changed in some way, whether physically or spiritually. Their lives were radically altered by His loving touch and they were made to search their hearts. We too can meet with Jesus in our contemporary world and find our lives changed in His love and compassion.

The Arrangements

Porch	Welcome Visitors
Table	The Devil
Window (1)	The Disciples
Shelf	Matthew – The Disciple
Window (2)	The Haemorrhagic Woman
Nave Pedestal	In memory of Eva Ashwell
Rector's Chair (3)	The Blind Beggar
Window (4)	The Little Children
Window (5)	The Rich Young Man
Sedilia (6)	Zacchaeus
Window (7)	The Paralysed Man
Altar Pedestal (8)	The Five Thousand
Window (9)	The Roman Centurion
Window (10)	The Temple Dealers
Choir (11)	Jesus' Promise to Us (In memory of Hope Hill)
Organ Bench (12)	The Men on the Road to Emmaus
Pulpit Pedestal (13)	Lazarus
Window (14)	Martha and Mary
Window (15)	The Man with Leprosy
War Memorial (16)	The Woman who Anointed Jesus
Font (17)	The Woman at Jacob's Well
Window (18)	Mary Magdalene
Tower Pedestal (19)	The Repentant Criminal
Tower Steps (20)	The Roman Soldier
Window (21)	Saint Paul (Saul)
Lych Gate (22)	Prayer after Communion

The Church Stewards have a list of the flower arrangers if you wish for more information about the interpretations.

Life @ St James the Great

St James the Great is the Parish Church for most of Thorley and part of St Michael's Mead. We have been truly blessed with buildings, but with this blessing comes the responsibility to ensure they are maintained. Our buildings are:

- St James' Church, a Grade 1 listed building, dating from the 13th century, although thought to have been built on the site of a more ancient place of worship. This building is used for two services each Sunday morning and for informal services during the week.
- The Thorley Christian Centre, built in the 1980s, near the Thorley Park Shopping Centre.
- The Church Room, on the north side of the churchyard and rebuilt in 1994. Originally it was the first school in Thorley. On Sunday afternoons in the summer the Friends of St James use it to serve teas to those who come to tend graves or enjoy the countryside that still surrounds the Church.
- The St Barnabas Centre was opened in 1996. It was originally a 16th century tithe barn used for many years for stock rearing. It is now used for worship, church meetings and social activities by the church and also by schools and community groups in and around the Parish. It is a Grade II listed building.
- The Emmaus Centre, built on the site of an old Dutch Barn, provides modern facilities for several of the children's groups, as well as other Parish events.

However the church is far more than its buildings – it's the people and our mission 'to know Christ and to make Him known' that drive our activities and keep us coming to worship.

Last November we hosted a Cheese & Wine party to welcome the residents of Parkside to the Parish. You might have seen and heard us singing last Christmas and Easter outside Sainbury's. We also visited Parkside and Premier Court to sing carols with the residents there. During the World Cup we hired a large screen so that people could enjoy matches in the company of other football fans. Prior to this we had a meal at Chutney Joes and were interested to hear what the Revd Alan Comfort said about being a professional footballer and a Christian. During Lent Bob ran a series of evening teaching sessions based on 'Keeping Step with the Spirit'. We also ran an Alpha course for people wishing to find out more about the Christian faith. We all need to learn - and keep on learning!

From September we will be holding an evening service on the third Sunday of each month at the Thorley Christian Centre.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, 10th September we are holding a service of prayer and thanksgiving at St James' for all who have suffered a family bereavement in the last few years.

On 7th October, Riding Lights will present 'Pipe Dreams' at the St Barnabas Centre. Visit the Outreach Stall or contact the Box Office on 01904 613000 for tickets.

The Friends of St James will be hosting a Quiz Evening on 14th October – contact Philip Hargrave on 01279 657273 for tickets.

We will be having a Parish weekend from Friday 24th to Sunday 27th November, led by the Revd Rob Richards and his wife, Anna.

Please visit the Outreach Stall where the person on duty will be delighted to tell you more about life at St James. There is also a leaflet showing what we do and how you might like to be involved.

Give us a try – we'd love to get to know you! Children are welcome at all our services.

St James'

Many of our performing

Weekend. We are privileged that a number of people are willing to use their talents to worship God and to lead the music at the 9:15 and 11:15 services on Sunday mornings. This year we are pleased to be joined by members of Little Worship who will be performing some of their favourite songs. If you enjoy worshipping through music, and would like to be involved, contact our Director of Music, Simon Dellow, on 01279 771333.



Musicians

musicians will be during the Festival

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	Musical Mystery Moments	Church
As required	Guided Tours of Church and St Barnabas Centre	

Saturday, 26th August

2:00 - 2:30 pm	Speaking to God through song	Church
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Gospel Rock	Church

Sunday, 27th August

12:30 - 5:00 pm	Craft Fair	St Barnabas Centre
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bell Chiming	Church
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Hymns of praise and thanksgiving	Church
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Festival Songs of Praise	Church

Monday, 28th August

12 noon - 4 pm	Mini Fete	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	Singing with Spirit & Understanding	Church
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Speaking to God through song	Church
2:45 - 3:15 pm	Little Worship	SBC Courtyard
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Songs of everlasting praise	Church
4:30 pm	Raffle to be drawn	St Barnabas Centre
5:30 - 5:45 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.