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James 2  
1-10, 14-17

## Warning against Partiality

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

## Faith without Works Is Dead

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ▲

**HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED** (around an hour) to welcome and record Ride & Stride visitors to our churches on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Amanda Greenlee for Steep on 07837 420764; Suzanne Tong, for Froxfield/Privett, on 260430.



**SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER** sees the return of this fun-for-all-ages event at Froxfield village hall. *Details next week.*



Amanda Greenlee (centre) was commissioned last Sunday as an occasional preacher in our benefice. The Archdeacon of the Meon, Kathryn Percival (right) officiated at the service at Liphook Church Centre.

Mark 7  
24-end

## The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but

a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

## Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.' ▲

## Aisle of Dogs?

Every dog (and other pets) had its day at the benefice pet service last Sunday in Steep, when thanks were given for all God's creation.

Our church schools' Christian value this first half of term is

**Generosity**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 for 1pm:** Hear our organist **Gerald Marlow** in a concert on his 'home turf', St Lawrence Church, Alton GU34 2SN. Retiring collection (see poster).  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm:** The **Steep Welcome Club** returns! Enjoy tea at Anna Hocking's home. Book with Heather (hjmaybury@gmail.com) or Judy (judy.thompson@me.com).  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-noon:** The **Froxfield with Privett Drop In** is at Froxfield village hall. Everyone welcome to drop in for coffee, cake, chat. Enquiries to Susanna (07743 690331).



**STEEL LECTURE, THIS SATURDAY, the 7<sup>th</sup>:** Hear Professor Sir Neil Mortensen, appointed president of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in 2020, talk about the challenges of that time. To ensure seating availability, entry only by (free) ticket - available from **Susie Collingridge** (susiecollingridge@gmail.com); **Fran Box** (266284); **Amanda Greenlee** (263008); **Judy Thompson** (07769 182181); **Bubbles Silk** (07751 487962). 6pm drinks & canapés for 6.30pm start at All Saints' Church, Steep



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