



St. James Church Southam



*Within Coventry Diocese we believe our primary purpose as part of the Christian Community is:
Worshipping God, Making new Disciples and Transforming Communities*

CHURCH BULLETIN

19th November 2017

*A warm welcome to you all. If you are new, or just visiting
and would like to know more about us, please do introduce yourselves*

10am Holy Communion with children's group

4-5pm Kingdom Come Deanery Prayers

Thursday 23rd November 10am Holy Communion

I am the way the truth and the life

John 14:1-7

Special Prayer (Collect)

Heavenly Lord, you long for this world's salvation; stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will
one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services at St James Church

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion weekly

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

with the whole church family coming together for worship and Holy Communion
on 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays

Dates for your Diary

Every Friday Morning	9.30am-10.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church Prayer Room
Sunday 19 th Nov.	4-5pm	Deanery Prayer Meeting in church
Saturday 25 th Nov.	8.30am	Men's Breakfast at Ufton Village Hall
Sunday 26 th Nov.	3-6pm	Christmas Lights Switch-on
Friday 1 st December	2pm	Setting up for Christmas Fayre
Saturday 2 nd Dec.	10am-12.30pm	Christmas Fayre in church
Sunday 3 rd December	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service



'CROSS OF NAILS' Friday noon prayers and coffee
Coffee served from 10.30am - 12noon.
Contacts are Chris 01926 813482 or Jan 01926 813373

Jolly J's Monday 10.00am – 11.30am in church (*excl. Bank Holiday*)

Weekday Homegroups in Southam

Monday Evening	Juliet Houghton	(01926 812104)
Tuesday Evening	Pat and Stephen Adams	(01926 813753)
Wednesday Evening	Jill Parker	(01926 811254)
Thursday Afternoon	Averil Brown	(01926 817138)

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer and putting cash in the collection it would be appreciated if you would put the money in a yellow gift aid envelope so that the church can claim back 25p in every pound from the taxman.
Many thanks. Ruth Tresidder, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.

Old £1 coins

As old £1 coins are no longer legal tender in shops we are happy for you to continue to include them in your collection as we will have no problem banking them!

**Christmas Fayre
being held in church
Saturday 2nd December
10.00am - 12.30pm**

Do come along and join us

Items for stalls would be welcomed by the people listed below or can be left any weekday morning at the Church Office.

Books – Maggie & Colin Russell
Bottles – Bellringers
Bric-a-brac – Annie & Roger Lane
Cakes and preserves – Any MU member
Craft Tombola – Jolly J's (would welcome jars and craft items)
Grand Christmas Raffle – Ruth Tresidder
Refreshments – Rose Evans

If you are able to help on the day or to sell Raffle tickets outside the Co-op on Tuesday 28th November or Friday 1st December please contact Ruth or John Tresidder ☎813524

Christ is surely coming

***We are holding our Advent Carol Service on Sunday
3rd December at 6.30pm in church.***

***A selection of readings and music for the Advent season will be
followed by seasonal refreshments.***

***We are pleased to welcome the Melody Makers choir and
Gerard Hyland on the organ again this year, to accompany
our worship. Do come and join us!***

Church Christmas Cards

This year, we are again asking for help in distributing the church Christmas Card. The card, from the family at St James, is a way of us blessing all who live in Southam with the Christmas message and also an invitation to come to our Christmas services.

The cards have been sorted into streets and can be found on a table at the back of church. Please take as few or as many as you can manage for delivery before the 26th November, if at all possible.

Many thanks - Vikki, Barry and Stephen

Give a Christmas Gift to the Myton Hospices

Instead of, or in addition to, sending Christmas cards to your friends at church the PCC thought the following would be a great way to share Christmas greetings and raise money for Myton Hospice. On the table at the back of church is a 'large' Christmas Card from Myton - simply write your Christmas message to the church family on one of the snowflakes inside the card and place your donation in the envelope. If you are a tax payer you also have the opportunity to make your donation worth an extra 25% by completing the form on the back of the card.

Many thanks - The PCC

St James Strollers

The next "stroll" will be on Sunday, 3rd December, as usual, meeting at 2pm at Wood Street car park, when, because of the limited hours of daylight, we will set forth on a shorter stroll of a little over 3 miles along footpaths in the Stockton direction. We should be back in Southam before sunset by about 4.30pm. I do hope you will be able to join us.

"Spike" Thorne – Southam 814468.

Carriers of Hope Christmas-Party-in-a-Bag for 280 families

Carriers of Hope's target this year is to bless 280 families with the makings of a Christmas Dinner, for them to enjoy with their families at home, containing a cake or yule log, a tin of chocolates, a pudding of some kind, mince pies, Christmas crackers and a £10 gift card to buy the fresh food items.



If you would like to make up a bag or donate any of the above items, please bring them to church or the church office by Sunday 17th December. If you have any questions please have a word with me.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a financial donation please send a cheque made payable to Carriers of Hope c/o 55 Garth Crescent, Coventry, CV3 2PP. Each bag costs around £25.

Thanking you in anticipation!

Jan Ford (01926 813373)

Saturday December 2nd 2017 at 7.30pm St James Church

Comedy and Carols Concert with Paul Kerensa and James Sherwood

Admission £7.50 – tickets available from Rev Vikki Bisiker (07983 402614) and Rev Martin Green (01926 613466) This is an ideal event to bring along family, friends and neighbours and we are expecting to sell out! So please get your order for tickets in early to avoid disappointment!

Bar refreshments and merchandise available.

See poster on the church notice board.

Temporary Accommodation Sought - Can you or anyone you know help?

We have had a request from a mature, professional, Christian woman who is seeking short term, temporary accommodation from 1st January 2018.

Sue is relocating to Cubbington for work and intending to purchase a property in the local area but needs to find temporary accommodation in the intervening period. When visiting for the interview, she was very drawn to Southam and felt God was calling her into the area.

If you are able to offer Sue a room (with use of kitchen, bathroom, etc.) to rent or know of anyone who might be able to help or properties that might be available please speak with Margaret in the Church Office to obtain Sue's contact details so that you can get in touch. Clearly if you are able to help you would have to satisfy yourself as to Sue's suitability.

Men's Breakfast 8.30am on Saturday 25th November in Ufton Village Hall

It's always good to have a Talk from 'one of our own' and we're delighted to welcome John Eld back as Guest Speaker, but this time with a totally different theme: "F1 may be motor racing, but motor racing isn't F1". John was at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit in October and is currently sifting through his 630+ photos to ensure that we get the very best from the visuals, so:- Don't delay – book today! As always you'll be joined by others keen to enjoy Roger's "Full English for a fiver" together with good company and laughter. To guarantee your place please give Barry Parker a call on 01926 811254 or (better still) email champagnebuff@gmail.com

Thank You

Edward and Heather Shackleton wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all at St. James for the wonderful help and support given in respect of the recent choir concert and celebration on 4th November. We are truly blessed to be a part of this Church family.

A total sum of £600 was raised which has been divided equally between Myton Hospices and St. James Church. Thank you all.

A Marathon Thank-You From Rachel

I did it! Completed the hot and sunny Amsterdam Marathon!

Thank you everyone for all your support - good wishes, prayers and donations to Parkinson's UK. It meant the world to me and inspired me to keep going in some tough moments.

Love, Rachel

Harvest Festival Gifts

Jackie Grey the foodbank co-ordinator has sent a letter of thanks for the gifts we sent to them after our Harvest service.

She says "May I ask you to say a big thank you for the wonderful items of food the congregation have donated to us from your Harvest Festival. The Fosse Foodbank has been open in Southam for three years, in that time, up to June of this year, we've helped approximately 275 adults and 122 children with food items, toiletries and food vouchers. We have already used some of the items you donated to us for a family of five. I also took some items to the Leamington Spa Night Shelter where I volunteer on a Wednesday night, these were received with great glee, as they have so little of life's luxuries."

Trip to Iona

Gemma North from Harbury church is arranging a trip to Bishop's House in beautiful Iona in 2019! The whole house has been booked and so there's space for 23 people and there's currently 16 people booked on from Harbury. If you're interested in joining the trip then I do have a booklet about the house and also the covering letter with further info, but the bare essential information is 11th to 18th May 2019 and the cost is £520 (paid in 4 instalments) plus travel costs. Please have a word with me if you're interested and would like to know more.

Vikki

Prayer Changes Things!

We, as a Church, feel challenged to pray for our community in a more structured way. Apart from being obedient to God's call to pray, (1Thessalonians 5 v 17) urging us to pray continuously. What should we pray? Because God's desire is always to bless people, we can pray for God's blessing on the people of Southam, street by street.

<p>Pray BLESSINGS on your community, BODY – health, protection, strength LABOUR – work, reward, security EMOTIONS – joy, peace, hope SOCIAL – love, marriage, family, friends SPIRIT - salvation, faith, grace</p>
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Mill Crescent, Mill Close, Mill Road, Hollywell Road.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 26 th Nov.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group + Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 30 th Nov.	10am	Holy Communion
Sun. 3 rd December	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Thursday 7 th December	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th December	8am	Holy Communion
	3-5pm	"Messy" Christingle – 3-4pm there will be craft activities & making Christingles. 4pm there will be a service for all followed by a light tea finishing around 5pm
Thursday 14 th December	10am	Holy Communion

Revd. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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For all enquiries please contact the Church Office or Churchwardens

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Churchwardens: Stephen Adams (01926 813753)

Barry Parker (01926 811254)

PLEASE NOTE -

For safety's sake in our large church building, parents are asked to always keep a watchful eye on their children. St James' "children's corner" may be used with supervision, by pre-school children.