



# 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

**10<sup>th</sup> December 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*

**8am Holy Communion**

**3pm 'Messy Christingle' reading John 1:1-12**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10am Holy Communion**

**The Journey to Bethlehem: Mary and Joseph**

**Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25.**

**Special Prayer (Collect)**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

**Services at St James Church**

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion weekly

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

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

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## ***Dates for your Diary***

Every Friday Morning	9.30am- 10.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church Prayer Room
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	2pm	MU Carol Service in church
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	6pm	Carols by Candlelight



**'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!

## **1Christmas Fayre**

Total proceeds from our Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 2 December were £1068.42 - a magnificent effort. Very many thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the fayre and a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

## **1Christmas Flowers**

Donations towards the cost of the Christmas flowers would be appreciated. Please contact Jackie Graham or the Church Office with your gift.

### **Junior Diabetics Research Foundation**

Once again we shall be raising funds for J.D.R.F on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we shall be having a Christmas Raffle in Tythe Lodge 8.30 – 12.30

If you are able to support this event it would be greatly appreciated

With our thanks again. Rose and Derrick

## **2Christmas at St James**

Christmas is often a busy time for many and this is certainly the case at St James with extra services, the schools coming in for their Christmas celebrations, a special day event called 'the Christmas Experience' for all the Year 6 children, plus the Christmas Fayre and Paul Kerensa Comedy & Carols event. Phew I'm tired just thinking about it all. With some folk away at different times, the PCC wondered whether anyone has some time and would like to volunteer for the following....

**Carols by Candlelight (December 17th)** - someone to help put the candles in jam jars out around the church and up the path (weather permitting!)

**Family Celebration on Christmas Eve** - someone to provide and serve refreshments for when people arrive. You don't have to be an amazing baker - shop bought items are gratefully received too so don't let that put you off!

**'Midnight' Holy Communion on Christmas Eve** - someone to help put the candles in jam jars out around the church and up the path (weather permitting!)

I'm sure other jobs will become apparent through Advent, so watch this space on how you can be involved at this very special time. And we promise not to add you to a future rota, unless you want to!

Thanks in anticipation, Vikki

## **Church Christmas Card**

A massive thank you to all who have helped distribute the church Christmas Cards, which is an effective way of communicating the real meaning of Christmas and providing information on what is happening at St James. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to come along to our various services.

## **Give a Christmas Gift to the Myton Hospice**

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

## **Advent Lunches**

In aid of Children with Cancer UK on Tuesday December 12th and 19th 11.00am - 1.00pm in Our Lady & St Wulstan's Church Hall. All welcome.

## **Renewal of Giving**

On behalf of the PCC and myself, we'd like to express our thanks for your response, both financially and how you serve at St James', to the Renewal of Giving back in October. I know that a number of people review their financial giving throughout the year, but it's always good to have a time each year set aside to consider these things or maybe to get around to actually responding when we've been meaning to for ages. There are always things on the 'List to do' aren't there?!

Through the Renewal of Giving, the annual financial giving has increased by £1,050 PLUS a one off donation of £500 PLUS we have a new volunteer to help lead at the 10am services. Please join with us in giving thanks for God's provision to us as a church family and if you ever want to chat about being more involved at St James then I'm always happy to catch up over a cuppa. With thanks, Vikki

## **Carriers of Hope November Update**

Some pieces of news from Sue Sampson at Carriers of Hope:

1. Great news! Children in Need have awarded us 3 years funding for a part-time Children's Worker to enhance the work directly focusing on the children. We're excited! Watch this space.
2. There is a new phone number for Catherine on our Furniture Project, following her phone going missing. If you want to contact her about any collections please ring her on: 07378 300631.
3. The Christmas Elves have been hard at work (with the help of CLM's Life Groups - thanks so much, lovely people). We are now clearer about where we will have shortages. We still need more presents for Ages 6-8 years, 9-12 years, 13 plus, and men and women. please.
4. The target of 280 Christmas-Dinners-in-a Bag is coming along nicely. It feels as if we are around the 200 mark so far. Contributions of £10 gift cards, Christmas Crackers, Mince Pies, Christmassy desserts and Christmassy cakes will all help us to reach the target.
5. We are aiming to bring joy to at least 1,200 of our clients during w/b 18th December.

For more information please speak with our local contact, Jan Ford.

## **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><b>Pray BLESSINGS on your community,</b> <b>BODY – health, protection, strength</b> <b>LABOUR – work, reward, security</b> <b>EMOTIONS – joy, peace, hope</b> <b>SOCIAL – love, marriage, family, friends</b> <b>SPIRIT - salvation, faith, grace</b></p>
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Grange Close, Tomwell Close, Chestnut Place.

## Christmas at St James 2017

<b>December</b>		
Sunday 10	8am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10	3pm/4pm	'Messy Christingle' 3pm Messy Church crafts & fun for families 4pm service for all followed by light refreshments – to finish around 5pm
Sunday 17	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	3pm	Family Celebration for the young and young at heart
Christmas Eve	11.15pm	'Midnight' Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am	Family Communion
New Year's Eve	10am	Morning Worship
Thursday Holy Communion	10am	December 14, 21 and 28

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*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.*