



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

17th 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*

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21st December 10am Holy Communion

**Various readings.
Readers chosen by service leaders**

Special Prayer (Collect)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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

Friday Morning Prayer

No Meetings from 15th December - Restarts Friday 5th January

Office Christmas Closure

The office will be closed on Friday 22nd Dec, open for the day Thursday 28th Dec. then closed Friday 29th Dec. to reopen as usual 2nd Jan



'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!

Advent Lunches

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

Christmas 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.

Christmas 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 19th 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

Christmas 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

**Community Christmas Concert.
Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm - 3.00pm**

Year 7 students from Southam College are hosting a Community Christmas Event at St James Church.

Join them for refreshments, festive performances and carol singing.

No tickets required.

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.

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

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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Springs Crescent, Mayfield Road to Ploughman's Holt Junction,
Ploughman's Holt

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.

Carriers of Hope is looking for a Children's Worker

Carriers of Hope, Coventry, in Partnership with BBC Children in Need, is seeking to employ a part-time Children's Worker to work with the Children and Volunteers involved in our various services and activities.

The salary will be £10,000 per year for 16 hours per week, which will be worked flexibly although there are two fixed times of Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 8.00 to 12 noon.

We are looking for someone with well-developed skills in the area of planning and delivering activities for children; and who is skilled at understanding the needs of BME children and young people. The person needs to be really happy to work with, and lead, a team of volunteers and not be put off by the idea of starting new services from scratch.

Closing date for applications Tuesday 2nd January 2018

For application materials please email sues@carriersofhope.org.uk or text Sue on 07963 058958 with your email address.

Please draw this opportunity to the notice of anyone who you think would be interested. THANK YOU!

Sue Sampson

Carriers of Hope, Coventry c/o 55 Garth Crescent Coventry CV3 2PP 024 7645 635

Christmas at St James 2017

December

Tuesday 19 1.30pm - 3.00pm Community Christmas Concert

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

Holy Communion

Revd. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

07983 402614

email: vicarpad@gmail.com

For all enquiries please contact the Church Office or Churchwardens

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e-mail: southamchurch@yahoo.com

website: www.stjames-southam.co.uk

Churchwardens: Stephen Adams (01926 813753)

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.