



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

24th /31st 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

24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm Family Celebration

Journey to Bethlehem: Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

11.15pm “Midnight” Holy Communion

Journey to Bethlehem: The shepherds & the angels

Luke 2:1-20

Special Prayer (Collect)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth-pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

25th December – Christmas Day

10am Family Communion

Journey to Bethlehem: The Living Expression

Reading: John 1:1-14

Thursday 28th December 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December 10am Morning Worship

Simeon's song

Luke 2:21-40

Special Prayer (Collect)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Thursday 4th January 10am Holy Communion

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 restarts Friday 5th January

Office Christmas Closure

The office will be closed on Friday 22nd Dec. open 9am-1pm 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!

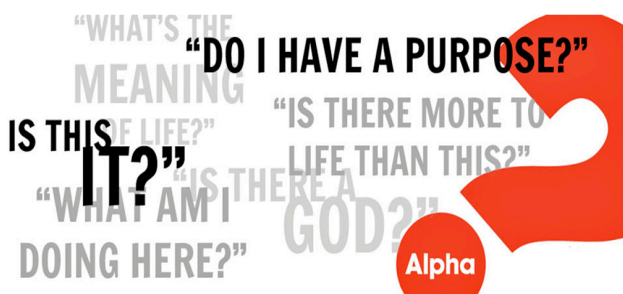
Sunday 31st December - waiting expectantly for 2018

Join us in Morning Worship at 10 am - a time of quiet reflection as a new year approaches, an opportunity to reflect as well as look forward. Like most clergy during the week after Christmas, Vikki will be on holiday, so worship will be led by Jenny and Margo, members of the lay team.

Messy Christingle Sunday 7th January 2018 – NEW DATE *‘for the young and young at heart’*

Due to adverse weather we had to postpone the planned Christingle Service in December. This service has now been rearranged for Sunday 7th January 2018. Make sure this date is in your diary and give some thought as to whom you might invite!

3pm Craft and making Christingles for families then at 4pm a service for all followed by light refreshments - to finish around 5pm. A representative from the Children's Society will also be attending.



Alpha Taster Evening

What's it all about?

You are invited to a taster to experience the opportunities Alpha offers to explore life and the Christian faith in an open, friendly and informal way.

When: 7.30pm January 18th

Where @ The Green Man Long Itchington.

Puddings & cheeseboard provided, drinks available at the bar.

To book contact :-

Rev Martin Green revmcg@kerrins.net 01926 613466 or

Rev Vikki Bisiker 07983 402614

Jam Jars Wanted

We are collecting jam jars for craft activities for Messy Church. If you have any to donate please leave in the church office or at the back of church. Any size but particularly useful would be small ones.
Many thanks. St James Messy Team

St James Strollers

The next "stroll" will be on Sunday 7th January 2018, as usual meeting at 2pm at Wood Street car park, when as last time, because of the limited hours of daylight, we will undertake a shorter than usual stroll of about 3 miles from the car park with intention of being back by soon after 4pm.

I do hope you will be able to join us.

"Spike" Thorne – 01926 814468

Christmas Fayre

Total proceeds from our Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 2 December were £1,068.42 - 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.

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.

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.

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

The Rest of Mayfield Road (Flats), Linley Road, Springfield Grove
Watton's Lodge, Watton's Lane, Manders Croft

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Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 7 th January	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	3pm/4pm	3pm Craft and making Christingles for families then at 4pm a service for all followed by light refreshments
Thursday 11 th January	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th January	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with Children's Group
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 18 th January	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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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.