



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 November 2019

*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

Matthew 3:1-12

Thursday 21st November 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) The Second Sunday Before Advent.
Heavenly Lord, you long for the 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

“Verses from the Psalms for November” - from Psalm 24:
‘The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it..... and He is the Lord Almighty,
the King of glory...”

Dates for your Diary

Every Friday Morning 9.30am – 10.30am prayer Meeting in church

Saturday 23rd Nov. 8.30am Men’s Breakfast Ufton Village Hall

Sunday 1st Dec. 5.00pm Christmas Lights Switch On



‘CROSS OF NAILS’ Friday noon prayers and coffee

Coffee served from 10.30am - 12noon.

Contacts are Chris Cooke or Jan Ford 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.

Cheques made payable to St James Church

Due to changes in processing cheques at our bank please ensure that any cheques are made payable to **St James Church PCC.**

Many thanks, Ruth Tresidder, Treasurer.

3Christmas Fayre

being held in church

Saturday 7th 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 – John Tresidder

Bottles – Bellringers

Bric-a-brac – Annie & Roger Lane

Cakes and preserves – Chris Cooke or any MU member

Grand Christmas Raffle – Ruth Tresidder

Refreshments – Rose Evans

Toys – Jan Ford

If you are able to help on the day or to sell Raffle tickets outside the Co-op
on

Tuesday 3rd or Friday 6th December please contact Ruth Tresidder

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Thought for the month of November from Stephan Adams - Churchwarden

“November's night is dark and drear, the dullest month of all the year.”

Words from L. E. Landon sum up the thoughts of many writers and poets about this month!

Apart from the fun and fireworks at the beginning of the month, November can be very dull as the autumn colours have now disappeared and the nights are long and the weather is wetter and colder. I feel I can understand why some animals hibernate!

The big event in our community this month is our Remembrance Parade and the service hosted at St James, when we take that special time to remember together those whose lives were cut short by war and conflict, and to acknowledge our gratitude for the lives we now enjoy as a result of all their sacrifices.

Many hopes and dreams left unfulfilled. My wife Pat recently drew my attention to something she had read and it seemed a good idea to repeat it here: In a 1985 newspaper essay an American lady called Anne Wells wrote, ‘My brother-in-law opened my sister’s bureau and drew out a tissue wrapped package. It was an exquisite silk handmade slip; the price tag with an astronomical figure on it was still attached.

“Jan bought this the first time we went to New York eight or nine years ago,” he said. “She never wore it; she was saving it for a special occasion. Well I guess this is the occasion.” He put the slip on the bed with the other clothes we were taking to the mortician. Then he turned to me, “Don’t ever save anything for a special occasion. Every day you’re alive is a special occasion!” Anne Wells continued, ‘I’m not saving anything anymore. Now we use our good china – for every “occasion”. “Someday” and “one of these days” are fighting a losing battle to stay in my vocabulary. If it’s worth seeing, hearing or doing, I want to see, hear, and do it now. I’m trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that could add laughter or lustre to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes I tell myself this is a special occasion.’

Part of a prayer written in the Bible says, “Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” So let’s try and ignore that voice in our head that says ‘You can do it later.’ Don’t waste a day. Do it *now* – visit an old friend, pop across the road to a neighbour, learn a new skill, tell someone you love them, forgive that person who upset you, take that trip.

Start today to do that thing that you’ve been putting off.

2St James Strollers

We will meet again on **Sunday, 1st December 2019**, at 2pm at Wood Street car park from where we will start a walk of about three miles which we hope to complete within the limited hours of daylight by about four o’clock. By so doing there should then be adequate time for those who wish to take part in the Christmas Lights Switch-on and/or the Advent Service at the parish church at 6.30 pm.

I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT begins on December 1st, and many of us choose a series of Advent readings and reflections to help us prepare for the birth of our Saviour, despite the demands of preparing for Christmas..... here are three titles you may appreciate.....

THE LITTLE BOOK OF ADVENT - readings and prayers from various Christian authors from times past and present...

DO NOTHING, CHRISTMAS IS COMING - an Advent calendar with a difference, from Bishop Stephen Cottrell...

A newly published book by Christopher Ash, from The Good Book Company, Amazon or Eden books –

REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY... covering Luke 1 and 2 with a variety of prayers, reflections, a carol and a space for your notes each day.

'IN THIS LIGHT' – new from Justin Welby. Christmas is a time for peace and reflection. Justin Welby has invited friends, celebrities, politicians, athletes and more to share their thoughts about the season.

Harper Collins, 160 page hardback gift book, £10.99.

More details and/or information, from Jill Parker or Margo Grant

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 23 November in the Village Hall

We are delighted to welcome back Bernard Cadogan from Southam Heritage Collection as our Guest Speaker, but whereas last time he gave a stand-alone Talk, this time we will be able to listen to Part I, with Part II to follow in the New Year.

Part I is entitled “How chance encounters reveal some of the fantastic stories about an historic market town” and Bernard will give three examples of instances where an everyday occurrence has led to a fascinating insight into the history of Southam, namely the building of Tithe Place, a photograph of a courting couple and a question from the BBC. These three instances touch on aspects of Southam's history from Roman Times up to the second World War.

Bernard is an entertaining Speaker so demand for Roger's “Full English for a fiver” will be high - book yourself in early with Barry Parker on 01926 811254 or via the more usual email route: champagnebuff@gmail.com

News from St Cuthberts Church Portsmouth

We received encouraging news that St Cuthberts Church Portsmouth on their harvest gift day raised £528.20. Along with a further £20 donation we are in a position for the Bees Abroad team in Kenya to train and equip the Mothers Union members of St Andrew Nanyuki with skills that can generate income to benefit themselves and needy church members.

We will keep you updated

Thank you for your interest and support

John & Mary Home

CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO CARRIERS OF HOPE

You can make Christmas Special



Christmas Party in a Bag

Would you like to join us in doing something special to let Coventry's Asylum Seekers, Refugee and Migrant families know people really do care about their plight?

We are looking to give everything needed for a special Christmas dinner to 300 families. Can you help?

The bags, which cost us £25 each to make, include mince pies, tin of biscuits, a tub of chocolates, Christmas cake and a £10 voucher for a supermarket. Can you offer to make 1 or more bags this year; or to donate £25 so we can make one on your behalf?

NOTE: We are putting together, collectively as a church, monies and goods to make up Christmas Party Bags so if you cannot afford to fill a whole bag for £25 we will put all the contributions together to make up the bags.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Carriers of Hope" and leave it on the table at the rear of the church by 24th November.

Thank you.



If you are able to help one of our families to have a special Christmas we (and they) would be VERY Grateful, Thank you very much. Sue Sampson.

Prayer Changes Things!

As a Church, we continue to pray for our community because God's desire is always to bless people. So each week we pray for God's blessing on the people of Southam, street by street.



What should we pray?

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

This week we pray especially for those who live or work in:-

Barkus Close, Flying Fields.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 24 th Nov.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 28 th Nov.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st Dec.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	6.30pm	Advent Service
Thursday 5 th Dec.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th Dec.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 12 th Dec.	10am	Holy Communion

Revd. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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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.