

St James West Streatham

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Notice Sheet for 10th December 2017

“God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts,
the Spirit who calls out “Abba Father””
Galatians 4 v 6

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion with Baptism. Rev Rob Powell will be leading and Rev Johan Allen will be speaking on “**Christmas Unwrapped**”
From Galatians 3 v 26-4v7

If this is your first visit, please complete a **welcome card** and give it to one of the clergy so we can send you further information about St. James.

Welcome leaflets are available in the foyer giving details about our church activities.

Bibles are available in each pew. **We now have large print Bibles.** Please see sidespersons if you need one.

Gift aid declaration forms and accompanying gift aid envelopes are available in the pews. Further information about regular giving is also available in the foyer.

Prayer ministry is available at the end of the service. If you would like someone to pray for you, please make your way to the Prayer Corner.

Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us and get to know one another in an informal way.

Sunday Children's Groups

The children leave for their groups after the opening time of worship:

Crèche: A supervised crèche for children under 3 years is available in the Centre. Parents can stay with their child if they wish. Alternatively an unsupervised children's corner is available at the back right of the Church.

Bubbles: Meets in the Church Centre. Children join Bubbles in the September after they turn 3 and stay until the end of school year 1.

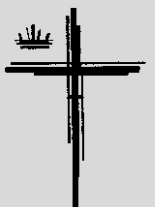
Splash: Meets in the Vestry. This group is for children in school years 2 to 5.

Resonate & DC: Young people in school year 6 and above meet in the youth centre (FYC) next door. Young people leave for their groups after the opening time of worship - except on 2nd Sundays when groups start in FYC at 10.30am

Next Sunday 17th December 2017

Nativity Service at MLBC 10.30am
Joint Children's Carol Service at St. James 3.30pm
Joint Carols by Candlelight at St James 7.00pm
For more news and information please visit:

www.stjames-streatham.org.uk



NOTICES

FOODBANK

We have been very busy in the past few weeks and have been able to offer help and food. Thank you for your continued support. The [Foodbank](#) Team.

Items needed:

- UHT Milk
- Sugar



The Foodbank Store manager Tom wanted St James folk to know that we are the best and quickest responding Church to the weekly donation requests. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE

We will be holding a service on the morning of Christmas Eve in addition to the communion service at 11.45pm. So, please do join us at 10.30am for carols, readings and reflection, all in just one hour.

ADVENT THANKSGIVING GIFT DAY

We made a wonderful start last Sunday to this year's Gift Day, with £11,380 raised including the gift aid recovery. Praise God! Thank you so much to all who have given so generously and sacrificially. Our target is £15,000, so we are nearly there already! There is still an opportunity to give up to the end of December if you haven't already done so – envelopes are available from the Information Desk. Thank you.

SOUL SURVIVOR

This summer the Youth Ministry will be taking a group of young people to [Soul Survivor](#) Christian Youth Camp to engage with other young Christians from all over the country. It is a fun time where our young people get to bond with each other. This year we are planning to take around 16 young people and 4 or 5 volunteers. In order for this to be a possibility we need someone to come and cook for the young people and the team. The dates are Friday 24th to Tuesday 28th August. If you can help please contact Sam Talbot: fcyouthministry3@gmail.com

THE MARRIAGE SESSIONS 2018

Following the success of [The Marriage Sessions](#) earlier this year we are planning to run them again next year with two different topics. Couples are invited to enjoy an evening out with wine, nibbles and music and the chance to explore what it means to Connect and Collaborate in your relationship. Both sessions will take place at MLBC on 27th January and 10th February from 7.30-9.30pm with the opportunity to renew your marriage vows if you wish on National Marriage Day, Sunday 11th February, 5pm at St James. Pick up a flier or visit the [webpage](#) for more information. Email admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com to book your place.

ST. JAMES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on social media for regular updates and a full picture of life at St. James:



BUILDING FOR THE KINGDOM PRAYER POINTERS

Through the Building for the Kingdom Project please pray:

- that we remember God is our rock and foundation and we trust in Him
- for a good outcome of the fire safety assessment of the halls and Church building
- for safety and comfort of the buildings as the winter season is a very busy with many visitors over Advent and Christmas

NEEDED

White fairy lights; clean jam jars and artificial Christmas trees. If you have any of these items spare and won't need them for Christmas, could you please bring them to church or contact Carol Burt or Pauline Pepperrell to collect them. We will be happy to return them after Christmas. Thank You!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

Following the outstanding success of our last two pilgrimages to the [Holy Land](#), Rob will be leading another from 11-21 March 2019. Staying in 3 venues – Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Tiberias – and visiting both the ancient stones and the living stones, we will walk in the footsteps of Jesus for 11 life-changing days. The cost is £2,295 all-inclusive and you can reserve your place right now with a £200 deposit. Collect a brochure from Rob or visit the church web site. There will be an information evening at 7pm on 13th January 2018 in the Church Centre where you can find out more and ask questions.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Information about Christmas Day lunch:

It is being held at St. Albans Church Centre and starts at 1.00pm. The cost is £12 for a 3 course meal with drinks, including alcohol if desired. Finishes around 5pm. Transport is available to and from if required. Please see John Farebrother.

WHAT'S ON

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 10 th December	10:30am	Holy Communion with Baptism.
Monday 11 th December	6:30pm	Brownies in Upper Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	9:00pm	The Well in the Centre
	10:30am	Holy Communion in Church
	3:30pm	Get Set in the Centre
	6:00pm	FYC Juniors in FYC
Wednesday 13 th December	5:45pm	Adventurers in the Centre
Thursday 14 th December	10:00am	Little Fishes in the Centre
Friday 15 th December	9:00am	The Well in the Centre
	6:00pm	FYC Inters in FYC
Sunday 17 th December	10:30am	Nativity Service at MLBC
	3:30pm	Joint Children's Carol Service
	7:00pm	Carols by Candlelight

NATIVITY SERVICE AT MLBC

Please come dressed up (especially the children) as a character from the story for the nativity service on the 17th December at MLBC 10.30am

HELP NEEDED

We are soon to introduce a new computer projection system for our services at St James and we are looking to recruit some new volunteers to join the rota for Sunday mornings. No experience required – just some confidence operating a computer and a willingness to learn. Please speak to Rob or contact Christina in the Church office.

PCC SUGGESTION BOX

The PCC is eager to hear suggestions for items or issues you feel should be discussed and addressed at future PCC meetings. If you would like to put forward any suggestions for consideration, please email: admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com or fill in a slip to put in the [PCC Suggestion Box](#) on the information desk. Thank you.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Are you comfortable with figures? Do you understand accounts? Might God be calling you to volunteer your time and gifts at St James? We would love to hear from anyone who might consider serving as the next Treasurer at St James from next April. Please speak to Rob Powell or Paula Thomas to find out what's involved. Thanks.

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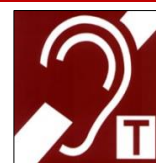
Sue Clarke is planning a trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Austria in 2020. Transport will be by coach and the trip will last for 7 days. Approximate cost is £1,100 for a shared room. Please let Sue know at semclarke@btinternet.com if you might be interested, without any obligation at this stage

e -BULLETINS

Notice sheets are sent to members and regular attendees via email. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.

HEARING INDUCTION LOOP

Please set your hearing device to 'T'. The strongest signal is around the walls of the church. Please avoid the sound desk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

“After leaving the disciples, Jesus went into the hills to pray.” Mark 6:46

Please pray for the following members of our church family

**Tony Herbert, Doris Baker, Jenny Roach, Edgar Lewis, Gilly Bishenden,
Doreen Chandler, Elaine Price, Neils Ribeiro Snr, Iris Gordon and Dave Ingram.**

Alan Burrows: now at home and recovering from last Monday's operation to remove his gall bladder.

Adam & Jo Seymour-Davies & the family: following the death of Adam's father Hugh who died peacefully after a long period of illness. Pray for Adam as he deals with arrangements including the funeral and for safe travel to & from Wales. Also for Jo as she mourns her friend Audrey who died recently.

Lina Hopkins: who continues to recover following a recent stay in hospital. Pray for her healing & wellbeing.

Freda Rouse: able to get out and around now and grateful for all your prayers.

Jonathan Allen (Johan's son): whose shoulder operation is healing well one month into an estimated three-month recovery period; and whose knee feels more comfortable after fitting of a knee brace. **Sarah & the family** are thankful for all your prayers.

Pray also for others whom you know to be **ill** or recovering from a **recent illness**.

Pray for our mission partners **David & Amy Roche & family:** serving God and working with refugees, families and the community at All Saints Church, Beirut in Lebanon.

Continue to pray for peace and reconciliation where there is war or civil unrest in the world and for aid & medical treatment to reach those who desperately need it. Pray for Jerusalem and the Middle East following the recent rise in tension and unrest.

Thank you for sharing in our ministry of prayer.

Would you appreciate prayer for yourself or for something that affects you?

Then please do speak to Johan or Rob or send a text, email or phone. (See details in church directory.)



NEWSHEET CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send all your newsletter notices/requests to the Church Office

☎ 020 8677 3947 ✉ admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com before 9:00am on Friday.

CONTACT US

St James Church: 236 Mitcham Lane, Streatham, London SW16 6NT

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Office Hours: Mon - Wed 9:30am to 2:30pm Thurs & Fri 9:30am to 5.00pm

Bank Details

Barclays Bank plc, Sort Code: 20-96-89

Account No: 00196878, Account Name: **St James PCC**

St James Church Charity Registration Number: 1133859