

Notice Sheet for 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2021				
"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, Because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."				
Romans 1 v 16				
	Sunday Children's Groups			
Holy Communion for Advent Sunday with Children's Groups in Church & Livestreamed	The children leave for their groups after the opening time of worship and return for communion.			
10.30am on Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November The service will also be livestreamed to our YouTube channel and will also be available to watch later.	The children's corner is available at the back right of the Church for parents with pre-school children, and a supervised <b>Creche</b> is available after the opening time of worship in the Church Centre.			
Please print the <b>service sheet</b> here.	<b>Bubbles</b> is for children in Reception and Year 1 and meets in the Hatch Room in the Church Centre.			
	<b>Splash</b> is for children in Years 2 - 5 and meets in the Youth Centre next door. Children meet in the Church Centre to go over together.			
HAPPY ADVENT SUNDAY COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS WELCOMING GOD INTO OUR LIVES EVERY DAY PREPARING FOR CHRISTS SECOND COMING	<b>XStream</b> is for children in Year 6+ and meets in the Youth Centre next door. Children meet in the Church Centre to go over together.			

<u>Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021</u> All Age Service in Church & Livestreamed at 10:30am For more news and information please visit: <u>www.stjames-streatham.org.uk</u>

### A MESSAGE FROM ROB ABOUT COVID AND CHURCH SERVICES

With effect from 31<sup>st</sup> October the wearing of face masks in church is now optional and refreshments have been reintroduced after the service. We will continue to reserve pews in both side aisles for those who wish to socially distance, whilst all pews in the middle section of the church will be available for seating. We would encourage everyone to make use of the hand sanitizers on the way in and out of church and to stay at home if you are ill or have flu or covid symptoms.

It is important to stress that we are easing restrictions at a time when infection numbers are rising and as we head into the winter season when it will be difficult to properly ventilate the church building. <u>The</u> <u>government has reiterated guidance that we should</u> <u>wear a face covering in enclosed and crowded</u> <u>spaces when we are mixing with people outside our</u> <u>immediate circle.</u> So, whilst I feel it is right to give you the freedom to make your own decisions, I would urge you to be cautious and wise, both for your own sake and that of others. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

# FOODBANK DONATIONS

For details about how to donate food to our local Foodbank visit: <u>www.wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk</u> or call 020 7326 9428.

### THE WELL

Fancy a toasted tea cake, a coffee and a chat? Why not drop in at The Well! With a fantastic range of drinks and snacks, and with a kids play area, we are open every Tuesday in term time from 9am-12pm in the Church Centre. Beth and Jo look forward to giving you a warm welcome

#### THE BRIDGE

The latest edition of the Southwark Diocese newspaper is available to read <u>here.</u>

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Beth's Christmas Quiz Night is back! Join us on Saturday 4th December in the church centre starting promptly at 7pm for an evening of festive fun! There will not be a hot meal this year, but nibbles and drinks will be provided. Tickets are FREE but space is limited, so please get your ticket asap from Beth at the information desk after the service!

## JOHAN AND SUE ALLEN

We are very sad that Johan and Sue Allen will be leaving us soon to move to Bath. We will be saying goodbye to them on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December when we will pray for them in our All Age Service at 10.30am and share some coffee and cake with them after the service. Please do come and join us to say farewell.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022

What better way to celebrate the end of COVID restrictions than to join us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on our next Holy Land Pilgrimage from **14-24 March 2022**. 11 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee that will transform your understanding of the Bible and strengthen your relationship with Jesus. Brochures and booking forms are available by contacting Rob or visiting the church website.

#### LITTLE FISHES

Our popular weekly stay & play Parent & Toddler Group has reopened and will run every Thursday from 10.00-11.30am in the Church Centre. Capacity is limited, so we are only able to welcome children accompanied by one parent or adult family member and pre-booking each week is essential. You can find out more and book your place <u>here.</u>

### ADVENT GIFT DAY 2021

Our annual advent gift day will take place **TODAY**. This is an opportunity to give a financial gift to the Lord over and above our regular giving, in gratitude for all his blessings this last year. Our target is £17,000, the first £3000 of which will be given away to charitable causes at home and overseas. This year we will be supporting the Furzedown Youth Centre Art Project, St Thomas Heideveld Youth & Children's Fund in Cape Town, and the Friends of the Heart Foundation of Jamaica. For further details, including how you can make your donation, please see the insert in the notice sheet. We can receive donations right up to the end of December.

### CAROL SERVICE

Due to concerns about Covid, the Carol Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm will be a ticket only event. Each church has been given an allocation of tickets. Tickets are available from the Information Desk on a first come first served basis. The service will also be livestreamed to our YouTube channel and will be available to watch at a later date if you prefer. Thank you

WHAT'S O	N		GIVING AT ST JAMES
Date	Time	Event	We won't be taking
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30am	Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups	up an offering in today's service, but the plate will be available on the Information Desk along with the <b>Contactless Giving</b> unit. You can also make a donation online by visiting <u>Online Giving to</u> <b>St James PCC</b> or using the QR code above. <b>CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES</b> This year's services for the festive season are: <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> 3.30pm: Children's Carol Service (no livestream) 7.00pm: Furzedown Carol Service (The Furzedown Carol Service (no livestream) 7.00pm: Furzedown Carol Service will be ticket admission only. Tickets will be available from Advent Sunday. The service will also be livestreamed) <b>Christmas Eve</b> 11.15pm: Midnight Communion (no livestream) <b>Christmas Day</b> 10.30am: All Age Communion with livestream <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> 10.30am: All Age New Year Service with livestream
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	5.30pm	LAG Boys Group in FYC	
	7.30pm	<b>Deanery Synod</b> at St Alban's Church	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	The Well Cafe in Church Centre	
	5.45pm	Adventurers in Church Centre	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am	Staff Meeting in Church Vestry	
	5.45pm	Adventurers in Church Centre	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:00am	Little Fishes in the Centre & Church	
	6:00pm	Girls POD in FYC	
	8.00pm	<b>Men's Curry Night</b> Vijaya Krishna, Tooting	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6:00pm	Furzedown Youth Club in FYC	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	7:00pm	Christmas Quiz in Church Centre	of Christmas
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	All Age Service	

## **NEWSHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please send all your newsletter notices/requests to the Church Office 2020 8677 3947 
admin\_stjameschurch@btinternet.com before 9:00am on Thursday.

#### CONTACT US

St James Church: 236 Mitcham Lane, Streatham, London SW16 6NT 2020 8677 3947 ⊠ <u>admin\_stjameschurch@btinternet.com</u> Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30am-4:30pm

#### **Bank Details**

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