

**Notice Sheet for 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**Christmas 2025 and New Year 2026**

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”

**All Age Worship with  
Prayer & Anointing**

10.30am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Christmas Eve  
Communion Service**

11.15pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**All Age Christmas Day  
Communion Service**

10.30am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Christmas Eve Communion Service @ St James Church at 11.15pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**All Age Christmas Day Communion Service @ St James Church at 10.30am**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Furzedown Churches Holy Communion Service @ St Pauls Church at 10am**

For more news and information please visit: [www.stjames-streatham.org.uk](http://www.stjames-streatham.org.uk)

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM - ADVENT PROGRAMME

The Pastoral Care Team will be presenting a special Advent Programme for the residents of Anvil Close Care Home on Friday, 19 December at 4:00 pm.

Please keep the team and residents in your prayers as we share the hope and joy of the season together.

## PASTORAL VISITS

As we enter the Advent season, a time of reflection, preparation and shared joy, the Pastoral Care Team will be visiting our housebound church members.

This year, the Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme centres on one word: Joy.

*"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...'"*

Luke 2:10-11

Please keep the team in your prayers as we undertake these visits.

For further details, please contact Rocky.

## ADVENT THANKSGIVING GIFT DAY

Our annual Gift Day began on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> and has received **£19,725** of our £20,000 target. We will be supporting the New Testament Church of God Hurricane Melissa Appeal with the first **£3,000** received. A letter of thanks from NTCG, and detailing what the £3k will do, can be read on the mission board in the Church Centre.

## FURZEDOWN CHOIR SERVICE

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> December Furzedown was treated to two amazing services, a family Nativity at 3pm and the annual Furzedown Churches Carol Concert at 7pm

A retiring collection of **£364.40** was raised for the New Testament Church of God (NTCG) Hurricane Melissa Appeal.

Thank you all for your generous gifts

## ST JAMES NEEDS YOU!

St James needs volunteers to assist in all areas of its weekly ministries. If you feel God is calling you to serve in the Well, driving members to church on Sunday, serving in midweek Children's groups or Sunday Children & Youth groups, please speak to one of our church wardens; **Nick Burt & Kirk Douglas**, or **Rocky Deans** or **Alan Burrows** in the Office to learn more.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER PRO-FORMA

We are introducing a Prayer Pro-Forma to support those who lead the prayers during Communion on Sundays. At present, we have a shortage of people willing to lead prayers, and we understand that some feel unsure, inexperienced, or simply lack the confidence to do so without guidance.

To help with this, Rocky, our Pastoral Lead, has prepared a simple and supportive Prayer Template. It provides structure, prompts, and examples, making it easier for anyone, whether new or experienced to lead prayers with confidence. Copies can be obtained from Alan in the Church Office.

If you feel able to take part in this ministry, the new template is there to help you. Thank you for considering serving in this way.

## PRAYER MEETING

### Prayer Meeting – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December after the Service

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

As we seek God's guidance in discerning who He is calling to be our next Rector, we invite you to join us at this special prayer meeting. It will last between 30 and 45 mins and be the chance.

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We will have our annual joint service at St Paul's Church at 10am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

## THE BRIDGE

You can read the latest edition of the diocesan paper here - <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

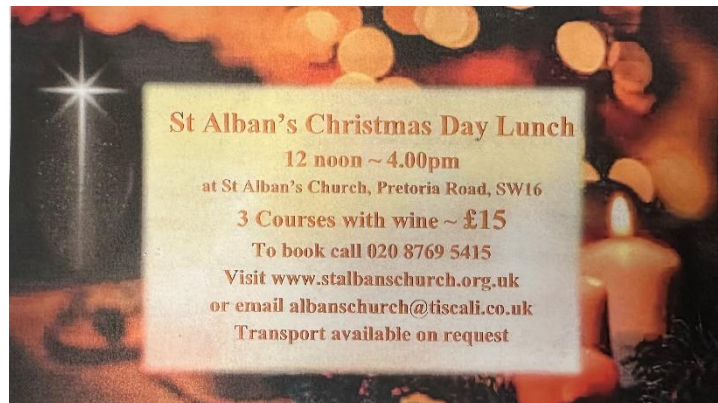
## WHAT'S ON

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm	<b>Messy Christmas</b> at St Alban's Church
	11.15pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b> In the Church & Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	<b>All Age Christmas Day Communion Service</b> In the Church & Centre
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	<b>Joint Communion Service</b> at St Paul's Church
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	<b>All Age Worship</b> In the Church & Centre

## ST ALBAN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**12pm – 4pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**, St Alban's Church are hosting their annual 3 course Christmas Lunch – with wine for £15

Please complete a booking form on the information desk and return to **John Farebrother**



## GIVING AT ST JAMES

We will be taking up an offering in today's service, but there are other ways of giving to the ministry and mission of St James.

If you wish to donate by card, the **Contactless Giving** unit is available on the Information Desk. You can also make a donation online by visiting [Online Giving to St James PCC](#).

You can also donate via Bank Standing Order

Name of Account: **St James PCC**

Sort Code: **20-96-89**

Account Number: **00196878**

For further information about ways to give please pick up an '**Investing in the Vision**' leaflet from the Information Desk or speak to Alan Burrows.

You can also sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme which is managed by Southwark Diocese who collect your donation, and any Gift Aid, and forward it onto St James' without cost.

**Gift Aid:** if you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase your donation at no further cost to you, just by completing a simple form (available from the office).

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

**EMMANUEL**  
— GOD IS WITH US —



## OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

1.30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December the church will be closed until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Have a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year



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