

*Thank you!!*

*To all Subscription members of the Friends of St James' Church*

*For your ongoing support*

*Your subscriptions and the profit from the summer concert have brought the monies in the Friends account to a new total of £2,600.30 [August 31<sup>st</sup>]*

*The PCC are considering how at least a part of the balance might be used for an important part of the installation of the much needed A-V system. It will be good to support the project whilst keeping to the constitution: that any Friends funds are to be used to maintain and enhance the beauty and heritage of the church and/or hall buildings and the surrounding grounds.*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and offered to pass on memories and photos towards the 'new' church history book. Collation of information is under way and a print company has been found for the project. A date for an exhibition and book launch has yet to be set so watch this space!

Currently the Friends do not have any fundraising events on the calendar as concentration is on completing the history book which will be sold at a very moderate price yet with a profit margin.

However, if anyone has an idea for a fundraising event that the Friends may be able to organise in 2019 please let us hear your ideas.

#### Diary Dates

6:30pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018: Rev Linda invites all to join with her at St James' Church for a special service when she will be licensed as our Associate Priest by Bishop Jonathan

Refreshments in Hall after the service

Some other important autumn diary dates:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September is our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** when there will be one service at 10:30am and we will be joined by children of St James' School choir

A Harvest Lunch in the Hall organised by the HOPE group will be at midday tickets from Fiona Weston 023 80465592 or Jan Barrett 023 80476777

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**11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month = Remembrance Sunday**

This year commemorates 100 years since the end of WW1

Wear your red poppy with pride at the West End Service of Remembrance which will begin in church at 10:15am.

Members of the parish council, various organisations and uniformed groups will join congregation and choir for a short time of thoughts and prayers with hymns in church before processing to the War Memorial

At 11am there will be a 2minute silence and the laying of wreaths

All are very welcome

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**The Christmas Tree Festival**

Keep an eye out in the Church Magazine or Church website / Facebook page for details about the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival

Put the weekend dates December 7-9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and tell your friends!

There will be a full programme of entertainment, crafts for sale and yummy refreshments throughout the weekend

Look out for the opportunity to sign up to help in various ways

If you would be interested in helping to create decorations for the Friends tree please contact me via: [stjameswefriends@gmail.com](mailto:stjameswefriends@gmail.com)

The theme of the Friends Tree will be stained glass

Nearer to Christmas – looking forward!

**7 pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Special Lives service**

A peaceful, reflective service  
remembering all who we have loved and see no longer in this earthly life

**6:30pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Lessons and Carols Service**

A favourite and for many their Christmas highlight

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

24<sup>th</sup> December we plan 2 Christingle services: these will start at 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Eve 1130pm service of Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Celebration Service for All Ages with Eucharist at 10:30am

*The search for the new Vicar for St James' Church has begun and the Church Wardens will keep us updated as the official process makes progress!!*

**A huge thank you to all who have paid their £10 subscription for 2018**

*Friends of St James' Application Forms are available at church if you know anyone who would like to help care for the beauty and heritage of the church, the hall and surrounding grounds please encourage them to pay the subscription of £10 = less than £1 per month*

Please note the new email address for the Friends:

[stjameswefriends@gmail.com](mailto:stjameswefriends@gmail.com)

This replaces the previous email: [friendsofstjameswestend@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjameswestend@gmail.com)

I encourage you to use the newer email address however the older email address given above will remain active for now and both are linked

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