



**St James' West End**  
**PEW NEWS**  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'**

<b>Today</b>	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
	11.00am	Church Alive
	6.30pm	Joint evensong with Christ Church Freemantle
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
	11.00am	Church Alive
	6.30pm	Informal Worship

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

*Morning Prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Lady Chapel*

Monday – Friday    Hall heating upgrade

Tue 20<sup>th</sup>    12noon    Interment of ashes of Ronnie McDowell  
              7.00pm    Music Recruitment meeting  
              8.00pm    Choir practice

Wed 21<sup>st</sup>    10.00am    Holy Communion  
              12noon    Chapter  
              2.00pm    Oaklands service  
              7.30pm    Lent Course at the Vicarage

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>    9.30am    Open Door at Harefield Surgery  
              7.30pm    Lent Course at 11 Wilderness Heights

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>    11.00am    Sunnycroft Communion  
              7.30pm    Youth Group

**NEWS**

**Joint choral Evensong tonight** Our choir will be joined by the choir of Christ Church, Freemantle, to sing at our Evensong. Do come along and experience this traditional form of worship.

**Social Group tea** The next tea with Bingo will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Tickets are £3.50 available from Margaret Baker.

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**Lent Appeal 2018** Our Lent Appeal this year is supporting Toilet Twinning, a charity which helps bring clean water and safe sanitation to the world's poorest people by linking our 'loos' with a latrine in Africa or Asia. We are flushing away poverty one toilet at a time! Please do pick up a collection box and find out more at <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

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**Open Choir Meeting** As Graham prepares to move on to new ventures in his musical life and indeed on his faith journey, we are very grateful that he will continue to lead our choir and play organ while we go through a recruitment process. To start this process, we are holding an open meeting in church on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** with the choir, to consider the future. Music is an essential part of our liturgy, worship and outreach and the meeting will be an opportunity to share ideas about how we would like to develop our choir and traditional choral music as well as considering all aspects of music within the life of St James'. All with an interest in our musical life are welcome to attend. For any who can't make the meeting who would like to contribute their thoughts, please e-mail or write to Thomas (or any choir member) so your thoughts can be shared at the meeting. Thank you.

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**Parish Quiet Day** Final numbers are shortly required for booking the Quiet Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the beautiful surroundings of Old Alresford Place between 10am and 3.30pm. Cost £15 including lunch and transport available if required. See sign up sheet at back of church or speak to Linda

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**New hall heating** will be installed over the coming week. The hall, including kitchen and toilets, will be out of use between Monday and Friday. Hopefully by the time you come back next week you will be able to enjoy a whole new heating and possibly hot water system!

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**Scaffolding** Sometime over the next couple of weeks there will be scaffolding erected on the south side of the church, just for one day, to replace some missing tiles. The purpose of this is to try and stop the occasional heavy leak in the south aisle, or to hopefully give us an indication of where the water finds its way in. *Noel Becket*

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**Lent Group** Due to various issues the ministry team have opted to run a different Lent Course called 'Lentwise' written by Paula Gooder and published by Church House Publishing. The 5 session course looks at 5 spiritual essentials for real life drawing on different images: a Compass (where are we going?), Bread (what nourishes us), a Torch (what gives me clarity), Shelter (where do I find true security) and Water (where do I find true refreshment). Each session is based on a different reading from John's Gospel. One group will start on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm** and another group will start on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm**. If there is enough interest a third group may also run on a Wednesday evening. Please sign up on the new sheets at the back of church and indicate whether you can attend a Wednesday or Thursday evening or either. For further information speak with Thomas, Brenda or Carol.

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**The revision of the Church Electoral Roll** for 2018 is due to take place during February and March. This is a time when new members are officially entered on the roll, and the names of those who have passed away or have moved away or no longer wish to be members of St James' Church are removed from the roll. If you are a regular attendee at St James' and wish to come onto the roll, please take a form from the table at the back of church, fill in your details and return the form to the Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret Baker.

Only **new** members need to fill in a form: if you filled in a form in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017 you do not need to do so now. Any queries please speak to Margaret.

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**Street Pastors** Looking for a new opportunity to care for your community? Hedge End Street Pastors need volunteers to join Friday night patrols in Hedge End, West End and Botley. We need 4 more Street Pastors (we are particularly short of females) and 3 or 4 more people to join our prayer team based in Hedge End. The next training course starts at the end of February. For an application form or if you want to know more please contact Frank Parker on 07503 308 185 or email [hedgeend@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:hedgeend@streetpastors.org.uk).

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**Christmas Tree Festival** We held our first planning meeting for this event which is taking place 7-9 December this year. We decided on our theme, which will be 'Christmas through the ages', and letters will very shortly be going out to local organisations inviting them to take part. If you would like to help with this event, but are unable to make meetings, please let me know and I will ensure you receive notes from any meetings we hold. Thank you. *Helen Wiseman*

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**Vote for Stay & Play at Portswood Waitrose!** Our Stay and Play group are one of three charities that can be voted for if you happen to shop in Portswood Waitrose over the next fortnight. Any funds raised will go towards purchasing reusable, covered hot drink cups for parents and carers, removing the need to use disposable cups that are non recyclable and damage the environment. A good excuse to visit Waitrose!

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**Carer's Café** A drop-in café dedicated to serving those who give their own time in order to care for others. The first session will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10:30 – 12:00. You are warmly invited to come and relax: take time out, chat over tea or coffee, browse information leaflets. Come on your own or with a friend. If you wish to and are able to bring the person in your care that is ok too. Please speak to Carol to find out more.

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**Mowing** We have a team of people who kindly take on the responsibility of mowing the church yard, a month at a time, during the growing season. Unfortunately due to retirement we have a couple of months that will not be covered this year, namely June and October. We are able to supply a mower and strimmer. If you would be able to help on either of these months (or both) please would you let Helen Wiseman know. Thank you.

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