

Welcome to  
**ST JAMES' WEST END**  
**PEW NEWS**  
 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015



**Today's Readings** Zephaniah 3: 14 to end; Luke 3: 7-18

**TODAY**

8.00am Holy Communion  
 8.50am LyCiG Advent course  
 with breakfast  
**10.30am** Parish Eucharist and  
 Pathfinders  
 2-5pm Ageas Bowl Christmas  
 2.30pm Dawson Lodge Service  
 6.30pm Advent Stillness

**NEXT SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015**

8.00am Holy Communion  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist and  
 Pathfinders  
 6.30pm Christmas Lessons  
 and Carols Service

**This Week**

|            |         |   |
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| Mon 14th   | 11.30am | Lunch Club, Hall                            |
| Tues 15th  | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer                              |
|            | 6.30pm  | Harefield Pre-school Carols , church & hall |
|            | 8.00pm  | Choir practice                              |
| Wed 16th   | 9.15am  | Stay & Play parent & toddler group, Hall    |
|            | 10.00am | Holy Communion                              |
|            | 2.00pm  | Open Meeting about 'Church Alive', Hall     |
|            | 11.00am | Glenside Carol Service                      |
|            | 7.30pm  | Open Meeting about 'Church Alive', Church   |
| Thurs 17th | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer                              |
|            | 2.00pm  | Sunnycroft Christmas Communion              |
| Fri 18th   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer                              |
|            | 10.00am | St James' School Christmas Service          |
|            | 7.00pm  | Special Lives (All Souls) service, church   |
| Sat 19th   | 9.30am  | Children's Christmas Activity Morning       |
|            | 11.00am | Churches Together Carols, Hedge End         |

## **NEW ADDITIONAL SERVICE 'CHURCH ALIVE' STARTS 17<sup>th</sup> JAN 2016**

Following an open PCC meeting held in the church hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December, the PCC approved the introduction of an additional weekly Sunday service called '**Church Alive**' to start after the Parish Eucharist. **From 17<sup>th</sup> January our main Parish Eucharist with choir and Pathfinders will start at the earlier time of 9.30am.** There will be refreshments from 10.30am-11am linking the two services and Church Alive will begin with refreshments from 10.45am (the service starting at 11am.)

**Church Alive** will be a more contemporary and interactive form of service to which everyone is welcome.

To provide more information and the opportunity for anyone to ask questions, Thomas is holding two open meetings (c.30 mins) next Week:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2pm in the hall and 7.30pm in church**

Anyone is welcome to turn up. There will be more information in January's edition of the parish magazine and more publicity to follow.

## **NEW SERVICE ARRANGEMENT FROM 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8.00-8.40am    | Holy Communion (quieter service with no hymns)   |
| 9.30-10.30am   | Parish Eucharist with Choir and Pathfinders<br>(Parish Eucharist will also be held on first Sundays)   |
| 10.30-11am     | Refreshments joining two services together   |
| 10.45am-c.12pm | "Church Alive" refreshments from 10.45am,<br>service starts 11am<br>(On first Sundays "Church Alive" will be with<br>Holy Communion)   |
| 12.30pm        | Baptisms (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays of month)  |
| 6.30pm         | Evening Service (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays Sung Evensong<br>with choir; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer & Reflection; 4 <sup>th</sup> Informal<br>Worship with Folk Group; 5 <sup>th</sup> Taize with Folk Group) |

### **THE AGEAS BOWL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-5pm**

There will be performances from local schools' choirs; community carols and Christmas craft projects as well as an indoor Christmas market. Adults £2 on the door and U18's free. An event organised in conjunction with Churches Together.

### **SPECIAL LIVES (All Souls). Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

A service to remember loved ones with thanksgiving and Christian hope. During the service there will be the opportunity to place a name tag of a loved one (or loved ones) on the Christmas Tree

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY MORNING Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am-12.30pm**

Children's Christmas fun and activities looking at the season of Christmas; with craft, music and stories. Parents are also welcome to stay.

### **WEEKLY ENVELOPE USERS**

For those of you who use weekly donations envelopes, please collect your box of 2016 envelopes from the back of the church today. If you would like to discuss the possibility of changing your giving to bank standing order, or if you do not currently give by the envelope scheme and are interested in doing so, then please speak to me. Likewise if you would like to find out about the various ways of giving and how by easily gift aiding your donations you can increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, then I would also be delighted to hear from you! Thank you,  
*David Forster, Treasurer.*

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Thank you to all our box holders, to date I have banked £287.99 into the Children's Society account, an amazing result from just your small change, it really does make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Please can I ask box holders to return their boxes to me for counting. Thank you for your continued support. *Jan Barret*

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Available today are the Children's Society Christingle candles, please pick one up and fill with small change and return at Christmas. Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR THANK YOU'S**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair last Saturday, a fantastic profit of £ 1,989.38 was made! *David Forster, Treasurer*

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in making the Christmas Fair so successful, as a church we are good at welcoming people in and the fair was a great way of making everyone visiting feel relaxed and welcome. so thank you to everyone involved on the day, the excellent bakers who produced delicious cakes, sweets produce, the WI and Knit and Natter group and everyone who supported the event, too many to name.  
*Jan Barrett Warden and Christmas Fair co-ordinator*

I would also like to thank Jan for taking on the co-ordinator role and making the Christmas Fair held for the first time at St. James' church a great success. *Revd Thomas*

## **CHRISTINGLE STEWARDS**

We need a goodly number of stewards for our very popular Christingle service on Christmas Eve 5pm. High visibility jackets, lighting and distributing Christingles, moving prams to the hall, being ready with damp tea towels, sand a fire extinguishers... you get the picture! please speak to wardens if you can help.

**CHRISTINGLE MAKING** Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec from 9.30am, Hall. All Welcome

**INTERESTED IN A LIFT TO CHURCH?** Please call Steve on 07557 912 710

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