

**A warm welcome to worship at  
ST JAMES' WEST END  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015**



**Today's Worship:**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm **No Service**

**Next Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016:**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Celebration Eucharist  
6.30pm Sung Evensong

**Hymns and Readings for this morning's worship:**

**Processional Carol:** 75... Long ago, prophets knew

**Collect:**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Epistle:** 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

**Gradual Hymn:** 63... 'Glory to God!'

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 41 to end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**Offertory Hymn:** 88... What child is this?

**Hymns** for all to sing during Communion

77... Lully, lulla

76... Love came down at Christmas

**Final Hymn:** 666... I cannot tell why he?

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All are welcome to join us for a cup of Tea or Coffee in the Hall

## PEW NEWS

### What's Happening This Week

Mon 28th	1.00pm	Wedding
Tues 29th	-	
Wed 30th	-	
Thurs 31st	-	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	-	
Sat 2nd	-	



### 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.

### 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 (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, service starts 11am (On first Sundays "Church Alive" will be with 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 with choir; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer & Reflection; 4 <sup>th</sup> Informal Worship with Folk Group; 5 <sup>th</sup> Taizé with Folk Group)

### **CHURCH ALIVE PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a planning meeting for all those interested in helping to lead and support the new service on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Vestry. Come along and be part of it

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

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