

**A warm welcome to
ST JAMES' WEST END
Sunday 3rd January 2016**



Today's Worship:

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Celebration Eucharist
6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

Next Sunday

10th January 2016:

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Prayer and Reflection

Readings for this morning's worship:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

PEW NEWS

What's Happening This Week

Mon 4th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues 5th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Wed 6th	9.15am	Stay and Play Parent & Toddler Group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Ministry Supervision
	7.30pm	Ministry Meeting re Church Alive Service
Thurs 7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Open Door in Harefield Surgery
	2.30pm	Baptism Handover Meeting, Vestry
	7.30pm	Church Alive Planning Meeting, Vestry
Fri 8th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Lincoln Court Communion
	1.00pm	Funeral of Howard Shergold
Sat 9th	-	



NEW ADDITIONAL SERVICE 'CHURCH ALIVE' STARTS 17th JAN 2016

Church Alive will be a more contemporary and interactive form of service to which everyone is welcome. Parish Eucharist to start at 9.30am from 17th January.

NEW SERVICE ARRANGEMENT FROM 17TH JANUARY 2016

8.00-8.40am	Holy Communion
9.30-10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Choir and Pathfinders
10.30-11am	Refreshments joining two services together
10.45am-c.12pm	"Church Alive" refreshments from 10.45am, service starts 11am (on 1 st Sunday with Holy Communion)
12.30pm	Baptisms (2 nd Sundays of month)
6.30pm	Evening Services as advertised

CHURCH ALIVE PLANNING MEETINGS

A short meeting to plan the new arrangements for Refreshments takes place after the 10am service today. All Welcome.

A further open meeting to discuss practical arrangements for Church Alive is on **Thursday 7th January 7.30pm in the Vestry.** All Welcome to find out more and offer support and help.

ST JAMES' MAGAZINE The deadline for the Feb 2016 edition of the magazine is Friday 8 January. Please email anything you'd like included to magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk or leave in my in-tray in the vestry. Many thanks, Caroline Wigley (023 8046 4115)

INTERESTED IN A LIFT TO CHURCH? Call Steve on 07557 912710

THANK YOU to everyone that supported the HOPE charity Christmas card. We raised a total of £412, divided into £108.50 for salvation army, £82.00 for Two Saints, £102.00 for Crisis and £119.50 for St James shelter.

Also thankyou to everyone that supported the Children's Society. The Christingle collection raised £469.54 and the home candles raised £110.39 an amazing total of £579.93. *Jan Barrett*

CAROL KIDD ON PLACEMENT We wish Carol the very best as she begins her placement at St. Paul's Sarisbury Green from 10th January until Easter. This placement is part of Carol's training as a Licensed Lay Minister.

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