

**A warm welcome to
ST JAMES' WEST END
Sunday 10th January 2016**



Today's Worship:

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist & Pathfinders
6.30pm Prayer & Reflection

Next Sunday 17th Jan 2016:

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist & Pathfinders
10.45am Church Alive
6.30pm Sung Evensong

COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PSALM 29 REFRAIN: 'The Lord will bless his people with peace'



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43: 1-7

43But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For

I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

All are welcome to join us for a cup of Tea or Coffee in the Hall
From next week, tea and coffee will be served in church with
new mugs and real coffee!

PEW NEWS

What's Happening This Week

Mon 11th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Wed 13th	9.15am	Stay and Play Parent & Toddler Group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Ministry Team Meeting
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Thurs 7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Open Door in Harefield Surgery
	1.30pm	Churches Together, HE Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Church Alive Planning Meeting, Vestry
Fri 8th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 9th	-	



NEXT WEEK Sunday January 17th 'CHURCH ALIVE'!
Church Alive is our new, creative and informal service for all ages starting at 10.45am. Please note from 17th January onwards the Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders will start at the earlier time of 9.30am.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR REFRESHMENTS

Also starting on 17th January, refreshments will be served in the church rather than in the hall. There will be tables and chairs set up in the south aisle for those who wish to sit. A new coffee percolator and mugs will be wheeled in on a trolley as well as hot water flasks for tea. You should notice the aroma of real coffee! Juice, biscuits and light snacks will also be available, all by donations.

INTERESTED IN A LIFT TO CHURCH?

Call Steve on 07557 912710

CHURCH ALIVE... WHAT TO EXPECT?

Church Alive attendees will arrive around 10.45am and invited to join in with the refreshments. There is no hurry for people to leave after the Parish Eucharist. All are welcome to stay as long as they like and come and go as they please.

During refreshments, the church will be set up for the start of Church Alive. A screen with projector will be set up in the pulpit. Various creative learning areas will be prepared around the church: an area for young children in the children's corner. A Pathfinder area for older children. An area for quiet and reflection in the Lady Chapel. A creative area for prayer. An adult area for a talk.

At 11am songs will indicate the 'soft' start to the service. People will be encouraged to gather. There will be opening prayers, responses, lighting a candle and another song. The bible reading and theme will be read / presented. There will then be a time of creative learning / worship where people are free to visit the various areas around church and engage with the theme of the day (c.20 mins). The adult area will involve a talk. A song will indicate that we gather together again. There will be further prayers including the Lord's Prayer, sharing the Peace, a final song with the collection and Blessing. Come and see!

HOPE BRUNCH SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 12PM

Our HOPE brunch tickets are now on sale now. £6 an adult and £3 for a child. Available from Jan Barret or Fiona Weston.

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