



St James' West End
PEW NEWS
Sunday 18th December 2016

This Evening

6.30pm Christmas Lessons and
Carols

Next Sunday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Celebration HC
(No 8am, 11am or 6.30pm Service)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK (See back page for further detail)

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

Mon 19 th	11.30am	Lunch Club (Christmas Carols from 1pm)
	2.30pm	Dawson Lodge Carol Service
Tue 20 th	9.30am	Christmas Activity Morning
	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 21 st	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Glenside Carols
Thu 22 nd	9.30am	Open Door at Harefield Surgery
	7.00pm	Special Lives Service
Fri 23 rd	11.00am	Lincoln Court Communion
Sat 24 th	4.00pm	Christingle Nativity Service
	6.00pm	Christingle Nativity Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

SERVICE TIMES Please Note on Sunday 25th December and Sunday 1st January there will only be one combined service **at 10am**.
(No 8am, 11am Church Alive or 6.30pm evening services)

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY MORNING This Tuesday (20th) 9.15am -12.30pm.
Children's Christmas fun and activities looking at the season of Christmas; with craft, music and stories. Book your place now by contacting Jan on 023 8047 6777 or at j.barrett77@btinternet.com. Parents are also welcome to stay or join us for the short service at 12 noon.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES Christmas Eve at 4pm and 6pm This year we will hold two identical Christingle Services.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING Friday 23rd Dec from 9.30am: We will make 500 Christingles in the Church Hall. Many hands make light work! Join us!

CHRISTINGLE STEWARDS At the back of church is Christingle Steward availability list for those able to help out at the 4pm and 6pm services. Please sign if you can help and are not on the list. Thank you.

SPECIAL LIVES (ALL SOULS) SERVICE This Wednesday 21st December at 7pm we hold our annual Special Lives Service, an opportunity to remember loved ones with thanksgiving and Christian hope. During the service star shaped name tags will be handed out to hang on a tree.

NEW COLLECTION METHOD DURING CHURCH SERVICES The PCC have decided from 1st January to discontinue passing the collection bags around the pews during the 9.30am Sunday services. Instead, a collection basket will be left at the back of church for people to leave donations in on arrival and another basket left as a retiring collection. The collection will continue to be offered up in the usual way with the bread and wine during the service as part of our thanks to God. This is due to more people now giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which operates by Direct Debit. Donations and envelopes in the plate will still continue, but for any who would like to consider switching to the PGS Scheme please speak to David Forster in church. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL A huge thank you to all the very willing volunteers who made this year's festival happen. We have had lots of positive feedback, both from visitors and entertainment groups, so thank you all very much!

Early in November we put out a request on the Pew News for empty ice cream containers and jam jars for the Christmas Tree Festival, we were very lucky to receive many donations – thank you. We requested the tubs to be used under the trees to keep them watered, but we had a very welcome donation of tree stands, so they were not used in the end. We also had more jars donated than we needed (with lids).

Therefore if you are jam or chutney maker and would like any of the jars, or if you have use of lidded 2lt ice cream tubs, please do help yourself, they are currently under the table at the back of church. Some of the Christmas trees you see around church are also for sale at £5 each. They can fit in a hatchback car. Please speak to Sue Overell if you are interested.

Helen Wiseman

NEW BABY GRAND PIANO We hope you notice the new addition in church this morning! A brand new baby grand by Venables generously donated to us. It will be a great asset to the music making and worship at St. James'.

SUPPORTING OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES Over the Christmas period we ask if you would consider supporting one (or more!) of these:

- **HOPE Christmas Charity Card** supporting Fledge, Crisis, Society of St James and Salvation Army. Choose which ones to support, sign the card at the back, then pop your donation in one of the envelopes.
- **The Bishop of Winchester's Christmas Appeal** supporting the British Red Cross who are helping refugees living within our diocese. Please visit: www.justgiving.com/winchesterchristmas
- **DEC Yemen Crisis Appeal** there is a bucket at the back of church for any donations. More information <http://www.dec.org.uk/>

ST JAMES' MAGAZINE The January edition is available today. Deadline for anything you would like included in the February edition is Sunday 1st January. Please send to magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk or leave a copy in Donna's drawer in the vestry. Thank you.

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Christmas at St James', West End

Tonight

Christmas Lessons & Carols - 6.30pm

A beautiful candlelit service of carols led by the choir. Hear and sing the Christmas story for everyone.

Tuesday 20th December 2016

Christmas Activity Morning between 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

Thursday 21st December 2016

Special Lives Service - 7pm

A service to remember those we have loved but see no longer with thanksgiving and Christian hope.

Saturday 24th December 2016 Christmas Eve:

Christingle Nativity Services - 4pm & 6pm

Not to be missed! Two identical Christmas services for all the family. Children are invited to wear Nativity Dress.

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given... Join us as we welcome Christ on Christmas morning.

Sunday 25th December 2016

Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion - 10am

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! A service for all ages as we celebrate the birth of Christ.