



St James' West End
PEW NEWS
Sunday 12th February 2017

Today

9.30am Parish Eucharist and
Pathfinders
11.00am Church Alive
6.30pm Prayers for Healing
& Wholeness

Next Sunday 19th February

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6.30pm Joint Evensong at
Christ Church Freemantle
(no service at St James')

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*Morning prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Lady Chapel
(Thomas away Mon-Sat)*

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| Mon 13 th | 11.30am | Lunch Club |
| Tue 14 th | 8.00pm | Choir practice |
| Wed 15 th | 9.15am | Stay & Play parent and toddler group |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 12noon | Chapter |
| Thu 16 th | 9.30am | Open Door at Harefield Surgery |
| Fri 17 th | 9.00am | Church cleaning |
| | 11.30am | Hopeweavers Midday Communion |
| Sat 18 th | 10am-4pm | Southampton Choral Society Workshop |

THIS EVENING 6.30pm PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS A gentle and informal Iona style service with the opportunity to receive prayer for healing for ourselves and for others, with prayer and quiet music.

EVENSONG AT CHRIST CHURCH FREEMANTLE next Sunday 19th February at 6:30pm. A special evensong led by the joint choirs of Christ Church Freemantle and St James' West End will be held at Freemantle Church. You are invited to represent our congregation in supporting this choral initiative. There will not be an evening service at St James. For directions regarding locality and parking, also if you require transport or able to offer a lift, please email music.stjameswestend@gmail.com or speak to Carol 023 8045 4883.

BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT GROUP - The Future

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful church and church hall. As you may be aware we are, in the medium term, seeking funds to update the kitchen in the hall to better serve the hall users and to hopefully encourage new groups. However to ensure that our buildings continue to fulfil the growing needs of our congregation and community, longer term planning (looking at the next 15 years) is needed. With this in mind the PCC have agreed that a Buildings Development Group should be set up to look at our future building needs.

The first year will be spent on a preliminary study identifying current and potential problems with our buildings and looking at possible broad solutions to those problems.

The group will consist of the Wardens, the Buildings Officer, and the incumbent, but is actively seeking members of the congregation (you don't have to be on the PCC) and wider community to join them. So if you are interested in the long term development of St James' Church and its associated buildings, please speak to any of the undersigned.

Noel Becket, Geoff Holden, Helen Wiseman, Thomas Wharton

SOUTHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP this Saturday (18th) 10am – 4pm. Come and Sing two versions of the Magnificat: JS Bach and CPE Bach. With Peter Gambie. Tickets £12 including music hire. See www.southamptonchoralsociety.org.uk/?page_id=43 or phone 023 8073 3653 for details.

CONCERT AT ST JAMES' SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM Our monthly music series continues at St James' with a 'Virtuoso Classics' concert with Phil Daish-Handy playing cello and Martin Penrose on piano. Tickets will be available at the door at a price of £7. There will be an interval with refreshments served in the hall. Enjoy an evening of music which also features our new piano!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday 3rd March at St John's Hedge End at 7.30pm. The leader will be Mrs Carol Kidd. The Christian women of the Philippines have written the service on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" Everyone is welcome. Refreshments available after the service.

THE PASTORAL TEAM can now be contacted via 07842 244876 or by email at pastoral.stjameswestend@gmail.com. Calls/enquiries are welcomed from anyone wishing to speak to a Pastoral Assistant for a listening ear / support at a time of difficulty, to arrange for a home visit if unable to get to church due to illness, to request Home Communion, or to pass on news of a hospital admission/discharge. For further information regarding what the team can offer please send an email or speak to Carol Kidd (Pastoral Team Coordinator).

LENT GROUPS 2017

An updated list with different days to choose from is now at the back of church for this year's Lent Course. Please sign up if interested indicating which days and times and whether you wish to purchase the Lent book at £7. We are following a six week course entitled 'The Joy of the Gospel'. Based around Pope Francis' reflections on sharing the love of God.

ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY If you have old palm crosses you no longer wish to keep, please could you pass them to Doug Brown to make ashes.

LENDING LIBRARY Please take a look at our newly restocked lending library in the north aisle. Feel free to browse and borrow any books by filling in the register.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS We are once again collecting these for all parish schools. Please put any vouchers you are able to donate in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY AMNESTY Our lost property collection is on show at the back of Church and will be so until the end of February, after this date any items that have not been claimed will be donated to charity.

ARE YOU FEELING CRAFTY? The (annual) Winchester Christmas Market offers charities the opportunity to sell from one of the market chalets totally free of charge. This popular event attracts many visitors and St James' Church are going to apply to have a chalet at the 2017 market to sell craft items. We would like to have a variety of homemade craft items to sell so we need to start planning. A very informal meeting will be held at Church on Friday 17th Feb at 10.30am to discuss plans for the market, but if you are unable to make this date/time and would like to be involved please just get in contact with me, either at Church on a Sunday, or 07787 511 625 or hwiseman@hotmail.co.uk, thanks. *Helen Wiseman*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONFIRMED? Bishop Jonathan is leading a Deanery Confirmation service at St. James' Church on Sunday 7th May at 6.30pm. It is still possible to explore whether you would like to confirm your Christian faith in this way. A youth confirmation group is starting on Weds 8th March 6.30-7.30pm. We also have groups for adults. Please speak with Thomas or Linda if interested.

CHURCH GIVING Please use the collection plate at the back of church either before or after the service for donations or envelopes. If you would like to join our Parish Giving Scheme and arrange to give regularly to church via direct debit, please speak with David Forster our treasurer or ask one of the ministry team for information. Thank you.

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