



St James' West End

PEW NEWS

Sunday 12th November 2017

Remembrance Sunday

Today

10.15am West End Remembrance Service

6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Peace

Next Sunday 19th November

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders

11.00am Church Alive

6.30pm Sung Evensong

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Whole Week Kitchen & Hall refurbishment (due to finish 17th Nov)

Tue 14th 8.00pm Choir practice

Wed 15th 10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Meeting in vestry

12noon Chapter

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

Thu 16th 9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery

11.15am Study Group at 50 Telegraph Road

7.30pm Christmas Fayre meeting in church

7.30pm Home Group at 11 Wilderness Heights (last session)

Fri 17th 9.00am Church cleaning

11.30am Hopeweavers Midday Communion

Sat 18th 2.00pm Wedding rehearsal

Sun 19th 2.00pm Wedding of Bruce McManus & Michelle Dawson

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6.30PM

A beautiful service of darkness, light, longing and waiting. We will be joined by members from three local church choirs. Do come and join us as we enter into the season of Advent with a creative use of movement, seasonal lighting, candles, silence and music.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 12PM-2.30PM

Sign up sheets are on the church notice boards to help and/or donate items for the Christmas Fayre.

The next planning meeting is this **Thursday 16th Nov 7.30pm in church.**

A few stands for the Christmas Fayre are available for hire at £20. Contact Revd Thomas or Jan Barret if interested.

We are looking for people to donate and/or ask local shops/businesses to give Raffle prizes and items for stalls. A letter is at the back of church if helpful and we'd be very grateful if you could ask local shops and where necessary collect any items that have been donated.

Donations we are looking for include: lots of cakes, items for the red & green tombola, filled jars for the glass jar tombola, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, Christmas crafts, mulled wine and mince pies.

Helpers required for setting up tables and clearing away.

Helpers required on the day include: Raffle stall; Refreshments in the hall (co-ordinators are Maureen Cook and David Forster); Door entrance; Mulled wine stand; Children's corner; helpers for setting up and running Santa's Grotto;

This year NO books; bric-a-brac; plants; toys. Please donate any spare glass jars you have. Lists coming soon. Next Christmas Fayre planning meeting this Thursday (16th Nov) 7.30pm. Thank you 😊

KNITTING The making of "Twiddle Muffs" is ongoing as there are several elderly care homes in the area that can make use of them. As it is somewhat laborious knitting a piece 12x24 inches we are now tending to knit smaller pieces, rectangles, squares, oblong, which can be joined together to give the required size! It also means we can include pieces that the children have made at the school knitting club and they can improve their sewing skills as well. There is a basket of wool at the back of the church, please help yourself if you are able to help us.

VOTE FOR ST JAMES'S CHURCH 'WARM WELCOME PROJECT' - AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND The Aviva Community Fund gives out funding to local projects that are making a positive change in their community and we've applied for funding in the Community Support category. If successful, we will use the money to support our Warm Welcome Project which includes our Church Hall and Kitchen. Please support this project by voting using the following weblink:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6048>

Voting is open now and will close on the 21st November 2017. We will then find out if we're on the shortlist in January. Please share with your friends and family and encourage them to vote.

STAY & PLAY Due to the hall refurbishments Stay & Play will next meet on Wednesday 22nd November 9.15am-10.45am.

MARY AND PAT HALLIFAX We are delighted that Mary and Pat will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 16th November. We will mark this special occasion during the 9.30 service on Sunday 19th November.

SOCIAL GROUP TEA Pre-Christmas Tea with bingo on Friday 24th November in the hall at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale now £3.50 from Margaret Baker.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES If you hold a collection box please could you return it to Jan Barrett for counting. Thank you.

TOY COLLECTION FOR SCRATCH CHARITY We are collecting new or good quality second hand toys for SCRATCH's (Southampton City and Region Action To Combat Hardship) "Christmas Complete" for local children (aged 0-17) facing hardship and disadvantage. Please donate books, games, puzzles, cuddly toy, arts / craft activity, but no toy guns or war related items please. Please leave toys at the back of church and they will be collected at the beginning of December. Thank you.

SOUTHAMPTON GRAD BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT: HELP REQUESTED

9th December 7.30pm. In exchange for your help in taking money on the door and/or serving refreshments during the interval, SGB has offered free entry to the concert (normally £5) and possibly a collection towards the church. Please speak to Thomas if you are able to help on the night.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2nd December 12pm-2.30pm Christmas Market
3rd December 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
9th December 7.30pm Southampton Grad Band Christmas Concert
15th December 7pm Special Lives / All Souls Service

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