



St James' West End

PEW NEWS

Sunday 19th November 2017

Today

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist with
Pathfinders
11.00am Church Alive
6.30pm Sung Evensong

Next Sunday 26th November

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist with
Pathfinders
11.00am Church Alive
6.30pm Informal Worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

- Mon 20th 12pm Deanery Standing Committee (at St. Luke's)
Tue 21st 10-6pm St. James' craft stall @ Winchester Christmas Market
11am Burial of Ashes
12pm Funeral meeting in vestry
8.00pm Choir practice
Wed 22nd 9.15am Stay & Play
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Pastoral Group
7.30pm Home group at Elizabeth Court
Thu 23rd 11.15am Study Group at 50 Telegraph Road
6.00pm Governors meeting (St. James' School)
7.30pm Home Group at 11 Wilderness Heights (last session)
Fri 24th 11am Sunnycroft Communion
2.30pm Social Group tea
6.30pm West End Christmas lights switch on
9pm-9am Youth Group sleepover in church
Sun 19th 2-5pm Soton Grad band rehearsal in church

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY AND PAT HALLIFAX who celebrated their Diamond Anniversary on 16th November. We wish them our love and many happy returns and warmly welcome family and friends who have come to support them today.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 12-3pm 50p entrance; kids free

Sign up sheets for help and donations are on the church notice boards.

Please can you help donate any of the following items:

- Raffle prizes
- Whole cakes for cake stall
- Sliced cakes for teas and refreshments
- Mince pies
- Jams and chutney
- Anything red or green for tombola
- Empty jars for filling
- Filled jars for tombola
- Any chocolate for chocolate tombola
- Crafts for Christmas craft stall

Could you also ask local shops/businesses to donate Raffle prizes and items for stalls? A letter from the Fayre team is at the back of church if required and we'd be very grateful if you could collect any items donated. Christmas Fayre posters also available at back of church.

A few community / private stands are available for hire for £20 each. Contact Revd Thomas 07796 104800 or Jan Barrett 023 8047 6777 if interested.

Helpers required for setting up tables and clearing away.
Helpers on the day required include: Door entrance; Mulled wine stand; Children's corner; Santa's helpers (and more!)

This year NO books; bric-a-brac; plants or toys. Thank you 😊

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY *A letter of thanks received:*

As Chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to thank you and everyone at St James who contributed to making the Remembrance Service such a success again this year. It was wonderful to see the church full to the rafters and our community come together to pay our thoughts and respect to those who have given so much for us all. It is always a moving occasion and it was an honour to take part in a small way. Could I please ask you to ensure that my personal, and the Parish Councils thanks and appreciation are sent to everyone who was a part of the day, in anyway, as it takes a lot of work behind the scenes for these events to run smoothly. I look forward to joining you again next year. Kind regards. Sarah Turl.

A total of £523.18 was collected at church for the Poppy Appeal.

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.

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.

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

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR ST JAMES' 'WARM WELCOME PROJECT' - AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND Voting closes on Tuesday 21st Nov at 10am. To vote enter the following link (or find on church web homepage or Facebook page):

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

Click on green Login/Register link on top right of page and register your email address with Aviva, they want to make sure you are real. They will send you an email. Click on email to complete registration. You can then search for Warm Welcome Project or St James Church and register up to 10 votes. Please share with friends / family and encourage them to vote.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS Brochures at the back of church to choose and order Christmas cards to support the work of the Society.

FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS CARDS will also soon be at the back of church in support of the work of the Friends.

TOY COLLECTION FOR SCRATCH CHARITY Please donate 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. Items to include 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.

NEW KITCHEN COMPLETE! Yes we are proud owners of a new community user friendly kitchen thanks to Biffa Award! Our thanks especially go to Noel Becket for his dedication and many hours of work seeking grant funds and overseeing the project. The hall refurbishments are also on track. A great step towards enabling us to fulfil our Warm Welcome project!

YOUTH GROUP SLEEPOVER IN CHURCH Friday 24th Nov 9pm-9am
Open to 11-14year olds. Games, challenges, film, building shelters. Contact Revd Linda if you want to sign up.

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