



## St James' West End

### PEW NEWS

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Today

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

#### Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Sunday

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
- 11.00am Church Alive with Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Lunch Club
- 2.30pm Dawson Lodge service
- Tue 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Choir practice
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Stay & Play Parent & Toddler Group
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- Thu 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery
- 7.00pm Cubs visit to Church
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Church cleaning
- 11.00am Pinewood Rest Home Communion
- 1.30pm Christmas tree decorating and Fayre set up
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 12noon Christmas Fayre

#### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 12-3pm 50p entrance; kids free**

Please help us by donating 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

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

## **WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Thank you to ALL those who contributed their time and wonderful creations that were sold today at the Winchester Market on Tuesday of this week. The gross profit was circa £410 which is a lovely amount to add to our fundraising. Thanks especially to Helen Wiseman for co-ordinating this effort and for running a stall at the Blackfield WI Christmas market yesterday. This was a very good result on what was a rather windy and cold day at Winchester. We look forward to seeing the same craft stall running at our Christmas Fayre at church on the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

**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.

**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.

**ST JAMES' MAGAZINE** The December edition is available today. Deadline for anything you would like included in the January 2018 edition is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please send to [magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk) or leave a copy in Donna's drawer in the vestry. Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

**Christmas Fayre** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12-3pm

**Advent Carol Service** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm

**Concert with Southampton Grad Band** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

**'Special Lives' / All Souls Service** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

A service to remember those we have loved but see no longer.

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