



# St James' West End

## PEW NEWS

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

### SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

**Today** 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders  
11.00am Church Alive  
**No service tonight at St. James' (see note below)**

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**Next Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion  
**28<sup>th</sup> January** 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders  
11.00am Church Alive  
6.30pm Informal Worship

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

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Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am Lunch Club

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Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.00pm Choir practice

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Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Stay and Play parent and toddler group  
10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Pastoral Group in Vestry  
1.15pm Organ servicing  
7.30pm Hebrews Bible Study Group at 3 Elizabeth Court

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Thu 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery  
7.30pm Home Group at 11 Wilderness Heights

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Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunnycroft Communion

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Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Northwood String Orchestra concert

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### NEWS

**Christian Unity Service** Tonight at 6.30pm to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity we will be joining with churches across Hedge End, West End and Botley for a special service at the Salvation Army Church, Whites Way Hedge End. Do come and join us as we share together in worship and celebration. Please note there will be no evening service at St James'.

**Parish Quiet Day** We are holding a Quiet Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the beautiful surroundings of Old Alresford Place between 10am and 3.30pm. This will be a space to be still, to be creative and to pray. The price for the day is £15 and includes lunch. Help with transport will be available if required; and if you have never been on a Quiet Day before and wonder what it is all about, then please do talk to Linda who will tell you more.

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### **Home Groups from January until Lent:**

- The Thursday Home Group will be meeting on the following Thursdays at 7.30pm at 11 Wilderness Heights: 25<sup>th</sup> January; 1<sup>st</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> February. Sign up sheet at the back of church.
  - The Wednesday group at Elizabeth Court will continue on Weds 24<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm – 9pm, and then returning after Easter.
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### **Lent Group**

We will be following the Diocese Lent Course 'Sharing God's Life', a 5 session course exploring what a Rule (or Rhythm) of Life might look like for adults at any stage of the Christian Journey. There will be a group meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Vicarage starting on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm. Please sign the list at the back of church if interested.

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**Social Group Tea** The first tea of 2018 will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.30-4.30pm. Tickets £3.50 are available from Margaret Baker.

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**Hope Brunch** Tickets are available now for our next event, our popular brunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon. Tickets cost £6.50 an adult, £3 a child and £15 for a family of four. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Stay & Play** Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am. We are looking for a few more helpers to serve drinks and snacks. Please sign up on the rota at the back of church if you are able to help on any week.

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**Church cleaning volunteers** Thank you to the various new volunteers who stepped in to help the church cleaning team last Friday. This team usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and still is looking for help on 16<sup>th</sup> February. New volunteers are very welcome to continue after February too!

**Magazine deliverers** We are looking for someone to deliver three magazines to houses in Kenwyn Close and Torrridge Gardens. If there is anyone who would be prepared to take this on then please could you speak to Linda as soon as possible as it would be a shame to lose these subscribers.

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**Milk bottle tops** Thank you to Bob and Kathy Thomason who for many years have been delivering our milk bottle top collection to Gosport (there are closer collection points). They would now like to retire from that role. Would someone like to take it on? Please speak to Thomas, or Bob directly at 023 8046 2051.

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**Concert with Northwood String Orchestra and Flautissimo** This Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm at St James' Church. Programme to include Rutter Folk Tunes, Delibes Flower Duet, Elgar Serenade for strings and Bach Violin Concerto in E. Tickets £8 / £5 at the door.

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**Site Strategy Group** Now the SSG group (which was an open group!) has presented its discussion document at the PCC considering the future uses and development of our church buildings, the SSG meeting originally arranged for this coming Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January has been cancelled. Further open discussions and consultation will take place if or when the PCC decides to take this forward.

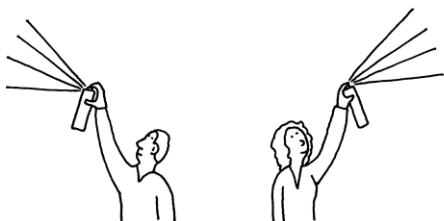
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**Palm Crosses** Doug Brown asks if you would all kindly bring in to him all your last year's Palm Crosses for him to prepare for Ash Wednesday. Thanks!

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# CHURCH CLEANING

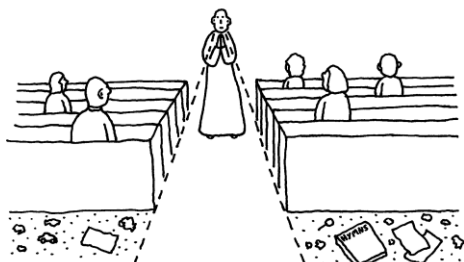
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