



St James' West End
PEW NEWS
Sunday 25th February 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

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| Today | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders |
| | 11.00am | Church Alive |
| | 6.30pm | Informal Worship |
| Next Sunday | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders |
| 4th March | 11.00am | Church Alive with Holy Communion |
| | 12.30pm | Baptisms |
| | 6.30pm | Sung Evensong |

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Mon 26th 11.30am Lunch Club

Tue 27th 8.00pm Choir practice

Wed 28th 9.15am Stay & Play Parent and Toddler Group
10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Pastoral Group
6.30pm Harefield Prayers
7.30pm Lent Course at the Vicarage

Thu 1st 9.00am Prayers for healing
9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery
6.00pm Baptism preparation, church and hall
7.30pm Lent Course at 11 Wilderness Heights

Fri 2nd 9.00am Church cleaning
9.00am Collective Worship at St James' School
11.00am Pinewood Rest Home Communion
7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at All Saints Botley

Sat 3rd 10.30am Carer's Café in the Church hall

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Social Group tea The next tea with Bingo will be on Friday 9th March 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Tickets are £3.50 available from Margaret Baker.

Lent Appeal 2018 Our Lent Appeal this year is supporting Toilet Twinning, a charity which helps bring clean water and safe sanitation to the world's poorest people by linking our 'loos' with a latrine in Africa or Asia. We are flushing away poverty one toilet at a time! Please do pick up a collection box and find out more at <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Music Director Recruitment The process of recruiting a new music director began with an open meeting last Tuesday 20th February, and will continue throughout March with the intention of being ready to advertise for a new post after Easter. Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts.

Parish Quiet Day Final numbers are shortly required for booking the Quiet Day on Saturday 17th March in the beautiful surroundings of Old Alresford Place between 10am and 3.30pm. Cost £15 including lunch and transport available if required. See sign up sheet at back of church or speak to Linda

The revision of the Church Electoral Roll for 2018 is due to take place during February and March. This is a time when new members are officially entered on the roll, and the names of those who have passed away or have moved away or no longer wish to be members of St James' Church are removed from the roll. If you are a regular attendee at St James' and wish to come onto the roll, please take a form from the table at the back of church, fill in your details and return the form to the Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret Baker.

Only **new** members need to fill in a form: if you filled in a form in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017 you do not need to do so now. Any queries please speak to Margaret.

The new heating system in the hall and the ladies and gents toilets has now been installed 😊

Women's World Day of Prayer This Friday 2nd March, we will join an estimated 3 million people from over 170 countries to observe the Day of Prayer using an order of service written by the Christian women of Suriname. For the area covering West End, Hedge End and Botley, the service will be held in All Saints Church, Botley at 7.30pm. The theme of this year's service is 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Everyone is welcome to attend, irrespective of age or gender, so do come along and enjoy a colourful and entertaining evening which highlights the lives of the women of Suriname. Refreshments will be available after the service. For further information, please contact Betty Wood (choir) or by Email bettyrosina@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07542 745699.

Christmas Tree Festival We held our first planning meeting for this event which is taking place 7-9 December this year. We decided on our theme, which will be 'Christmas through the ages', and letters will very shortly be going out to local organisations inviting them to take part. If you would like to help with this event, but are unable to make meetings, please let me know and I will ensure you receive notes from any meetings we hold. Thank you. *Helen Wiseman*

Carer's Café A drop-in café dedicated to serving those who give their own time in order to care for others. The first session will be **this Saturday 3rd March** 10:30 – 12:00. You are warmly invited to come and relax: take time out, chat over tea or coffee, browse information leaflets. Come on your own or with a friend. If you wish to and are able to bring the person in your care that is ok too. Please speak to Carol to find out more.

Rosemary sprigs needed for Mothering Sunday (11th March). If you have any you could spare, please let Jan Barrett know.

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