



St James' West End

PEW NEWS

Sunday 11th February 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

Today	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
	11.00am	Church Alive
	12.30pm	Baptisms
	6.30pm	Prayers for healing and wholeness
Next Sunday 18th February	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
	11.00am	Church Alive
	6.30pm	Joint evensong with Christ Church Freemantle

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9am Thursday and Friday in the Lady Chapel (no Tuesday)

Today	2.30pm	Dawson Lodge Communion
Mon 12 th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tue 13 th	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival planning meeting
	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 14 th	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing
Thu 15 th	6.30pm	Wedding Blessing meeting – Mason/Oliver
	7.30pm	Data audit team meeting
Fri 16 th	9.00am	Church cleaning
	12 noon	Hopeweaver Midday Communion
Sat 17 th	10.00am	Mar Thoma Church

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Ash Wednesday We begin the season of Lent with a sung Eucharist at 7.30pm this Wednesday which includes the imposition of ashes. There will be no 10am Holy Communion service on Wednesday morning.

Joint choral Evensong Next Sunday 18th February our choir will be joined by the choir of Christ Church, Freemantle, to sing at our Evensong. Do come along and experience this traditional form of worship.

Announcement and Open Choir Meeting Graham Kidd, our very talented music director has indicated that he thinks now is the right time for him to hand over the music director role to someone else. We are incredibly grateful for the way Graham has developed and enriched the music at St. James' over the past years and we will miss him. As Graham prepares to move on to new ventures in his musical life and indeed on his faith journey, we are very grateful that Graham will continue to lead our choir and play organ while we go through a recruitment process. To start this process, we are holding an open meeting in church on **Tuesday 20th February at 7pm** with the choir, to consider the future. Music is an essential part of our liturgy, worship and outreach and the meeting will be an opportunity to share ideas about how we would like to develop our choir and traditional choral music as well as considering all aspects of music within the life of St. James'. All with an interest in our musical life are welcome to attend. For any who can't make the meeting who would like to contribute their thoughts, please e-mail or write to Thomas (or any choir member) so your thoughts can be shared at the meeting. Thank you.

HOPE Brunch Thank you to everyone who supported the brunch last Sunday. £257.30 was raised for the HOPE charities. Special thanks to the HOPE committee for all the hard work, especially braving the first full cooked meal using our new kitchen!

Lent Group Due to various issues the ministry team have opted to run a different Lent Course called 'Lentwise' written by Paula Gooder and published by Church House Publishing. The 5 session course looks at 5 spiritual essentials for real life drawing on different images: a Compass (where are we going?), Bread (what nourishes us), a Torch (what gives me clarity), Shelter (where do I find true security) and Water (where do I find true refreshment). Each session is based on a different reading from John's Gospel. One group will start on **Wednesday 21st Feb at 7.30pm** and another group will start on **Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm**. If there is enough interest a third group may also run on a Wednesday evening. Please sign up on the new sheets at the back of church and indicate whether you can attend a Wednesday or Thursday evening or either. For further information speak with Thomas, Brenda or Carol.

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.

Parish Quiet Day We are holding a Quiet Day on Saturday 17th 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.

Vote for Stay & Play at Portswood Waitrose! Our Stay and Play group are one of three charities that can be voted for if you happen to shop in Portswood Waitrose over the next fortnight. Any funds raised will go towards purchasing reusable, covered hot drink cups for parents and carers, removing the need to use disposable cups that are non recyclable and damage the environment. A good excuse to visit Waitrose!

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 on 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.

Church cleaning volunteers The team that usually meets on the 3rd Friday of the month is looking for help this coming Friday. Volunteers are very welcome to continue after February too!

Woman's World Day of Prayer Bible Study There will be a preparatory bible study for the WWDP tomorrow morning (12th February) from 10.30am-12.30pm. It will be held in the Underhill centre, St. John's Church Hedge End, and will be led by Carole Smith, a Deaconess at the Methodist Church, Hedge End. The theme of this year's service is "All God's Creation is Very Good". It has been written by the women of Suriname, a South American country. Tea/coffee & biscuits and soup will be available. Please bring a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome, so come and bring a friend.

Street Pastors Looking for a new opportunity to care for your community? Hedge End Street Pastors need volunteers to join Friday night patrols in Hedge End, West End and Botley. We need 4 more Street Pastors (we are particularly short of females) and 3 or 4 more people to join our prayer team based in Hedge End. The next training course starts at the end of February. For an application form or if you want to know more please contact Frank Parker on 07503 308 185 or email hedgeend@streetpastors.org.uk.

Christmas Tree Festival We will be having a brief first planning meeting for the CTF in December at 7pm this Tuesday (13th February) in church, all are welcome to join. *Helen Wiseman*

Mowing We have a team of people who kindly take on the responsibility of mowing the church yard, a month at a time, during the growing season. Unfortunately due to retirement we have a couple of months that will not be covered this year, namely June and October. We are able to supply a mower and strimmer. If you would be able to help on either of these months (or both) please would you let Helen Wiseman know. Thank you.

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