



### Notice Sheet for 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

“He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, even as he said to our fathers.”

Luke 1 v 54-55

#### Welcome to St. James Holy Communion Mary's Song Luke 1 v 46-55

If this is your first visit, please complete a “Welcome to Church” card available in the pew. Detach the end section for yourself and hand in the rest at the Information Desk so we can send you information about the life at St. James.

**Prayer ministry** is available at the end of the service. If you would like someone to pray for you, please go to the Prayer Corner at the back of Church.

**Refreshments** are served after the service. Do join us and get to know one another in an informal way

**Gift aid** envelopes are available in the pews. Further information about regular giving is also available in the foyer.

#### Sunday Children's Groups

The children leave for their groups after the opening time of worship.

**Crèche:** A supervised crèche for children under 3 years is available in the Centre. Parents can stay with their child if they wish. Alternatively, an unsupervised **children's corner** is available at the back right of the Church.

**Bubbles:** Meets in the Church Centre. Children join Bubbles in the September after they turn 3 and stay until the end of school year 1.

**Splash:** Meets in the Vestry. This group is for children in school years 2 to 5.

**Resonate & DC:** For children in school year 6 and above in FYC



### Next Sunday 16th December 2018

Children's Carol Service at 3:30pm

Carols by Candlelight at 7:00pm

For more news and information please visit:

[www.stjames-streatham.org.uk](http://www.stjames-streatham.org.uk)

## NOTICES

### ARE YOU GREEN?

In partnership with the other Furzedown Churches we at St. James are keen to be more environmentally friendly in the way we operate. To help us fulfil this ambition we are looking for one or two people in each church who have a heart for the environment to assist us, initially by undertaking an audit using a tool called 'Ecochurch'. Rob would love to hear from you if you think you could help.



### ADVENT GIFT DAY 2018

We made a fantastic start to our 2018 Advent Gift Day last Sunday when we raised £7431 (with Gift Aid). That means we are already half way to reaching our target of £15000! Praise the Lord. It isn't too late to make your contribution as we will be accepting gifts right up to the end of the month. So, please see the flier for further information and find an envelope in the pew or on the Information Desk. Thank you so much.

### CAROL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Carols by Candlelight is one of our busiest services of the year and we all enjoy not only the service but the refreshment afterwards.

We are looking for volunteers to help us serve the much-welcomed mulled wine and mince pies.

If you are available to help please do let the office know. We will need 15 minutes of your time before the service and for you to be willing to stay for a short while afterwards. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST. ALBAN'S

St Alban's are hosting a Christmas Day Dinner again this year from 1pm to 5pm. 3 courses with wine for £14. Transport is available. Please see John Farebrother for more details and a ticket should you wish to attend. Don't be alone this Christmas – come and join in the celebration with others.

### ST. JAMES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on social media for regular updates and a full picture of life at St. James:



### FOODBANK

If you have items to donate for the Foodbank please place them in the green box in the Centre.

Thank you.

- UHT Milk
- Cereals



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is lovely that we want to give Christmas Cards to our fellow church members, but we are keen to avoid having lots of uncollected cards after Christmas. So please give your cards out personally where possible and use the pigeon holes as a last resort. Please also check the pigeon holes each week and collect your cards. Thank you.

### STAFF CHANGES

The way in which we carry out our office and admin work at St. James has changed over the years and the ever-increasing developments in technology mean that changes will continue to come in the years ahead. We are trying to keep pace with these developments, in particular the way our church office functions. In light of this, the role of Part Time Admin Assistant (9 hours per week), currently filled by Glynis Wilkinson, will come to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> December this year. We are very grateful for all that Glynis has done in this role over many years and we will be saying a proper 'Thank You' to her in our service on 6<sup>th</sup> January. We are glad that Glynis won't be putting her feet up in 2019 as she will continue in her voluntary role as a Pastoral Worker (SPA) at St. James. Please keep Glynis in your prayers as she adjusts to new circumstances.

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	8:00pm	<b>PCC Meeting at MLBC</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00am	<b>The Well</b> in the Church Centre
	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> in Church
	3:30pm	<b>Get Set</b> in the Church Centre
	6:00pm	<b>FYC</b> in FYC
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5:45pm	<b>Adventurers</b> in the Church Centre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	<b>Little Fishes</b> in Church & Centre
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00am	<b>The Well</b> in the Church Centre
	6:00pm	<b>FYC</b> in FYC
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30pm	<b>Children's Carol Service</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Joint Carols by Candlelight</b>

## HEARING INDUCTION LOOP

Please set your hearing device to 'T'. The strongest signal is around the walls of the church. Please avoid the sound desk.



## e -BULLETINS

Notice sheets are sent to members and regular attendees via email. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.



“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Col 4:2

*Please pray for the following members of our church family*

**Jenny & Colin Roach, Augustus Myrie, Doris Baker, Doreen Chandler, Gilly Bishenden,  
Neils Ribeiro Snr., Dave & Michaela Ingram and Elaine Price.**

Please continue to pray for **Stephen Mitchell** (Charis Powell's Father-in-Law) who is in a minimally conscious state following surgery for cancer. Pray for the doctors to make the right decisions and for the family in their uncertainty.

**Dudley Smikle**: pray on for Dudley who is still very weak. Pray for his gradual recovery and build up in strength. Remember **Winnie** too in your prayers as she looks after and supports him.

**Lawrence Adekunle**: suffering advanced pancreatic cancer; pray for Lawrence & family and ongoing treatment.

**Christina Contreras**: give thanks that she is feeling much better now. Thank you for your prayers.

**David Chipunza**: so much better at present with treatment for a benign pancreatic tumour having worked well.

**Tony Herbert**: who has been unwell with bronchitis recently. Pray for his recovery and general health.

**Bianca Palmieri**: As she continues her recovery, giving thanks for the progress she has made.

Give thanks for **Micha's** continued recovery. The family are looking forward now to her rehabilitation. Please pray that they may find the funding for this as Micha is no longer eligible due to her improved status of health. They are very grateful for your support in prayer.

**Irene Moses**: for the beneficial resolution of a work-related stress issue and consequent improvement in health.

**Sam Talbot and Bethany Goddard**: as they work with our young people here in Furzedown whether in our Sunday groups or at FYC on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Pray for them and for those volunteers who help and give freely of their time. Pray also for the FYC Board of Directors and for the Chair, **Geoff Vevers**.

*Thank you for sharing in our ministry of prayer.*

*Would you appreciate prayer for yourself or for something that affects you?*

*Then please do speak to Johan or Rob or send a text, email or phone. (See details in church directory)*



## **NEWSHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please send all your newsletter notices/requests to the Church Office  
☎ 020 8677 3947 ✉ [admin\\_stjameschurch@btinternet.com](mailto:admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com) before 9:00am on Friday.

## **CONTACT US**

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Office Hours: Mon - Wed 9:30am to 2:30pm Thurs & Fri 9:30am to 5:00pm

## **Bank Details**

Barclays Bank plc, Sort Code: 20-96-89  
Account No: 00196878, Account Name: **St James PCC**

St James Church Charity Registration Number: 1133859