

NOTICES

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2020

Due to the coronavirus crisis we have had to postpone our Church Weekend Away until next year. The new dates are Friday 18th-Sunday 20th June 2021. All those who have already booked will still have en-suite accommodation, but any who book from now will have Standard (shared bathroom, but slightly cheaper cost). We are still taking bookings and forms are available from the [Church Office](#).

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Following the recent government announcement, Furzedown Churches will be open for private prayer from this week, as follows:

Tuesdays: 9am-1pm at **St James** – open to all

Tuesdays: 5-6pm at **St Paul's** – open to all

Wednesdays: 10am-1pm & Saturdays: 12-5pm at

St Alban's – by appointment only

To book a slot at St Alban's please call 02086774521 or email streathampark@gmail.com

Each session will be strictly for personal, private prayer and will operate under tight restrictions. You are advised to stay at home if you are vulnerable, unwell, or shielding. Thank you.

BABY BOOM!

Congratulations to 3 of our families who have welcomed new babies during lock down. Alice Margaret Rose born to Ruth and Laurent Derruau, Amal Alice born to Rooy & Aker Aker, and Benjamin Aurelius born to Frances & Tom Hawkins.

REOPENING CHURCH FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

The government has announced that churches can now reopen for public services, under strict covid-19 guidelines. We are digesting the details of these guidelines before deciding when and how we can reopen on Sundays and we will make a further announcement in due course.

FACE MASKS

Now that the government is advising us to wear masks in enclosed spaces and has made it compulsory on public transport, Georgie Talbot is making face masks to order. Made of washable soft cotton lined with interfacing; with soft wire at the nose and elastic round the back of the head – a bargain at £3 each (£1 extra for postage if needed). Georgie is happy to deliver.

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Contact her on 07817 287 507 to order.



GIVING & FINANCE

Thank you all for your generous giving to St James. Our finances are certainly being hit by the current closure of the church building as rental income has all but dried up and church members who give by envelope or cash in the plate have no opportunity to do so. We are doing what we can to save money, including taking advantage of the government's furlough scheme for 3 of our staff. So, I would like to express my gratitude to you for your faithful giving and encourage those who give by envelope or cash to consider setting up a standing order or making a bank transfer or sending a cheque to the office. You'll find our bank details on the [website](#) or at the bottom of this notice sheet. We would even be happy to come and collect your offering from home if you would prefer that contact the church office. Any of these options would be a huge help with current cash flow. Thank you so much.

DAILY HOPE PHONELINE

The Church of England is running a free 24-hour Daily Hope phone line aimed at those who are not online and are therefore unable to access the services broadcast by their own church. Callers can hear hymns, reflections and prayers and even full worship services. Check it out!



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2021

We are hoping that our next pilgrimage to the [Holy Land](#) will still go ahead next year from **15th-25th March 2021**. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, we will visit many places mentioned in the Bible and meet some of the modern-day followers of Jesus living in the Holy Land today. Join us for the experience of a lifetime. Brochures and booking forms available from [Rob](#) or via the [website](#).

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Currently all Foodbank centres are closed due to the health crisis. Those in need are receiving food parcels direct from the Foodbank hub in Battersea. It is still possible to donate food. For details please visit:

www.wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk or call 020 7326 9428.

NEWSHEET CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send all your newsletter notices/requests to the Church Office
☎ 020 8677 3947 ✉ admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com before 9:00am on Thursday.

CONTACT US

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Office Hours: Mon 8:30am-4:30pm, Tues-Wed 8:30am-1:30pm, Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm,
Fri 8:30am-12:00pm

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