

**Notice Sheet for 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**Christmas 2024 and New Year 2025**

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”

**Holy Communion Service**

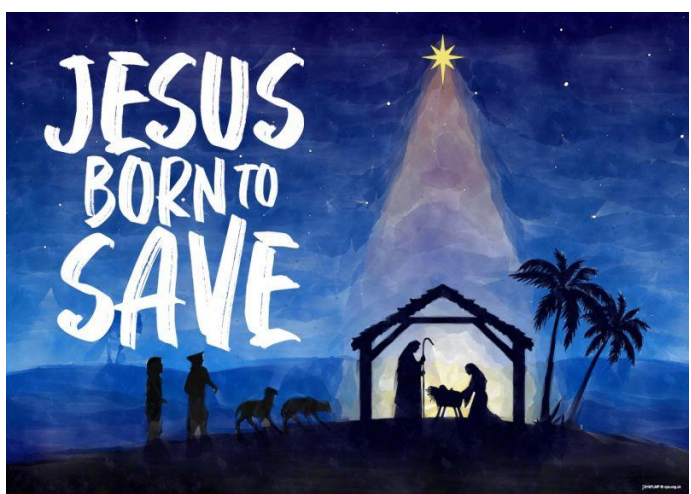
10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
(As our Children's Groups have finished for the term, children are encouraged to join the Nativity Service at MLBC this morning)

**Christmas Eve  
Communion Service**

11.15pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**All Age Christmas Day  
Communion Service**

10.30am Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December



**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Christmas Eve Communion Service @ St James Church at 11.15pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**All Age Christmas Day Communion Service @ St James Church at 10.30am**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Furzedown Churches Holy Communion Service @ St Pauls Church at 10am**

For more news and information please visit: [www.stjames-streatham.org.uk](http://www.stjames-streatham.org.uk)

## FOODBANK DONATIONS

For details about how to donate food to our local Foodbank visit: [www.wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk) or call 020 7326 9428.

**Items in need at the moment:** Cooking oil (small bottles), Toilet Rolls 4 pack, Size 2 & 3 nappies, Baby Wipes, Men & Women's deodorant, Shower Gel, Tinned meat and vegetable meals, Tinned Lentils, Baby toothpaste & tooth brushes, Adult toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene products.

## FLOWERS AT ST JAMES

Thank you to our flower team who beautify our church for worship every Sunday. To sponsor flowers for a Sunday service please see the sign up sheet in the Church Centre and contact Beverly at [bevogi@hotmail.com](mailto:bevogi@hotmail.com)

## FYC NEEDS YOU

FYC are looking to recruit a local Christian to join the board in the role of Treasurer. It is a vital role, one at the heart of equipping and enabling us to continue to serve the young people living in and around Furzedown. But the task isn't too onerous. Our finances are simple, our systems are already in place. All that is missing is you. To find out more please see the Job Description and contact Faye (Chair of FYC) via [fycchair@outlook.com](mailto:fycchair@outlook.com)

## SAFEGUARDING HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to succeed Sarah Veal as Parish Safeguarding Officer for children & young people and to work alongside Rocky Deans, who is Safeguarding Officer for vulnerable adults. This is an important role in the life of our church for which full training will be provided. Please speak to Sarah or Rob for more information.

## GLASSDOOR HOMELESS CHARITY

This year the retiring collection from the Children's Christmas Service and the Joint Carol Service was dedicated to Glassdoor Homeless Charity. The total raised on the night was **£1,131.60**. Hallelujah!

## FINANCE UPDATE

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Rob gave a very important update on the church finances. If you missed it, we urge you to watch the recording at time point 22:35 in the service on our YouTube channel here - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbTbhBMO\\_Rg&t=1965s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbTbhBMO_Rg&t=1965s)

## TURKEY 2025

Rob is leading a trip to Turkey from 16-23 September 2025 to visit the ancient sites of the seven churches of Revelation plus a few places associated with the ministry of Paul. Why not join us for this great adventure and have your ears and eyes opened to God's life-changing word. To see the e-brochure and booking form see here - [www.maranatha.co.uk/7Churches2025RevRob.pdf](http://www.maranatha.co.uk/7Churches2025RevRob.pdf) or ask Rob for a paper version.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES @ ST JAMES

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December @ 10.30am

Holy Communion (wear your Christmas jumper!) - as children's groups at St James will have finished for the term, children are encouraged to join the Nativity Service at MLBC instead if they prefer.

### Christmas Eve @ 11.15pm

Christmas Communion

### Christmas Day @ 10.30am

All Age Christmas Communion – *children are invited to bring a present they have opened!*

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.00am

Joint Communion Service @ St Pauls

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January @ 10.30am

All Age Worship for Epiphany

## ADVENT THANKSGIVING GIFT DAY

We have had an amazing response to our annual Advent Gift Day which began on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> - so far we have received **£21,730** of our £22,000 target. This is extraordinary and we thank God for his grace and all of you for your generosity!

We will be supporting Musalaha in Israel/Palestine, FYC here in Furzedown, and our ongoing mission and ministry here at St James.

This year's Gift Day is particularly significant as we are predicting an end of year deficit in the church budget. So, if you haven't yet had an opportunity to give, please see the special Gift Day insert and respond as God enables you. Let's see if we can reach our target or even smash through it by the end of the year!

Thank you so much.

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.15pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> In the Church Centre
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	<b>All Age Christmas Day Communion Service</b> In Church and Centre
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	<b>Joint Communion Service</b> at St Pauls Church

## CHOCOLATE FOR FOODBANK

Foodbank are looking for chocolate donations to pass onto those needing to use the service this Christmas period. If you would like to donate chocolate for Foodbank, please deposit them in the Foodbank trolley in the Church Centre, or to the Church Office.

## CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed from 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 – 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

## THE BRIDGE

The latest edition of the Southwark Diocese newspaper is available to read online [here](#).

## THANK YOU

Rob, Claire and Beth would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and kind words of comfort on the loss of Rob's dad. Your love and care for us at this sad time means so much.

Thank you too for all the Christmas cards and gifts – our cup overflows with God's amazing grace through your generosity.



## GIVING AT ST JAMES

We will be taking up an offering in today's service, but there are other ways of giving to the ministry and mission of St James.

If you wish to donate by card, the **Contactless Giving** unit is available on the Information Desk.

You can also make a donation online by visiting [Online Giving to St James PCC](#).

For further information about ways to give please pick up an 'Investing in the Vision' leaflet from the Information Desk or speak to Alan Burrows.

You can also sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme which is managed by Southwark Diocese who collect your donation, and any Gift Aid, and forward it onto St James' without cost.

**Gift Aid:** if you are UK taxpayer, you can increase your donation at no further cost to you just by completing a simple form (available from the office).

## OUT OF HOURS

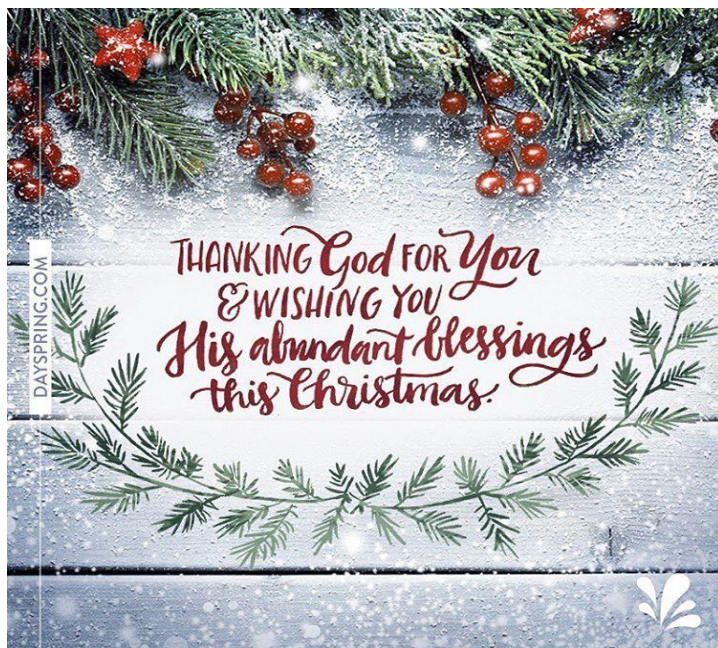
If you have an urgent matter you would like to discuss out of office hours, please contact one of our Church Wardens;

Kirk Douglas ([kirkmdouglas@live.co.uk](mailto:kirkmdouglas@live.co.uk))

John Talbot ([john.n.talbot@talk21.com](mailto:john.n.talbot@talk21.com)).

For pastoral matters contact Rob Powell ([revrobpowell@stjamessw16.plus.com](mailto:revrobpowell@stjamessw16.plus.com))

or Rocky Deans ([guywillis1@hotmail.com](mailto:guywillis1@hotmail.com))



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Office Hours: Wednesday 9am – 4pm, Thursday & Friday 9am – 1.30pm