

Notice Sheet for 14th December 2025

'He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth'
Luke 1 v 14

Sunday 14th December

No Morning Service @ St James Church

3.00pm Family Nativity

7.00pm Carol Service



All Furzedown Churches continue to gather for Worship on
Sunday mornings throughout December
but here are some special services we wish to highlight

St Alban's Church

Messy Christmas on Christmas Eve, 5pm

St James' Church

Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, 11:15pm

Mitcham Lane Baptist Church

Nativity Service on Sunday 21st December, 10:30am

St Paul's Church

Midnight Service on Christmas Eve, 11pm

Christmas Day Services at all Churches

10am for St Pauls, all other churches at 10.30am

Please contact individual churches, as opposite, for details of other services
over the Christmas period.

Your Furzedown Churches contacts

St Alban's Church
Pretoria Road
020 8769 5415
www.stalbanschurch.org.uk

St James Church
Mitcham Lane
020 8677 3947
www.stjames-streatham.org.uk

Mitcham Lane Baptist Church
Mitcham Lane
020 8677 5376
www.mlbc.org.uk

St Paul's Church
Wellham Road
020 3722 1191
www.stpaulsfurzedown.co.uk



Next Week: 21st December 2025

All Age Worship with Prayer & Anointing

For more news and information please visit: www.stjames-streatham.org.uk

CHURCH FAMILY CONSULTATION

To prepare for the parish vacancy profile, we want your opinion: please fill in the attached survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW-FaTNli7PDFrvUsCDm2IklydXR8HosHj_0WNX-EsQLoRoA/viewform

PASTORAL CARE TEAM - ADVENT PROGRAMME

The Pastoral Care Team will be presenting a special Advent Programme for the residents of Anvil Close Care Home on Friday, 19 December at 4:00 pm.

Please keep the team and residents in your prayers as we share the hope and joy of the season together.

PASTORAL VISITS

As we enter the Advent season, a time of reflection, preparation and shared joy, the Pastoral Care Team will be visiting our housebound church members.

This year, the Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme centres on one word: Joy.

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...'"

Luke 2:10-11

Please keep the team in your prayers as we undertake these visits.

For further details, please contact Rocky.

FURZEDOWN CHURCHES CHOIR REHEARSALS

To all choir members, please see the following dates and times for rehearsals taking place at St James Church.

Saturday 13th Dec 2pm

Sunday 14th Dec – TBC

Rehearsal is expected to be around 1.5hrs

Dress code for the service on 14th Dec – Smart.

For more information, please speak to Rev. Mark Pybus

ST JAMES NEEDS YOU!

St James needs volunteers to assist in all areas of its weekly ministries. If you feel God is calling you to serve in the Well, driving members to church on Sunday, serving in midweek Children's groups or Sunday Children & Youth groups, please speak to one of our church wardens; **Nick Burt & Kirk Douglas**, or **Rocky Deans** or **Alan Burrows** in the Office to learn more.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER PRO-FORMA

We are introducing a Prayer Pro-Forma to support those who lead the prayers during Communion on Sundays. At present, we have a shortage of people willing to lead prayers, and we understand that some feel unsure, inexperienced, or simply lack the confidence to do so without guidance.

To help with this, Rocky, our Pastoral Lead, has prepared a simple and supportive Prayer Template. It provides structure, prompts, and examples, making it easier for anyone, whether new or experienced to lead prayers with confidence. Copies can be obtained from Alan in the Church Office.

If you feel able to take part in this ministry, the new template is there to help you. Thank you for considering serving in this way.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting – Sunday 21st December after the Service

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

As we seek God's guidance in discerning who He is calling to be our next Rector, we invite you to join us at this special prayer meeting. It will last between 30 and 45 mins and be the chance.

ST ALBAN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12pm – 4pm Thursday 25th December, St Alban's Church are hosting their annual 3 course Christmas Lunch – with wine for £15

Please complete a booking form on the information desk and return to **John Farebrother**

SMALL GROUP

Rocky's next small group meeting will be **10.30am on Monday 15th December** in the Church Centre

WHAT'S ON

Date	Time	Event
Monday 15 th December	10.30am	Small Group In the Church Centre
	12.40pm	Staff Lunch Toby Carvery
Tuesday 16 th December	9.00am	The Well In the Church Centre
	10.30am	Holy Communion In the Vestry
Wednesday 17 th December	3.30pm	Christingle Service In the Church & Centre
	7.00pm	Children's Team Meal In the Church & Centre
Thursday 18 th December	12.30pm	Friendship Circle Lunch Toby Carvery, Mitcham
	6.00pm	POD In FYC
Friday 19 th December	6.00pm	Youth Club In FYC
Sunday 21 st December	10.30am	All Age with Prayer & Anointing

OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

1.30pm Friday 21st December the church will be closed until Wednesday 7th January 2026

Have a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We will have our annual joint service at St Paul's Church at 10am on Sunday 28th December

THE BRIDGE

You can read the latest edition of the diocesan paper here - <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

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](#).

You can also donate via Bank Standing Order
Name of Account: **St James PCC**
Sort Code: **20-96-89**
Account Number: **00196878**

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

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

ADVENT THANKSGIVING GIFT DAY

Our annual Gift Day began on Sunday November 30th and has received **£17,507** of our £20,000 target. We will be supporting the New Testament Church of God Hurricane Melissa Appeal with the first £3,000 received. A letter of thanks from NTCG, and detailing what the £3k will do, can be read on the mission board in the Church Centre.

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