



Weekly News

The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 15th January 2017

THIS SUNDAY

15TH JANUARY

UNNUMBERED BLESSINGS EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

- 8am **HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)** *Jill Roth*
- 9am **MORNING WORSHIP (GX)** *Martin Williams*
- 10.45am **MORNING WORSHIP (GX)** *Chris Lion*
- 11.15 **HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)** *Martin Williams*
- 4pm **SUNDAY WORSHIP (GX)** *Chris Lion*

WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK

- **Monday 9.30am GX Prayers**
- **Tuesday 10-11.30am**
Tiny Tots (*St James Centre GX*)
- **Wednesday 10-11.30am**
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- **Wednesday 8-9.45pm 'But is it Real?' Event** (*St James Centre GX*)

NEXT SUNDAY

22ND JANUARY

TRUE ENLIGHTENMENT EPHESIANS 1: 15-23

- 8am **HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)** *Chris Lion*
- 9am **MORNING WORSHIP (GX)** *James Leach*
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Welcome to the two St James. If this is your first visit to St James or if you've recently joined us, please fill in a Welcome card or simply talk to one of our host team (with lilac badges) so we can invite you to our next Newcomers Coffee in the Rectory. If you are new to the Children's or Youth Ministry we have LOTS going on that you might like to know about! Ask someone on the team/take an info card or look at saintjames.org.uk/family/children/ or saintjames.org.uk/family/youth/ (click on icons to move around the website for more details)

But is it Real?...



Come and hear Amy Orr-Ewing, author of "But is it Real?", address some of the common objections to the Christian faith and share her thoughts on what it has to say amid the pain, confusion and complexity of life on **Wednesday 18th January, 8.00 – 9.45pm** at the Saint James Centre, SL9 7DJ.

Amy is an international speaker and is equally at ease speaking in the White House, on radio and TV, or to a group of students. An Oxford Theology graduate with a Master's from King's College London, she is now Director of Programmes for the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and UK Director for RZIM Zacharias Trust but still finds time to write books and bring up a young family. To book your free place click the hyper-link: saintjames.org.uk/but-is-it-real

What's next after Alpha ...in 2017?

So many people have engaged with Alpha at St. James this past term.

What might come next for you? Here are four possibilities:

(in addition to Lifegroups studying Ephesians alongside the sermon series from Jan – April)

Christian Living – A course consisting of 10 sessions on aspects of Christian faith and life using video material from St. Paul's Theological Centre at HTB and facilitated by Rev'd James Leach in the Saint James Centre on **Thursday nights (8pm) or Friday mornings (10am) beginning on 19th/20th January.** Book online: saintjames.org.uk/2016/12/christian-living/

Bring a friend to Alpha, or experience it again on your own. Alpha will happen at the Saint James Centre on **Wednesday evenings 8.00 – 9.45 pm from 25th Jan and Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11.15 am from 26th Jan.** Book online: saintjames.org.uk/alpha

Come along to Christianity Explored – a follow-up to Alpha, focussing on Mark's gospel. Same place and times as Alpha. Book online: saintjames.org.uk/alpha

The Word One to One – meet up with someone one-to-one and work through John's gospel together. A great way to go over the fundamentals of the Christian message at your own pace.

For any of these events contact: Di Rowlandson 886 049 or James Leach 886 480.



Readings Today @ 8am **HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)**

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7 **page:** 735

Second Reading: Psalm 40: 1-12 **page:** 566

The Gospel: John 1: 29-42 **page:** 1064

New Office Staff Member



Please welcome Jayne Wood to the Church Office team.

She will be working Thursdays and Fridays in a job sharing role with Dawn Huxtable (who will work Monday-Wednesdays). Jayne has been a member of the St James Church family for three years and is married to Tony. Jayne's first days will be on the **19th and 20th January**.

PRAYER

Prayer Diaries:

Pick up a paper copy today after the service or signup for daily prayer emails at saint-james.org.uk/prayerdiary/

GX Monday Prayers:

Held **every Monday** in the Saint James Centre at **9.30am**.

24/365 Upper Room:

Book for the Upper room in Chalfont St Peter via: 247communityprayerco.uk

Quiet Garden:

The 'Quiet Garden' flows from the example of Jesus' to withdraw to natural places and 'Come to me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'. We are fortunate to have the original Quiet garden close by at Park Road, Stoke Poges, SL2 4PG.

Call Noreen Cooper 664273 for more details or see below to check the next date (alt months) : **at 10am on**

19th Jan, 16th Mar, 18th May, 20th Jul, 21st Sept, 16th Nov 2017.

What else is on...

Finance Officer Job: We are looking for someone to join our staff team as Finance Officer. The role includes preparation of both the monthly and year-end financial accounts. You will have previous proven experience of working in a finance function and have excellent computer skills, particularly in accounting packages as well as word and excel. Email: emma.mallord@saintjames.org.uk
This is a part time role, which could be worked in term time.

The next Friendship lunches will be held on **Thursday 19th January 2017**. If you know of someone who might like to be invited, please contact: Brian Horne on 884722.

Half Night of Prayer Change of date: Our next Half Night of Prayer has been moved from the January date and will now be held on **Tuesday 7th February** in the Saint James Centre **from 5pm**.

'Sunday Evening in the Space' this **Sunday, 15th January at 6.15pm for refreshments for 6.30pm** start (to be finished by 7.40pm) using a video series called 'Discipleship Explored'. There will be a short time of sung worship and plenty of time for prayer. For more information contact Ian Mitton at ijmitton@btinternet.com

FamilyLife: "A Day Together – Every couple should do this!" **10am – 4.45pm at All Souls, London on 21st January.** For more INFO & BOOKING: www.ADayTogether.org

Men's Leadership Breakfast: Friday 27th January at 7.30-9.30am. Topic: 'The Mental Toughness of a Leader.' An opportunity to hear Dr Jack Groppel. He is the author of 'The Corporate Athlete' and has coached leading athletes including golfer Nick Faldo and Wimbledon champion Stan Smith. The Breakfast is open to St James men and their guests at Meyrick's home. Contact meyrick.beebee@saintjames.org.uk or 07956435025

The Friday Club: (for over 18s) take a break over January with their next date being **Friday 3rd February 2017 from 2-4pm** at the Saint James Centre, GX.

Next Women's Reflections on: Saturday 11th February, 9.30am for coffee and then 10am - 12.15pm. A morning of worship, prayer, personal testimony and optional creative workshops in the Saint James Centre.

Newcomers Coffee: If you are new to the two St James you are invited to a 'Newcomers Coffee' on **Sunday 22nd January 2017 from 12noon** in the Rectory. There will be an introduction to life at the two St James and an opportunity to meet members of the staff team. Children welcome. Invitation cards are available after services.

Recycling old Christmas cards: Marks and Spencer are collecting cards on behalf of The Woodland Trust till the end of January.

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