



# Weekly News

The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

### TRUE ENLIGHTENMENT EPHESIANS 1: 15-23

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

## WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK

- **Monday 9.30am GX Prayers**
- **Tuesday 10-11.30am Tiny Tots** (*St James Centre GX*)
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- **Wednesday 8pm Evening Alpha** (*SJ Centre GX*)
- **Thursday 9.30am Morning Alpha with creche** (*SJ Centre GX*)

## NEXT SUNDAY

29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

### NEW LIFE EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

- 8am **HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)** *Martin Williams*
- 9am **MORNING WORSHIP (GX)** *Martin Williams*
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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/](http://saintjames.org.uk/family/children/) or [saintjames.org.uk/family/youth/](http://saintjames.org.uk/family/youth/) (click on icons to move around the website for more details)

## Half Night of Prayer



### Half Night of Prayer Date for your diaries:

Prayer is at the heart of all we do at the Two St James, so at the beginning of each term we gather together for an evening of prayer. These evenings are a very important time for us as a church family as we meet together to seek God and his will for us. Our next Half Night of Prayer will be on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, so please make sure this date is in your diary now. **More details to follow in future weeks.**

## 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)** started last week but not too late to join!. Book online: [saintjames.org.uk/2016/12/christian-living/](http://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 8pm – 9.45 pm** from 25<sup>th</sup> Jan and **Thursday mornings 9.30am – 11.15 am** from 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Book online: [saintjames.org.uk/alpha](http://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](http://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 9: 1-4 **page:** 693

**Second Reading:** Psalm 27: 1, 4-12 **page:** 557

**The Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12-23 **page:** 968

# 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.

## What else is on...

### PRAYER

#### Prayer Diaries:

Pick up a paper copy today after the service or signup for daily prayer emails at [saintjames.org.uk/prayerdiary/](mailto:saintjames.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](http://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

16<sup>th</sup> Mar, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> Jul, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept,  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017.

**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](mailto:emma.mallord@saintjames.org.uk)  
**This is a part time role, which could be worked in term time.**

**Newcomers Coffee:** If you are new to the two St James you are invited to a 'Newcomers Coffee' today 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.

**'Sunday Evening in the Space'** this Sunday will be looking at 'Standing together in Christ' from the Discipleship Explored series from 6.15pm for refreshments for 6.30pm start. There will be a short time of sung worship and plenty of time for prayer. For more details contact Ian Mitton at [ijmitton@btinternet.com](mailto:ijmitton@btinternet.com)

**Carers@StJames:** Next meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 2-3.30pm. Lisa Kennett will be coming to talk about resources available for the partially sighted.

**The next Friendship lunches** will be held on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. If you know of someone who might like to be invited, please contact: Brian Horne on 884722.

**Men's Leadership Breakfast:** Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30-9.30am. Topic: 'The Mental Toughness of a Leader.' An opportunity to hear Dr Jack Groppe. 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](mailto:meyrick.beebee@saintjames.org.uk) or 07956435025

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

**Next Women's Reflections on: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Amersham Festival of Music Concert** is to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm at St James Church Gerrards Cross.

Bach	Piano Concerto in A major
Grieg	Holberg Suite
Bach	Piano Concerto in F minor
Tchaikovsky	Serenade for Strings

To book goto: [www.amershamfestival.org](http://www.amershamfestival.org)  
Telephone bookings phone: 0333 666 3366.  
Tickets for a disabled person: 01494 876465.  
As parking space is limited please 'car share' if possible.

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