



Weekly News

The First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017

THIS SUNDAY

THIS WEEK:
3RD DECEMBER
ADVENT 1

LIVING UNDER GRACE
GALATIANS 5: 1-6

- 8am HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER) *Jill Roth*
- 9am HOLY COMMUNION (GX) *Rev'd Nat Schluter*
Principal of Johannesburg Bible College
- 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP (GX) *Rev'd Nat Schluter*
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- 11.15am MORNING WORSHIP (FULMER) *Martin Williams*
- 4pm SUNDAY WORSHIP (GX) *Rev'd Nat Schluter*
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- 7pm RESONATE YOUTH SERVICE (SJ Centre GX)

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- Monday Morning Prayers GX 9.30am (*Saint James Centre GX*)
- Tuesday 9.30am Discussion and Prayer (*St James Fulmer*)
- Tuesday 10-11.30am Tiny Tots (*Saint James Centre GX*)
- Wednesday 10-11.30am Tiny Tots (*Saint James Centre GX*)
- Wednesday 8pm Evening Alpha (*Saint James Centre GX*)
- Thursday 9.30am Morning Alpha with crèche (*Saint James Centre GX*)

NEXT WEEK:
10TH DECEMBER
ADVENT 2

LIVING OUT MERCY
MATTHEW 18: 21-35

- 8am HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER) *Jill Roth*
- 9am MORNING WORSHIP (GX) *The Right Reverend Steven Croft*
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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. 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/kids or saintjames.org.uk/family/youth/ (click on icons to move around the website for more details and these events)

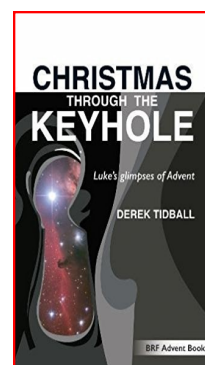
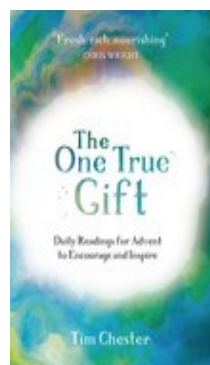
Advent Books

Advent begins today Sunday 3rd December

We have two new books for Advent on the bookstall.

Christmas Through the Keyhole by Derek Tidball @ £8.99 *Advent reflections based on the gospel of Luke*

The One True Gift by Tim Chester @ £4.99
Short daily readings for Advent based on Philippians



Come along to ...the GX Christmas Fayre



GX Christmas Festival, Wednesday 6th December: We will be out in our community on the 6th December at the GX Christmas Festival with two activities: a Messy Church craft and hot chocolate stall outside Tesco from 5.30-8pm through which we look forward to connecting with lots of families, and a joint Accord Community Choir and Rock Choir carol concert at St Andrews URC at 7.45pm-9pm. **Do come along and join in as we support this event and share the true meaning of Christmas with our community.**

If you are able to help with either activity we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Di.rowlandson@saintjames.org.uk or call 01753 886 049.



The Bishop of Oxford will be preaching at St James, Sunday 10th December

The Right Reverend Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford will be preaching on Sunday 10th December live at the 9am and 10.45am services at Gerrards Cross on 'Called to be Christ-like' and then a video of his sermon from the morning will be shown at St James, Fulmer in the 11.15am service and at the 4pm service at St James, Gerrards Cross.

The next PCC Meeting is on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 8pm.

Readings Today @ 8am HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9 page: 750

Second Reading: Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20 page: 592

The Gospel: Mark 13: 24-31 page: 1019

PRAYER

Prayer Diaries:

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

GX Monday Prayers:

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

Monthly FULMER

Discussion/Prayers:

Held first TUESDAY of each month in St James, Fulmer at 9.30am.

24/365 Upper Room:

Book for the Upper room in Chalfont St Peter via :

247communityprayer.co.uk

Quiet Garden:

The 'Quiet Garden' is a place to withdraw to nature 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 01753 644 273 for 2018 dates.

Wider World:

- * Why not sign up for a daily email from Operation World or download their new FREE app? www.operationworld.org
- * 'like' Operation World on Facebook
- * Download 'Prayermate': a new app FREE for both Android and Apple through appshop. It's an excellent tool helping organise your prayers each day and you can nominate Operation World and other charities to be more informed.



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Welcome Desk Hours over Dec — Jan 2018

The Welcome Desk at the Saint James Centre Opening hours will be as follows:

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd December 10am–12 noon

Sat 23rd December – Mon 1st January CLOSED

Tues 2nd – Fri 5th January 10am–12 noon

Mon 8th January NORMAL

The Office will be closed from Friday afternoon 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January 2017.

What else is on...

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church occurred in November. As Christmas approaches we would like to continue supporting them through praying for the many Christians around the world who suffer persecution and imprisonment for their faith in Christ. Could you give a gift of hope this Christmas by sending a card of encouragement to a Christian in prison? Pick up a booklet after church or visit the website: <http://www.csw.org.uk/connectencourage.htm>

Fulmer Bell Ringing: We now have 3 ringers for Fulmer bells. Is there anyone out there who would like to join us? Tuition can be arranged to suit and we join Chalfont St Giles Tower on a **Tuesday evening** to practise. Contact Celia Thomas on 01753 647270 leaving a message if necessary or email celiandafydd@btinternet.com

FamilyLife warmly invite you to their **Vision & Equipping 2018 events:** Theme: Connected? Exploring our relationships with God and others. 2nd Feb **CELEBRATION DINNER** - 7-10.30pm with special guest Steve Legg, international baffler & funny guy sharing his faith journey. 3rd Feb **Vision & Equipping** - 9:15-16:30 Be inspired & equipped to make a difference to families near you plus make new friends from across UK & Europe. Both events are at the Saint James Centre. **INFO & BOOKING** www.familylifeuk.org/ve2018



Coffee Helpers for 10.45am Service: This wonderful band of men and women need new people to join each team of 3 to prepare, serve drinks and clear away (Only once every 2 months). This is a wonderful way to meet people while serving. If you want to find out more please phone: 887965 or email: ElizabethBounds@mac.com

The Two St James, Gerrards Cross with Fulmer

Christmas Services: details are on our website from today—www.saintjames.org.uk

Christmas Day Celebration Lunch:

At Christmas we want to make sure no one is alone. We will be having a **Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day** in the Saint James Centre from **12.45 for 1pm-3.30pm**. Please contact the office on 883 311 if you are interested in having your Christmas Day dinner at church. Tesco & Waitrose are sponsoring this Dinner. It will be one of the three local causes to be voted on in Waitrose GX during December, so please use your green tokens to support this event when you shop in Waitrose during the coming weeks.

Messy Church is next on in the Saint James Centre on **Friday 15th December from 4pm to 5.45pm**.

St James, GX Choir will be holding rehearsals for the Traditional Carol Services as follows: **SAT 9th Dec at 10.30am, SUN 17th Dec at 3pm and SAT 23rd Dec at 4.15pm before the service at 6.30pm**. Anyone who would like to join the carols contact Iain Ledingham on 884 628.

Mission Committee: Would you be interested in joining the Mission Committee or becoming the St James Mission Champion for Tearfund, WEC or UCCF? Please contact Chris Lion chris.lion@saintjames.org.uk or Nick Leake nick.leake@btinternet.com

Gift Day: We are so thankful for those people who have returned their orange envelopes. We are now very close to the target we set. There is still an opportunity to return the orange envelopes to the Church Office.