



# Weekly News

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> December and  
The First Sunday of Christmas Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**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.

## Christmas Services



### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

- 6.30pm Traditional Carol Service (GX)

### CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 4pm Family Nativity Christingle Service (Fulmer)
- 4pm Family Nativity Service (GX)
- 9.30pm Holy Communion (Fulmer)
- 11pm Holy Communion Midnight Service (GX)



### CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Fulmer)
- 9.00am Holy Communion (GX)
- 11am Family Service (The Saint James Centre, and St James Church GX)
- 11.15am Family Service (Fulmer)

### SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2017

#### WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Fulmer)
- 9am Morning Worship (GX)
- 10.45am Family Service (GX)
- 11.15am Holy Communion (Fulmer)



The next PCC  
Meeting is on:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
2018 at 8pm.

Readings for Christmas Day @ 8.00am  
HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10 page: 739  
Second Reading: Psalm 98 page: 603  
Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-14 page: 1063

Readings for Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec @ 8.00am  
HOLY COMMUNION (FULMER)

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 page: 748  
Second Reading: Psalm 148 page: 633  
Gospel Reading: John 2: 15-21 page: 1065



# Welcome Desk Hours over Dec 2017 — Jan 2018

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

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> January  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January

CLOSED  
10am–12 noon  
NORMAL

The Office will be closed from Friday afternoon 22<sup>nd</sup> December until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

In case of an urgent pastoral need between these dates please call 88 33 11 for the on call clergy details.

## PRAYER IS THE CORNERSTONE OF LIFE AT THE TWO ST JAMES

### Prayer Diaries:

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

### Fulmer Prayer & Discussion:

Held every first Tuesday of the month in the St James Church, Fulmer at 9.45 am.

### GX Monday Prayers:

Held every Monday in the Saint James Centre at 9.30am—restarting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### 24/365 Upper Room:

Book for the Upper room in Chalfont St Peter via: [247communityprayer.co.uk](http://247communityprayer.co.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 in Stoke Poges. Call Noreen Cooper 664273 for more details or to check the next date (alt months) open the link below: <http://quietgarden.org/gardens/the-quiet-garden-stoke-poges/>

### Wider World:

- \* Why not sign up for a daily email from Operation World or download their new FREE app? [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org)
- \* 'like' Operation World on Facebook
- \* Why not Download 'Prayermate': a new app FREE for both Android and Apple through appshop. It's an excellent tool helping organise your prayers each day.

## Future Events in 2018...

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.45 for 10am	Fulmer Prayer and discussion	held in St James, Fulmer
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15-11.30am	Alpha—Holy Spirit morning	Di Rowlandson 886 049
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2-4pm	Friday Club for over 18s <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Stuart Crawford 01895 236 498 or Ann Stewart 01895 831 640
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 & 3.45pm 8pm	PromiseLand & The Boat restart Resonate restarts	Guy Mansell 278 952 Tim Norton 278 963 Tim Norton 278 963
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	GX Monday Morning Prayers	held in the Saint James Centre, GX
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10-11.30am	Tiny Tots restart	Children's Ministry 278 952
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10-11.30am	Tiny Tots restart	Children's Ministry 278 952
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.45pm	Friendship Lunch <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Brian Horne 884 722
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4pm	Messy Church	<i>At the Saint James Centre</i>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.45pm	Friendship Lunch <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Brian Horne 884 722
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	from 8pm	Living Water Night of Prayer <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Chris Lion 901 363
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8-9.45pm	Is there more to life than this? <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Di Rowlandson 886 049
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	8-10pm	Taster Session of 'Growing Leaders' <i>Growing Leaders Course 2018</i>	Ben Topham 278 950
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8-9.45pm	Evening 'ALPHA' Course starts <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	Di Rowlandson 886 049
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30-11.15am	Morning 'ALPHA' Course starts <i>At the Saint James Centre with crèche</i>	Di Rowlandson 886 049
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7-10.30pm	FamilyLife Celebration Dinner	<a href="http://www.familylifeuk.org/ve2018">www.familylifeuk.org/ve2018</a>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	7.30-9.30am	The Men's Breakfasts restart <i>At Meyrick's house</i>	Meyrick Beebee 07956 435 025
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.15am-4.30pm	FamilyLife Vision/Equipping Event	<a href="http://www.familylifeuk.org/ve2018">www.familylifeuk.org/ve2018</a>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30-9.30am	The Men's Breakfasts restart <i>At Meyrick's house</i>	Meyrick Beebee 07956 435 025
Spring term	9.30-11.30am 9.30-11.45am 7.45-9.45pm	Parenting Courses: Early years starts 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan Drug proof your kids starts 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan Primary years starts 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	COSTS: £25-30 and held at Variety of venues <a href="http://saintjames.org.uk/early-years/">http://saintjames.org.uk/early-years/</a> <a href="http://saintjames.org.uk/drug-proof-kids/">http://saintjames.org.uk/drug-proof-kids/</a> <a href="http://saintjames.org.uk/primary-years/">http://saintjames.org.uk/primary-years/</a> Meyrick Beebee 07956 435 025
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8pm	Baptism Preparation Evening <i>At the Saint James Centre</i>	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.45 for 10am	Fulmer Prayer and discussion	held in St James, Fulmer
Fri 16-Sun 18 Mar	offsite	The Boat Weekend AWAY	Tim Norton 278 963



Bring in your used stamps from Christmas Cards for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People: Remember to tear stamps off the envelopes leaving a paper border – 1CM/ ½ INCH ALL ROUND. Collection boxes can be found in the Saint James Centre foyer and St James Church, Fulmer till mid Jan 2018.



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Please note the deadline for the **Weekly News** is 12 noon Wednesdays