

Christmas Day Lunch at St James



There are still spaces for the Christmas Day lunch in the Church Centre for and served by members of our Church family.

If you would like to come to the lunch then please sign up at the back of the church. Places are limited so don't miss out! It's a lot of fun and a fantastic lunch!



Parents' evening:

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to come to this event at the Birchwood Centre on

Monday 9 January from 7.45-9.00pm

We'll have some refreshments first and start at 8.00pm. This is a chance to hear about what happening at Engage and plans for the coming terms. You're feedback and ideas will be welcome too, so do bring them along!



Promiseland!

Today...Generosity



John 3:16-17 & Luke 2:1-18
In our final Promiseland of 2011, Seth Gascoigne is teaching us about God's generosity and how God gave the greatest gift when He gave us Jesus!

Promiseland (age 5-11) and Promiseland Juniors (age 0-5) will return on Sunday 8th January!

WAVE Club (for young adults with and without learning difficulties)

We need you! We're planning a Club recruitment session at the Birchwood for the afternoon of 19 December and would welcome some creative input.

If you can contribute any suitable games, artistic, musical, sporty or culinary skills - please email

info@waveclub.org.uk or speak to Bernice (07973 512147).



Our children's and youth work starts again on 8 January after the Christmas break
Pre School: 0-4s meet in the church offices during the morning services.
Promiseland: 5-11s meet in the church centre during the morning services
Engage: 11-14s meet at 11.00am at the Birchwood Centre during 11.15am service
Root: 14-18s meet in the Birchwood Centre at 7.45pm after the 6pm service

Please note that the latest Church Family News can be found on line at:

www.st-james.org.uk

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Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday 18 December 2011 to

Sunday 1 January 2012

18 December — Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Morning Worship

Theme: Simeon's Song

Reading: Luke 2: 28 – 32

Speaker: Jim Salladin

Carol Services Today

Do come along and bring friends to one of these celebrations of Jesus' birth

4.30 pm Family Carol Service

A carol service for all ages with orchestra and choir

7.00pm Evening Carol Service

A mixture of traditional and contemporary songs with full orchestra and choir

Monday 19 December

8.00pm Evening Carol Service

A mixture of traditional and contemporary songs with full orchestra and choir

Christmas Eve

Crib service Saturday 24 December

4.00pm

All children welcome and you are free to bring your friends and parents too!

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Family Service followed by a short Communion Service



St James Talent Night

Thursday 22 December at Birchwood from 7.30pm

Come and join us for fun and mulled wine

Tickets £2 from the Bookshop or on the door

Information from Katharine Jones on 07918030006

Diary for St James

Week beginning 19 December

Monday	8.00pm	Carol Service	Church
	1.00pm	WAVE recruitment session	Birchwood Centre
Tuesday	10.00am	Community Café	Church
	7.00pm	Welcome Service - Jim	Church
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion	Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Winter Shelter	Centre
Thursday	7.30pm	Talent Night	Birchwood

Week beginning 26 December

Bookshop and office closed

Sunday 1 January — New Year's Day

8.00am	Holy Communion — Jim Salladin
10.30am	Family Service
6.00pm	Evening Worship

Week beginning 2 January

Tuesday	10.00am	Community Café	Church
Wednesday	7.30pm	Winter Shelter	Centre

Upcoming events:

The Parenting Children Course starts Tuesday 10 January

'A Light in the Night' - An Arts & Media Event @ St James - Saturday 28 January

Church Office and Bookshop re-open Tuesday 3 January 2012

Monday to Thursday 10.00am-5.00pm & Friday 10.00am-1.00pm.

The bookshop is open Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm and after each service on Sunday.

Christmas Service Offerings

Our Christmas Carol Service offerings will be shared between the Bishop of London's Riot Fund and Haringey Winter Shelter.

The Crib Service offering will be donated to 'Pathway' - a charity providing Christian education in Primary Schools across North London.

Welcoming Jim into the Church of England

A service of renewal of vows for Jim Salladin will take place here at St James on Tuesday 20 December at 7pm. The Bishops of London and Edmonton will be here. Please pray for Jim at this time. We anticipate a small service at this time of year but all are welcome.

The Parenting Children Course Starting Tuesday 10 January

In the New Year we will be running The Parenting Course, a series of five sessions designed to help parents and carers of 0-10 year-olds and parents-to-be, equip their children for life. For more details please contact Gaz Daly gaz.daly@st-james.org.uk

Welcome to St James Church Muswell Hill

If you are new to the church, or just visiting, we would love to meet you. Please come to the Welcome Area at the back of church and introduce yourself.

Prayer at St James

Can we pray for you? Please email prayer requests to churchoffice@st-james.org.uk
Please join us in prayer for our church family and those who are unwell or in need including:

- Natalie Beavis who is stranded in Vietnam, ill in hospital and very frightened.
 - John Robbins who is in hospital, for his wife Anne and children James and Emma
 - Robin Chapman's mum
 - Sue McKay and family
 - Alexander Knowles and family
 - Jon Fowler who is making progress but needs further healing
 - Peter Mellows and his family
 - Keith Lee who is back in hospital
 - Maureen Smith and family
 - Shirley Taylor
- Please also pray for:
- All the churches in our area for their services and outreach over Christmas
 - Cranwood Residential Care Home and the residents there

Give thanks for:

- An improvement in Rose Tuckley's health and that God will draw her close to him
- Denise Blackwell's improvement as she is now home and is thankful for all the prayer and support she has received from the Church family

Winter Shelter — has begun

We had our first night this week. Rachel says 'I was re-inspired about the shelter after a conversation with a man who was so grateful for a good night's sleep having spent the previous 20 nights walking around unable to sleep outside.

We urgently need more people to volunteer for any of the tasks but especially for the night shift— one of the hardest jobs but essential to run the shelter. Is there anyone who could consider giving up one night this winter to show our gratitude for our homes? There is a sign up form at the back of Church or contact: rachel.elliott@st-james.org.uk

World Mission News

Please remember Heather Payne, this month, our Mission Partner in Delhi. Heather is a Social Development Consultant and assists Christian social ministries in India to plan their work. Her hope is that she can inspire the church into radical social action to address injustice and is particularly involved in the work of the Church of North India.

Please pray for Heather as she fights for justice amongst the most oppressed in India; for personal health in the smoggy winter and for protection as she travels locally and nationally around India. email world.mission@st-james.org.uk for more information about our Mission Partners.