

HIGHLIGHTS at St James



Don't spend Christmas on your own!
Come and join us for lunch and lots of
fun on Christmas Day.

12.30pm-4.00pm in the St James Centre

Please sign up at the welcome desk or
contact Rachel

rachel.elliott@st-james.org.uk

If you would like to help finance this event
donations are welcome. If you would like to
help prepare food on Christmas Eve (9.30-
10.30am) contact Rachel.



Our next Alpha course will begin on
Tuesday 19 January, Please email

helen.stansfeld@st-james.org.uk
for details.

Alpha If you would like to help with the
running of the course do please
contact Helen.



Christmas Community
Open Day
Sat 19th December
2 - 5pm

Free café, activities for children, live music
and a chance to welcome in anyone who wants
to pop in. We need people to help make this
event happen. On the day we need a set up
team, welcomers, drinks servers, and a clear
up team. Please contact Rachel if you can help
in any way on the day or can make cupcakes!

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or sign up in the welcome area.

THE SOURCE JUST GOT
FUNKY...
ENCOURAGING STORIES
EXCEPT THE FIRST MEETING IS IN THE
HOT APPLE CIDER
SOFA GAMES
8-10PM SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER
AFTER CAROL SERVICE IN JOHN BAIRD PUB
CONTACT: MARK SIMPSON
07764967831/0175370111/INTERNET.COM

Top tip

Try to set aside one night per week where just the
two of you can spend some quality time together

Come and join our **Marriage Course** on 4- 11, 25 Feb and
4, 11, 18 & 25 March.

Evenings begin at 7.15 pm with candlelit supper for two.

Contact Clare Hendry for details
clare.hendry@st-james.org.uk

Crib service rehearsals For 5 - 11 year olds

First rehearsal: Monday 21 December

Dress rehearsal:
Wednesday 23rd

December 3 - 4:30 pm in
the church centre. Please
contact Ellen on 0208

442 2824 or
ellen.huntersmart@st-james.org.uk if your child

would like to be in it!



CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

It would be much appreciated if people could
take a bundle of cards from the table near the
doors to the centre to deliver to homes in our par-
ish.

Little Fishes in N10



The 10 to 10 club at St James is
getting a makeover in January
2010. In addition to the new
name, **Little Fishes in N10**, the
format and timing of the club will
change. We'll start each term-time **Monday at
10:00am and finish at 11:30am**. During that time
the children will be able to enjoy playing with an
array of **toys** and there'll be a supervised **craft**
activity as well. At the end of each session we will
still have a **sing-a-long** and a slot for a **Bible story
or short puppet show**. As always, the group wel-
comes people of all or no faith. Do come and join
us! Contact Celia at 020 8361 2946 for more
details.



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13th December 2009

Today at St James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Celebrant: Penelope Swithinbank

9.30am & 11.15am
Holy Communion

Theme: Why do we read that?

Passage: Isaiah 9

Speaker: Kim Swithinbank

6.00pm
Evening Prayer

Theme: Jesus is coming, Sons of the Light

Passage: 1 Thess 4:13-5:11

Speaker: Gaz Daly

UNDER 18s at St James

Promiseland: If your child is under the age of 11 then please take them through the glass door before
the start of the 9.30 or 11.15 services, for creche, Scramblers or Promiseland. Registration is from
9.15 and 11.00

Engage: 11-14s meet at 11.00 at the Birchwood for Smoothies

Root: 14-18s meet in the Church Centre at 7.45pm after the 6pm service If you would like more de-
tails about any of the youth work at St James please contact Amy Powis, our Youth Associate at
amy.powis@st-james.org.uk.

For details of the children's work please contact Ellen Hunter Smart ellen.huntersmart@st-james.org.uk

PRAYER at St James

Sundays - Come and pray for each of our services at 9.15am, 11.00am, 5.45pm in the side chapel.
Prayer Ministry is available after every service. Please go to the prayer ministry area and a member of
the team will pray with you. There is also a prayer and listening service available: please call 8883
3250 (Wednesday & Sunday eve) and talk in confidence.

- We pray for our church family and those who are unwell, in distress or struggling
- Pray for other local churches particularly this week for All Saints Durham Road and their minister Christopher Hardy.
- Pray for Julia Ritterbusch and Ruth Mason.
- Pray for Mollie Nicholls who is at home recovering from a fall. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes
- Primary schools work—Please pray for all children and staff as they enjoy a well deserved holiday.
- Please pray for David and Katharine Allenby and family following the recent death of Katharine's father and David's mother.
- Please pray for Ali Grimes' mother Alena Lotova who is unwell in Sweden and for Ali and the family at this time
- Pray for healing and strength for Jutta Kottenburg and her family as they support her.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Gift Day. We have received in total **£25,814**. and
added **£11,324** a year to regular committed giving. Let us all praise God for what He has done to
provide for the ministry here.

... this week

Monday	9.50am	10-10
	8.00pm	Internationals
Tuesday	10.00am	Pilates in the Centre
	7.30pm	Alpha
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		Winter shelter
	8.00pm	Carol Service Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6.30am	Central Prayer

.....Next Sunday - Sunday 20 December 4th Sunday in Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Penelope Swithinbank
9.30am	Morning prayer
11.15am	Morning Prayer
4.30pm	Family Carol Service
7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight

..... Upcoming Events

Saturday	19 December	Christmas Community Open Day
Monday	21 December	8.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Thursday	24 December	4.00pm Crib Service
Easter 2010		A Passion for Life
29–31 October 2010		Church Weekend Away

Church Office & Bookshop

Monday - Thursday 10.00am-5.00pm & Friday 10.00am-1.00pm.
The bookshop is also open Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm and after each service on Sunday.

Clergy Clinics

Kim Swithinbank's next clinic is on Monday 14 December, 4.30pm

Will Hunter Smart's next clinic is on Tuesday 15 December, 4.30pm

Should you want to speak to Kim or Will, but you're unable to make clinic times, please contact them individually to make an appointment.

Bookshop Christmas cards are on sale. There is still a good supply of Christmas cards to be bought.

Carols at John Baird: Do join us for carols at the John Baird after the evening service at about 7.00pm.

Welcome to St James 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.

Bookshop Helpers: The bookshop enables our church to open to the Broadway seven days a week. There are at present some gaps in the team of volunteers, especially after services on Sundays. Do you have some spare time? If so, please speak to one of the clergy, or Martin Rich on 020 8444 8798. It's interesting, rewarding and fun.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for a person (or 2) to change the altar frontals and to launder the altar cloths. If you would like to know more about this please contact the church office or talk to Pat Peppiatt.

If you have a legal problem, or financial difficulties, St James Church Legal Advice Centre may be able to help. It was started in 1998 and Peter Thompson, the lawyer in charge, holds advice sessions all the year round, except in the holidays, between 10am and 12 noon on Mondays and Saturdays at St James Church and on Wednesdays at the Wilton Community Church. He can be contacted on 020 8883 0371 or anything.legal@dial.pipex.com or you can just drop in at any of the sessions: appointments are not necessary.

Kings Chamber Orchestra CDs are on sale in the bookshop including their Christmas CD. They will make lovely Christmas presents.

Lost Property: If you or your child has lost something in church recently, please go to lost property (at the bottom of the spiral staircase, near the toilets) and retrieve it! Thank you.

Sermons are now online: Sermons can be downloaded from our website www.st-james.org.uk

British Museum with the Bible. Clive Anderson from Day One Ministries has very kindly agreed to lead a group from St James on one of their 'Through the British Museum with the Bible' Guided Tours. The Tour will take place on Saturday 23 January 2010. If you would like to participate on this tour please just meet us at St James at 9.45am on the day or email gary.ball@st-james.org.uk for further information. Why not come along yourself or bring a friend or even your pastorate for what promises to be a very informative and enjoyable day? We expect to be back in Muswell Hill again around 5.00pm.

Election of wardens, There will be a meeting of Parishioners at 10.55 to elect two new Church wardens following the resignations of Andy Brookes and Simon Upcott.

Message from Chris & Foluso Enwerem

Dear All,

Happy Christmas! Thanks for your support this year. We thank God for ministerial open doors this year and trusting Him for more miracles saving souls next year. Please join us in prayers as we seek the face of God for his leading next year.

On 15th December will make it 2 years since we got married and as we look back we can count our blessings and name it one by one. Indeed, it is a surprise to us to count many blessings from the Lord ever since we got married. To mark this anniversary there will be special prayers for us during the service this Sunday. Please join us in prayers

Blessings,

Chris and Foluso (& little Comfort)

Their newsletter is available at the back of the church.