



The one who is the true  
light, who gives light to  
everyone, was coming  
into the world.

John 1:9 (NLT)

# Sunday 14th December 2025

10am—Morning Worship

4pm Christmas Messy Church

## This week

### **Monday 15th December**

9:15am Morning prayer

### **Tuesday 16th December**

1pm Homegroup

### **Wednesday 17th December**

10am Midweek Communion

12:30pm Toddlers Christmas Party

5:30pm Puppets

### **Thursday 18th December**

11:30am—1:30pm Café Christmas  
Lunch

11am Hong Kong Group

### **Friday 19th December**

10am Friday Friends Christmas Special

8pm Music Practice

### **Sunday 21st December**

10am Children and Youth Carol Service

6:30pm Carol Service

### **Pre-School**

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to

3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Fridays and Wednesdays  
from 8:45am –12pm in term time

### **StJames' Church Centre**

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## Notices

### Church Eco Community Christmas Card

The church's eco community Christmas card will be available to sign and share your greetings with the church. It will be in church from Sunday 30th November- the start of advent. Save time and the environment sign your wishes on our collective card and make a donation to charity. Thanks the Eco Church Team

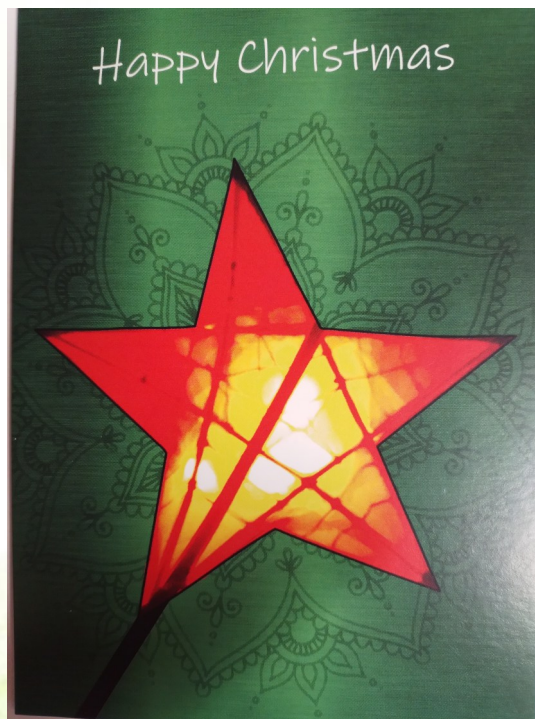
### Eco Prayer and tip

**Eco tip** – Buying presents: try and buy sustainable gifts eg a reusable water bottle or coffee cup; think about the quality of the gift not just the quantity.

**Prayer** : Lord, please help us to be wise in our shopping; to not buy excessively or wastefully.

### Lamb Christmas Cards

Christmas cards in support of LAMB Bangladesh are available again with this great design. The cost is £2.50 for 5 cards and all the money goes to the poor fund which subsidizes medical treatment for the very poor. Judith Hansford will have them after Church on Sunday mornings.





## Notices

### Pre-School Christmas Fayre

We are going to be having our own Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 13th of December here at St James Church, 12-2pm.**

We will be looking for donations for our tombola, children's lucky dip, general small prizes for games, sweets and Christmas gifts.

If anyone has any companies or knows of any family run businesses that would like to have a stall, please get in touch with me asap. Please contact **Elaine at [jamespreschool@outlook.com](mailto:jamespreschool@outlook.com) 07305399689**





## Notices

### Christmas Services

Please see below details of our Christmas services this year. There are some flyers on the table in the lounge. Please take some and invite your friends and neighbours.

## Christmas Services at St James

**Sunday 14th December**  
**4pm Christmas**  
**Messy Church**

**Sunday 21st December**  
**10am Children and**  
**Youth Christmas**  
**Celebration**

**6:30pm Carols by**  
**Candlelight**

**Christmas Eve**  
**3:30pm Christingle Service**  
**5pm Christingle Service**  
**11:30pm Midnight**  
**Communion**

**Christmas Day**  
**10am Christmas Day**  
**Celebration**





## REinspired-Woodley Lessons Autumn 2 2025

Date	School	Year	Question
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Southlake	Yr 6	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Highwood	Yr 6	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Highwood	Yr 5	Is the Christmas story true?
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Southlake	Yr 5	Is the Christmas story true?
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Southlake	Yr 3	Has Christmas lost its true meaning?
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Highwood	Yr 3	Has Christmas lost its true meaning?
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	WCofE	LKS2	What it is like for Christians to follow God?
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	WCofE	LKS2	What it is like for Christians to follow God?
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WCofE	EYFS	Christmas story
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Southlake	Nursery Am Nursery PM	What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Highwood	Yr 4	What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

### Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the positive response to our lessons in Sept/Oct. We had some amazing questions from Yr 1 including 'Who made God?' in our creation lesson!!
- This is our busiest part of the term. Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the team, and enough team for each lesson
- Pray that the message of Christmas will come across in our lessons.

# ST JAMES' CHURCH

## 2025 PRIORITIES

FRIENDSHIP - FAITH - FELLOWSHIP

### 1. IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION

Update the ways in which we connect with each other and share information, helping people to develop a sense of belonging.

### 2. DEEPEN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

Learn more about being Jesus' Disciples, so that people of all ages and stages of faith can be with him, become like him, and do as he did.

### 3. EXPLORE OUR GIFTS

Provide opportunities for everyone to pray, discover their God-given gifts, and participate in the life of St James'.

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CHURCH CENTRE

## Homegroups

Please see below details of some of the homegroups that meet during the week and contact details for each:

**Monday** 7:45pm at 104 Wheble Drive, contact - Alison Mullens - 07904039363.

**Tuesday** 2pm Daytime homegroup at St James, contact David Bagwell - davidgbagwell@gmail.com

**Wednesday** 9:45am Daytime homegroup at St James, contact Judith Hansford.

**Wednesday** 7:30 pm various homes, contact Pete and Chris Clarke - 07742953071  
peteandchris@talktalk.net

**Wednesday** 8pm on Zoom , contact - Jane Fulford - 0776 494 7495  
jfulford49@gmail.com

**Wednesday** 8pm weekly at 97 Reading Road. Contact Laurence or Hannah - laurence.smith@stjameswoodley.org

**Thursday** 8pm at 17 Harris Close, Woodley. Kelly Robinson and Jeremy Galpin are joint leaders and would love some new members.

**Sunday** 12:30pm Cantonese group meeting fortnightly.  
Contact Eric or Phylis - 07394 139548