



Therefore the Lord  
Himself will give you a  
sign: Behold, a virgin  
will be with child and  
bear a son, and she will  
call His name  
Immanuel.  
Isaiah 7:14

## Sunday 21st December 2025

10am—Morning Worship

6:30pm Carol Service

This week

### **Tuesday 22nd December**

10am Christingle Making

### **Christmas Eve**

3:30pm Christingle

5pm Christingle

11:30pm Midnight Communion

### **Christmas Day**

10am Christmas Celebration

### **Sunday 28th December**

10am Morning Worship

### **Sunday 4th January**

10am Morning Worship

### **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

### **LAMBHealth Bangladesh**

The BIG GIVE appeal raised £11,180 for palliative care; so a very BIG THANKYOU for your support. Christmas card sales have raised £112.50 which will all go towards the Poor Fund. It is the equivalent of helping five ladies have safe deliveries. So thank you from them.

### **Church Eco Community Christmas Card**

Our resident artist Margaret Mayer has been inspired by the words of Isaiah 1 :verse 11 "A shoot will come from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit" to make us a beautiful Community Christmas Card. Please sign the Community Christmas Card and make a donation in lieu of sending your own cards to Water Aid and help those without fresh running water across the world. The card will be available until end of Sunday 22nd December. Many thanks from the Eco Team @ St James

### **"12 Days Wild" by the Wildlife Trust -**

From Christmas Day to 5th January encourages us to do at least one thing for nature and remember that Jesus came to save the whole cosmos. Winter wildlife is waiting to be explored. The days are shorter and it will encourage us out - it doesn't have to be big, you could feed the birds, go for a short walk. Enjoy the stars (if we get a clear night), admire the frost or make ripples in a puddle. Have fun and celebrate Jesus' arrival in a new and way joining with nature. For a digital pack go to <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/12dayswild>

### **Eco Prayer and tip**

Eco tip – Christmas food: buy seasonal, locally produced vegetables, like sprout, parsnips, potatoes and leeks; remember to freeze excess food and put waste food in the recycling food bin. Prayer: Please Lord, help us to be moderate in our food buying and help us not to be wasteful.

### **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.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Praying for


- Schools drawing their terms to a close. For a refreshing rest for all staff
- Pupils who heard the Christmas story for the first time
- Wonderful welcome from staff and pupils in our schools
- Fantastic team of volunteers (want to join us???)



## 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**



# 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'.

**stjames**  
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