



FOR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD THAT  
HE GAVE HIS ONLY  
SON, THAT  
WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHOULD NOT  
PERISH, BUT HAVE  
ETERNAL LIFE

*JOHN 3:16 (NIV)*

**Sunday 28th December 2025**

**10am -Morning Worship**

**This week**

**Sunday 4th January**

10am Morning Worship

*All other usual activities will resume  
in the New Year.*

**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

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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.

### **"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 – Decorations: as the decorations come down, store what you can for next year and recycle the rest appropriately; remember to take real Christmas trees to recycling points or the tip.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your love and goodness and all the abundance that we have enjoyed over Christmas. As we move forward into a new year help us to continue to be thoughtful about how we treat this wonderful world you created.

# 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