

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14 Dec	2.30 pm	Christmas Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Thursday 22 Dec	7.30 pm	Home Group

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son, Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Prayer at the Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.

HERE AT ST JAMES'

The **Traidcraft stall** will be open **today** after both services.

Calling all Men - fancy chewing the fat over a pint? St James' MBM - Men's Beer Ministry - are having their first meeting on **Thursday 15 December** at the Queen Edith pub, Wulfstan Way. Drop by any time from 7.30-10pm for friendly chat and a pint of Milton brewery's finest and get to know your fellow congregants. Speak to Steven Ridley or David Mason to find out more.

Advent and Christmas. An insert with details was handed out last week. Further copies can be found on the table in the entrance foyer.

Advent Activity Morning (formerly Stir-up Saturday). Thank you to everyone who helped during the morning and to those who prepared crafts in advance. A special thank you to Anne Streather for heading up the morning.

We will be holding **Advent breakfasts on 11 and 18 December**, 8.45 am until 9.30 am. Please sign the list on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

We will, again, have **coloured baubles on the Christmas tree** bearing labels with names of loved ones you wish to remember. If you wish to remember someone in this way, please write their name on one of the coloured labels provided, **by 11 December**. It is suggested a donation of £1 for each label will help support a named charity.

Carol Service, 18 December, at 6.30 pm. Donations of **mince pies** and other **offers of help** with serving and then clearing up afterwards would be most welcome. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you can help. Thank you.

Christmas Presents. We would like to support the **Women's Refuge Centre** again this year. Please note the following:

- Gifts need to be **brand new**
- Gifts need to be **unwrapped**

Sorry, but the Refuge are unable to accept 'nearly new' or 'unwanted' gifts not in their original cellophane/packing etc.

Please consider adding an extra gift to your shopping list and bring in to the office or the Carol Service. Thank you.

Our joint Christmas card with Queen Edith Chapel, Chinese Alliance Church and Cambridge Presbyterian Church, will be available for delivery around the parish next Sunday. A sign-up grid will be available then. Thank you to Steven Ridley for producing the card.

This term, the **Home Group** are discussing Bible passages from Tom Wright's book 'Advent for Everyone'. The next meeting will be at **7.30 pm this Thursday, 8 December**, hosted by David and Anneke Heslam.

Steve would like to organise a meeting of all the **Sunday School leaders**. Could you have a word with him after the service please.

Confirmation. There will be an adult group and a children's group starting in the New Year when more details will be available. Please let Steve know if you are interested.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our last **coffee morning** of 2016 is this **Saturday (10 December)**. Please help by donating preserves, cakes, small unwanted gifts and prizes for the raffle. A sign-up sheet for help on the day is on the noticeboard.

Gill Mason would love some volunteers to read to her. Please speak to Rosemary or Mary. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE?

On Friday 6 January 2017, St John's Hills Road, is hosting an Epiphany sleepover party and would like to invite youth from local churches. There will be food, games, quizzes, a journey of the Magi, midwinter BBQ, prayer and reflection—and some sleep! From 7 pm on the 6th until 9 am on the 7th, including breakfast. Let Steve know if you are interested.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Lisa and Matthew Stocker, Emilia, Olivia, Reece and Talia
Monday	Anne and Michael Streater, Mark and Catherine
Tuesday	Julie Turner and family
Wednesday	Una Turner and family
Thursday	Kathleen and John Waterhouse
Friday	Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo
Saturday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy

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Church Activities

Choir Practice, Mondays	6.30 pm—7.30 pm, Junior Choir 7.00 pm—8.00 pm, Adult Choir
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Community Activities

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	Brendan Murrill, 07864 056648
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Brownies (7-10 yrs, QE Schl)	Kerrie Thackray e-mail 40thbrownies@gmail.com

Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and Transept. Please enable us to claim back tax on your offering.

Our parish magazine **Crosspiece** is available on the website.

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

4 December 2016

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am	All Age Eucharist with Baptism

Welcome to our services. Today our 10 o'clock service is an All Age Eucharist and the hymns can be found on a separate sheet. The readings at 8 o'clock are: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 [or 72.1-7]; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12. The Anthem is: *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* (harmonised by Praetorius).

This week:

Monday 5th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 6th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 7th	10.15 am	Eucharist at Dunstan Court
Thursday 8th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Christmas Hymn Service at Hinton Grange Care Home
	7.30 pm	Home Group at 27 Topcliffe Way
Friday 9th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	12.30 pm	Meditation Group
Saturday 10th	10.15 am	Coffee Morning

Next Sunday (11 December) is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

The readings (year A) will be: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10 or Canticum Magnificat; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11.

Please stay for tea/coffee after the 10 o'clock service