

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.JAMES, HILL.  
WHAT'S ON, WHERE AND WHEN.  
WEEKS BEGINNING 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER &  
30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018  
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**WE WISH ALL AT ST. JAMES  
A HAPPY & PEACEFUL  
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR.**

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT.**

The family of St. James is part of God's presence in the community of Mere Green. We aim

- \*to show God's love in worship and service;
- \*to offer a place where people feel welcome and valued;
- \*and to invite all people to share and journey with us in a deepening relationship with God.

**COLLECT:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Services today, The Fourth Sunday of Advent..**  
8.00am Said Holy Communion.  
10.00am Family Holy Communion.  
6.30pm Christmas Reflective Service – St. James.

**Readings for today:**  
at Communion: Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

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**Through the Week.**

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm Crib Service.  
11.00pm Midnight Mass.  
**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day.**  
8.00am Said Holy Communion.  
10.00am Family Holy Communion.  
**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm CTIFO Carol Service at Sacred Heart R.C. Church.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** The Church has a loop system. Large print hymn and service books are available as well as other aids for visually impaired. Please ask sides people. A ground floor toilet is available in the Vestry. If you feel you are unable to go up to the altar for communion, please speak to a sides person on duty who will arrange either for someone to help you, or for you to receive communion in your pew. Baby changing facilities are available in the Taylor Gallery.

**A CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK.**

**Daily readings.**

Monday Isaiah 52:13-end of 53; 2 Peter 1:1-15  
Tuesday Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:18-end  
Wednesday Jeremiah 26:12-15; Acts 6  
Thursday Exodus 33:12-end; 1 John 2:1-11  
Friday Baruch 4:21-27; Matthew 18:1-10  
Saturday Isaiah 57:15-end; John 1:1-18

**SUNDAY:** Worldwide Church: Kubwa (Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop David, Bishop Anne, and in the parish: Willmott Close; Pastoral Visitors and Bereavement Support Group.

**MONDAY: Christmas Eve.** Worldwide Church: Kuching (South East Asia), and in the parish: Willmott Road; Our Lay Readers.

**TUESDAY: Christmas Day.** Worldwide Church: Kumi (Uganda), and in the parish: Wilmcote Drive; The Clergy.

**WEDNESDAY:** Worldwide Church: Kushtia (Bangladesh), and in the parish: Woodman Grove; All who worship at St. James.

**THURSDAY:** Worldwide Church: Kutigi (Lokoja, Nigeria); and in the parish: Woodstile Close; Mission and Evangelism locally.

**FRIDAY:** Worldwide Church: Kwoi (Abuja, Nigeria), and in the parish: Worcester Close; Local Arts Clubs.

**SATURDAY:** Worldwide Church: Kyoto (Japan), and in the parish: Worcester Lane; Local Charities and Voluntary Work.

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## NOTICES.

**LINDA BUTT.** I wish to thank everyone who has sent me cards, messages, kind thoughts and prayers which I really very much appreciate. Thank you all.  
Linda.

### **NOTICE FROM BOB QUANCE – Scout Leader.**

Please note that the rear Church Car Park will be closed over Christmas and New Year between 4.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December through to 10.00am Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**HOPE CAFÉ** at St. James Church Centre will be closed after the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Lisa and all the team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank everyone for their support and kindness since the Café opened.

### **CANCER RESEARCH CHRISTMAS BADGES**

available for £1 donation, at the back of church on top of the pigeon holes. Thanks. Tina.

## **WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

**COLLECT:** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw

us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Services today, First Sunday of Christmas.**

8.00am Said Holy Communion.

10.00am Family Holy Communion.

6.30pm Service and venue to be confirmed.

**Readings for today:**

at Communion: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-end

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**Through the Week.**

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.** 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion  
Healing Service.

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**A CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK.**

**Daily Readings:**

Monday Isaiah 59:15b-end; John 1:29-34

Tuesday Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 2:17-end

Wednesday Isaiah 60:1-12; John 1:35-42

Thursday Isaiah 60:13-end; John 1:43end

Friday Isaiah 61; John 2:1-12

Saturday Isaiah 62; John 2:13-end

SUNDAY: Worldwide Church: Kyushu (Japan),  
Bishop David, Bishop Anne, and in the parish:  
Wyrley Road; The Quality of the local Environment  
and its Care.

MONDAY: Worldwide Church: Lafia (Abuja,  
Nigeria), and in the parish: Family life in this  
community; the building up of the Kingdom of God  
in this parish.

TUESDAY: **The Naming and Circumcision of  
Jesus.** Worldwide Church: Lagos (Nigeria), and in  
the parish: Amington Close; Arlescote Close; Local  
Nursery and Play-groups.

WEDNESDAY: Worldwide Church: Lagos  
Mainland (Nigeria), and in the parish: Aulton Road;  
Mere Green School.

THURSDAY: Worldwide Church: Lagos West  
(Nigeria), and in the parish: Badgers Bank Road;  
Coppice School.

FRIDAY: Worldwide Church: Langtang (Jos,  
Nigeria), and in the parish: Beech Close; Belwell  
Lane; Moor Hall School.

SATURDAY: Worldwide Church: Lahore  
(Pakistan), and in the parish: Bishops Meadow,  
Blacksmith Drive, Little Sutton School.

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**NOTICES.**

**FIRST AID TRAINING** has been rescheduled for  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 9.30am till 4.00pm in  
the Taylor Gallery. If you would like to attend  
please contact Lizzie in the Church Centre office on  
0121 308 0869 or email  
[officestjameshill@gmail.com](mailto:officestjameshill@gmail.com). As this training is a

life skill and not just for when attending church or centre a donation towards the cost would be appreciated.

**WWI-** there is a small display in the Lady Chapel for the last man to die on our list – William Goodwin, he died on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1918. He came home wounded but killed himself by laying down in front of a train near Butlers Lane station, so very sad. Have a look if you have time. Thanks Tina.

**M.U DIARY.**

Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1.45pm AGM and exploring the theme for 2019 – Langley Room.

Mon.14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00pm AGM and exploring the theme for 2019 – Roughley Suite.

Tues.15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am Wave of prayer in Church.

**THE CHARITY CARD WALL.** We had three charities nominated, the draw took place at the Christingle factory and The Cancer Support Centre, on Lindridge Road came out of the hat. Thank you to Briony Smith for nominating this worthwhile charity. Thanks. Tina.

**ST. JAMES FILM CLUB.** The next film to be shown in the Church Centre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm is “GUERNSEY Literary & Potato Pie Society” starring Lily James, Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Courtney, Michiel Huisman. In the aftermath of World War 11 a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island”. Price £4.00 bring your own drinks and popcorn – pay on the day and let Ray Giles know you are coming – 308 6691.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS.** Margaret Hill is collecting stamps for a charity caring for rescued horses, donkeys etc. Please leave in the letter-rack at the back of church. Thank you.

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**Services next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
EPIPHANY.**

8.00am Said Holy Communion.

10.00am Family Holy Communion.

6.30pm Evensong – All Saints.

**Readings for next Sunday:**

at Communion: Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 3:1-12