

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.JAMES, HILL.  
WHAT'S ON, WHERE AND WHEN.  
WEEK BEGINNING 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018.  
[www.stjamesmeregreen.org](http://www.stjamesmeregreen.org)

**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:** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.       **Amen.**

**Services today, The First Sunday of Advent.**

8.00am Said Holy Communion.  
10.00am Parish Holy Communion.  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service – All Saints.

**Readings for today:**

at Communion: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end;  
                    Luke 21:25-36

---

**Through the Week.**

The Hope Café is open between 9.00am-2.00pm this week – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** 12 noon Funeral in Church of Gordon Campbell-Kelly.

5.30pm Community Carol Service.

**Tues. 4<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Readings and Carols – Mills Court.  
4.00pm Readings and Carols – Mercia Grange

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion – Healing service.

11.30am Cake and Classical Christmas Music with David Gumbley.

**Sat.8<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm C.T.F.O. Carol Singing outside M & S Mere Green.

4.00pm Blue Christmas Service.

---

**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 42:18-end; Revelation 19
Tuesday	Isaiah 43:1-13; Revelation 20
Wednesday	Isaiah 43:14-end; Revelation 21:1-8
Thursday	Isaiah 44:1-8; Revelation 21:9-21
Friday	Isaiah 44:9-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5
Saturday	Isaiah 44:24-45-13; Revelation 22:6-end.

SUNDAY: Worldwide Church, Bishop David, Bishop Anne and in the parish: Mordaunt Drive; Perott Drive; Ploughmans Place, The Housebound.

MONDAY: Worldwide Church. In the parish: Pudsey Drive; Queenswood Road; Randle Drive, Retired People in the parish.

TUESDAY: Worldwide Church. In the parish: Rednall Drive; Ridgewood Drive; Teachers and Staff in local schools.

WEDNESDAY: Worldwide Church. Roughley Drive, Youth Work in local churches.

THURSDAY: Worldwide Church. Rowallan Road; Children's Work in local churches.

FRIDAY: Worldwide Church. In the parish: St. Blaise Road; St. James Road; Our Churchwardens.

SATURDAY: Worldwide Church. St. John Close; Sara Close; Our Deputy Churchwardens.

---

### NOTICES.

**CHRISTINGLE FACTORY** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in Church. Please come along to help make the Christingles, no experience needed as training will be provided. More hands make light work, see you there. Tina.

**COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE.** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the date for this service featuring The Arthur Terry Choir. Refreshments are served from 5.30pm and the service starts at 6.00pm and will last around an hour. All are very welcome to attend, however, I'd be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be kind enough to volunteer to meet and greet or help serve the refreshments.

Lynn Penny 0121 240 0321.

### M.U.DIARY.

Mon.3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1.45pm Carols, Readings and mince pies (£2.00 secret Santa.)

Mon.10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00pm Carols, Readings and mince pies – 130 Tower Road.

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

### CANCER RESEARCH CHRISTMAS BADGES

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

**HOPE CAFÉ** will not be open on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December due to the Church Centre being closed for ballet exams.

### HOPE CAFÉ CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon – 2.00pm – 4 course Christmas Lunch - £10 (with a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink). Book your place now by calling 0121 308 0869 or pop into the café.

Menu - Soup & roll or melon boat.; traditional turkey dinner or vegetarian option; Christmas pudding or sherry trifle, Coffee and mince pie.

**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.

**CHURCH ROTAS** for January and February are in the letter rack at the back of church.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – helpers and stallholders – please collect a letter from the pigeon hole if I have not been able to give it to you personally. Tina.

**CHRISTMAS CARD WALL** is now in place. If you have a suggestion for a suitable charity please let me know. Tina.

**POST.** The last post is 16<sup>th</sup> December for collection Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Please make sure you add the surname when you address your cards – we have a lot of Margaret's and people with the same name. Thanks. Tina.

**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.

**NOTICES FOR THE WEEKLY WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER.** If you wish to put a notice in the "What's On", either write your message in the blue book at the back of Church or phone me on 308 3562 stating how many times you would like the notice to appear. As there is a need for me to prepare the What's On earlier, any notices received on Friday morning will be too late for the issue that week.

Margaret

**Services next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

8.00am Said Holy Communion.  
10.00am Family Holy Communion.  
4.00pm Christingle & Toy service.

6.30pm Advent Reflections – Mary’s Pondering.

**Readings for next Sunday:**

at Communion: Philippians 1,3-11; Luke 3:1-6

---