

Welcome to All Saints and St James

Are you new to the parish? Please sit wherever you would like. All are welcome at God's altar for Communion – either to receive it or to receive a blessing. There are toys and books available for children. We would like you to feel welcome.

Prayers

- For the sick, infirm and recovering: Janet Smith, Edna Bebbington;
- Those departed: Ken Stark, Rose Jessop;
- Remembering the anniversaries of those departed.

St James Diary

Sun 26 Feb – 9am Parish Eucharist

Wed 1 Mar – 7.30pm Joint Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with St James at All Saints

All Saints Diary

Sun 26 Feb – 10.30am Parish Eucharist

Wed 1 Mar – 7.30pm Joint Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with St James at All Saints

Additional midweek services during Lent till 13/4

Short, quiet and reflective services, every Tuesday at 7pm at All Saints and every Wednesday at 7pm at St James. Contact Eric Lomax for details.

Evening services:

1st Sunday: Holy Eucharist at St. James

2nd Sunday: Evening Prayer at All Saints

3rd Sunday: Evening Prayer at St. James

St James churchwardens - As we know, after many years of humble service, Laurie Hurn will not seek re-election. Edwin Martin is happy to continue, assuming replacement(s) can be found. We can have two churchwardens and up to three deputy churchwardens (so the role can be shared). Please pray and consider carefully whether this is something you might be able to do. For more info, please speak to either Laurie or Edwin.

St James men's group

at 15 Church End Biddenham. On Fri 10 March we will be inviting Duncan Goldthorpe to think with us about whether all this talk actually means something in real everyday life. Please RSVP to Edwin Martin for catering purposes.

PCC Membership/Deanery Synod Representation

At the St James's annual meeting in April, we will need to elect four PCC members and two Deanery Synod representatives. If you are interested please speak to Jacqui Piper.

St James house group - Ongoing at 15 Church End Biddenham at 7.30pm. David and Suzette Maguire leading a further session of the "Faith Pictures" course, which has so far been very enjoyable and thought provoking. All are welcome. We will start with a meal, so please let us know if you will be coming. We look forward to welcoming you, Edwin Martin.

St James's Electoral Roll - In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the Electoral Roll for St James will be at the back of church from 5 Mar - 2 Apr. Please check and alter if needed. If you are not on the Roll but would like to be, application forms are also at the back of the church. Completed forms to Jacqui Piper or a churchwarden.

All Saints Lunch Club, Wed 15 March 12.30 pm at The Cross Keys. Everyone welcome, for details contact Anita Lowe (857212)

Summertime maintenance St James churchyard: we are looking for more volunteers to join the rota to cut the grass around the church, probably each person for 2 or 3 times during the mowing season, usually Saturdays. Laurie Hurn.

Friends of St James '**Antiques and Auctions**', Fri 17 March, 7pm for 7.30pm start, in Church Barn. Auction-

eer Lester Day tells us about his work, values items you bring and runs a valuations quiz. Welcome drink and light snacks. £10 (£7 for members of The Friends of St James). Diana Shooter (213305) & Laurie Hurn.

St James Talk Sat 11 March at 7.30 in the Church Barn: **Odd and Unusual Buildings of Great Britain.** An illustrated talk with light refreshments by Alan Cox. £8. Anne Church (214805), Sue Squire (342373).

April one-day St James churchyard working party - Sat 8 April. Please arrive any time from 9.30-1pm, for the Spring tidy up and maintenance of our beautiful churchyard. Tools available but gloves and secateurs a good idea. Coffee, biscuits and friendly chat on offer!

"40p for 40 days" challenge for Lent for the Bedford foodbank - (ie. save 40p for 40 days in a jam jar !) - tel 268569 for more details.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Suzette Maguire is preaching on the evening of Fri 3 March at St Mary's Church, Goldington. For exact time, contact Suzette 341912.

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