

Welcome to All Saints Kempston and St James Biddenham for our Mothering Sunday services today, 26 March 2017 !

Are you new to the parish? Whichever church you've arrived in, possibly with children in tow, please sit wherever you would like. There are toys and books available. There is a continental breakfast after the 09h00 (St James) service.

Regular Sunday evening services - Please see the websites for time/venue details.

“Eric’s midweek Lent services” till 13/4 -

Reminder. Ongoing on Tues & Wednes evenings. Please see the St James website for times/venues, or ask an official-looking person.

St James house group - The last one of this particular series on **Thurs 30 March** at 15 Church End Biddenham. David and Suzette Maguire have led on the “Faith Pictures” course. All welcome. We will start with a meal, so please RSVP to Edwin Martin for catering purposes.

St James Electoral Roll - In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the Electoral Roll for St James is at the back of the church from **5 Mar - 2 April**. 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.

St James springtime churchyard tidying up day - Following the windy winter & Storm Doris, this is set for **Satur 8 April**. Please arrive any time from 9.30am-1pm. Tools available but gloves and secateurs a good idea. Refreshments available if I remember correctly.

Children’s Easter Friday activities sessions - on **Fri 14 April** from 10-11.15am at St James & 10.30am-1pm at All Saints.

Lunch Club - next one is at the King William on **Wednes 19 April** at 12.30. Please let Anita Lowe know if you will be there so that she can advise the King William of approx no's. Everyone welcome.

Prayer for the refugee crisis -

(from the C of E website)

Heavenly Father,

you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.

We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome,

and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope,

and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,

our Lord,

who fled persecution at His birth

and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen.

Please pray for those involved in or affected by the **Westminster attack** on Wednesday.

Please pray for Janet Smith, Edna Bebbington, and anyone else you know who is unwell or recovering.

Please pray for those of us looking forward to **Spring Harvest at Skegness**. It's not too late to book online, even as a non-resident day visitor. See what Justin Welby has to say on it: <https://twitter.com/hashtag/SH2017?src=hash>

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And please note....the **baptism of Oliver Edward Dixon** will be at All Saints at 12 noon next Sun 2 April.

Finally.... bundled **Easter cards** are in the St James porch, ready for hand delivery by you. Please take one (bundle, that is), or more. They will be kept inside church during the week. Contact Ann Morrish.