

Welcome to our Communion services at St James Biddenham and All Saints Kempston today (Sunday 30 April 2017) .

Is this your first visit? Whichever church you've arrived in, please sit wherever you would like (maybe avoid throne-like structures etc!). All are welcome to come up to the front for the Communion whenever it forms part of our services - either to receive the bread & wine, or for a blessing. There are toys and books available for your children. Please ask about arrangements for them.

The services this morning are at the usual times, 9am for St James and 10h30 for All Saints.

For the relative newbies among us, a reminder that **our Sunday 6pm services** each month are as follows: the 1st Sun is a Communion service (at St James); the 2nd Sun is an evening prayer service (at All Saints); the 3rd Sun is also an evening prayer service (but back at St James); the 4th Sun is.....time at home !

Our prayers this week -

- (1) For the families & friends of those recently departed, especially anyone known to you; also for those struggling on the anniversaries of bereavements of loved ones.
- (2) For the unwell, infirm and recovering: especially Charlotte Clifton & those known to you, be they experiencing physical or mental health adversity.
- (3) For those due to be baptised in our churches in the coming months, most imminently Dannon Nicholas and Evie Louise Crichlow at St James on Sun 21 May (Ann Morrish's grandchildren).

The next Men's group is the evening of Fri 12 May at Edwin & Peta Martin's house. All welcome. Usual RSVP to Edwin.

Reminder of **the All Saints Lunch Club** - Wed 17 May 12.30 pm at Corner 5 restaurant. All welcome. Please RSVP so that correct booking numbers are known. Anita Lowe (857212).

Reminder of **the Soup lunch for Christian Aid** - Fri 19 May, with raffle and 'bring and buy,' from 12.30-2pm, Biddenham Village Hall. If you cannot make it, a donation would still be much appreciated if you would like to do that instead. Ann Morrish.

Fundraiser concert for St James - "Spring into Summer" with the Ouse Valley Singers on Sat 20 May at 7.30pm in the Biddenham Pavilion. Tickets from Anne Church or Jane George.

Farewell soon, to Revd Lydia Humphreys - whose last service at The Transfiguration church will be on Sun 21 May at 10h45. Her installation is on Thurs 8 June in Shepshed, Leics. Anyone wanting to go on the coach, contact Dorothy Chandler. Lydia frequently helped us out during our interregnum.

Mission Giving at All Saints - first Sunday of the month (i.e. next Sunday). Table top sale before & after the All Saints service. Donations of home made and home grown produce welcome.

Reminder that **the latest list of items needed by Bedford food bank** is available at <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> or contact Ann Morrish: presently they need pasta sauce, sponge puddings, jelly, sugar, the usual tinned items, UHT milk, cup-a-soup, unisex deodorant, soap, washing tablets.

Amendment - of the venues for the remaining dates of our current "sermon on the mount" house group meetings:

Tues 9/5 @ 3pm**
Tues 13/6 @ 3pm
Tues 27/6 @ 3pm**
Tues 11/7 @ 3pm**

Thurs 11/5 @ 730pm
Thurs 15/6 @ 730pm
Thurs 29/6 @ 730pm
Thurs 13/7 @ 730pm

At Edwin & Peta Martin's house (348718), but those underlined** will be at Marie Willis's house (348356). For catering for the evening sessions, RSVP as usual to Edwin.

"SH2018 St James's Biddenham and friends" - this title is now a Facebook group, so please request to join it in order to keep up with the Spring Harvest 2018 banter. Jacqui Piper.

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Check our websites for this pew sheet and our recent ones, especially if you're concerned that you may have missed out on any items: see www.stjamesbiddenham.com and www.allsaintskempston.com

