

Welcome today, Sunday 28 May 2017, to our regular services at St James Biddenham (9am) and All Saints Kempston (10h30).

A special welcome to the family & friends of Paddy Wright, whose baptism will be today at a 1 o'clock service at ASK.

Whichever church you've arrived in, please sit wherever you would like. All are welcome to come up to the front to take part in the Communion when 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, which are specific to each church.

Is this your first visit? Just so you know, **our dedicated family services are on the first Sunday of each month.**

Our Sunday 6pm services each month are as follows: the 1st Sunday is a Communion service (at St James); the 2nd Sunday is a sung evensong service (at All Saints); the 3rd Sunday is an evening prayer service (back at St James); any subsequent Sundays are....time at home!

Our prayers this week -

- for the unwell, infirm and recovering: Jane Nash, Janet Smith, Edna Bebbington, amongst others, be they experiencing physical or mental/emotional adversity.

Pentecost Walk & Picnic - next Sunday 4 June, 11am prompt start outside Sainsbury's, Great Denham, for about an hour's walk. En route there will be a brief reflection on what Pentecost means for the Christian church. The walk will end at the grass amphitheatre in Great Denham, for a picnic. Soft drinks & a birthday cake provided (clue for whose is in this paragraph!) - please bring your own picnic. Queries to Suzette Maguire (341912).

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

All Saints Lunch Club, Wed 21 June 12.30 pm at The Half Moon. Everyone welcome, for details contact Anita Lowe (857212). Please let Anita know if you will be there so that she can make the booking.

The All Saints Church Fete is on Sat 24 June from 2-4.30pm. Donations for the stalls and help on the day are needed please. Details will be given out in All Saints. Any queries please contact Ros Ward (348451).

Sun 25 June is Revd Linda Bond's last service at **St Owen's Church, Bromham** at 10.30am. She is retiring. St Owen's will of course go into an interregnum.

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped at and came to support the **Biddenham soup lunch for Christian Aid** on Fri 19 May. Our total will be a minimum of about £1050.

Also, the sum raised for the church at the **Ouse Valley Singers concert** on Sat 20 May was £588.

The **Christian Aid coffee morning** at All Saints on Wed 24 May made £218.75. Many thanks to all who donated so generously.

Countdown to another baptism! - Jessica Jeavons on Sun 11 June at a 1pm service at St James.

Ministry team contacts:

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Check our websites for the latest pew sheets:

www.stjamesbiddenham.com and

www.allsaintskempston.com ; or ask John Richards to email you one; or (coming soon) see Facebook.

Weekly pew sheet queries/requests to John Richards, ideally by Thursday evening each week please.

