

Welcome today, Sunday 23 July 2017, to our services at St James Biddenham (9am) and All Saints Kempston (10.30am).

A special welcome to the family & friends of Oscar Lakeman for a baptism service at 1pm today at All Saints.

Is this your first visit? Whichever church you've arrived in, please sit wherever you would like. All are invited to come up to the front of the church to be involved in the Communion when it forms part of our services - either to receive the bread & wine, whatever your Christian background, or for a blessing.

Our children are welcome at all our services.

Our dedicated All Age services are on the first Sunday of each month. There are toys and books available for the youngsters. Please ask about arrangements for them, which are specific to each church.

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 (All Saints); the 3rd Sunday is an evening prayer service (St James); any subsequent Sundays are.....time at home!

Our prayers this week -

- for the unwell, infirm and recovering be they experiencing physical or mental/emotional adversity; in particular for Jane Nash & Janet Smith, and anyone else known to us.

Reminder of the Summer Art Exhibition - 4 to 6 August (Sat 10-4pm & Sunday 11.30-3.30pm) in St. James Church barn. Admission £1. Exhibiting the work of Biddenham and local artists. Paintings, drawings and prints. Refreshments served. All proceeds and a % of sales to St James Church.

All Saints Lunch Club, Wed 16 August 12.30 pm at The Cross Keys. Everyone welcome, for details contact Anita Lowe (857212), please let Anita know if you will be there so that she can make a booking.

Count down to another baptism! - William Griffiths next Sun 30 July at 1pm at St James.

Spring Harvest 2018 bookings - the early bird discounts apply for only another week. If you are interested in joining a group from St James at the Skegness venue from 2-6 April 2018, please contact Jacqui Piper at Jacqui.piper@btinternet.com or on 0778 6886 710.

On your summertime rambles please check out the impressive gate and surround which are now installed at the rear of the main churchyard at St James. Many thanks to David Palmer (previously of Biddenham, now living in Yorkshire) for helping make this happen.

Verse for the week: "For Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring us to God." 1Peter 3 v18.

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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. We are entering the "minimalistic pew sheet season", but please continue with your **weekly pew sheet requests** to John at ultra2ortho@doctors.net.uk, by the Thursday evening each week please.

