

**Welcome today, Sunday 30 July 2017, to our services at St James Biddenham (9am) and All Saints Kempston (10.30am).**

**A special welcome to the family & friends of William Griffiths for a baptism service at 1pm today at St James.**

**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:

1st Sunday = Communion service (St James);  
2nd Sunday = sung evensong (All Saints);  
3rd Sunday = 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 -** next weekend 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.

**Biddenham Show -** Sun 10 September - Eric is opening it - as usual St James is organising the Cake Stall and the Human Fruit Machine and would be grateful for offers of help to run both, and of cakes & other home produce for the cake stall. Please sign the lists at the back of St James if you can help.

**David & Suzette's work under the Bishop's Mission Order (BMO):**

The AGM and Trustees meeting for the BMO has been set for Mon 11 September at 7.30pm at The Barn, Biddenham. The Chair will be Archdeacon Paul Hughes. All are welcome to come along and support Suzette & David and hear about their work.

**Bedford food bank is short of pretty much all classes of their foods.** As a reminder, they distribute non-perishable items only and on their website they preferentially request TINNED RICE PUDDING; TINNED SOUP; TINNED PASTA HOOPS; TINNED TUNA; TINNED TOMATOES; TINNED VEGETABLES; TINNED CUSTARD; CUP-A-SOUP; GRANULATED SUGAR; JAM;

UHT MILK; UHT FRUIT JUICE. Monetary donations are also welcome.

The food bank has recently emailed us to thank us for the 125kg of goods we have so far contributed this year.

**Head of Marketing, Media and Fundraising (part time paid post) -** for "Friends for Life" in Beds - this charity provides a volunteer befriending service to care homes - John Richards can send the full advert to anyone who is interested - closing date 18 Aug.

**Ministry team contacts:**

Vicar: Eric Lomax: 852241 or 07805 879537 or ericjohnlomax64@aol.com;

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All Saints churchwardens: Brenda Walker (851597) & Margaret Leighton (854674);

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St James churchwardens: Laurie Hurn (364251) & Edwin Martin (348718);

St James website queries: John Richards: 308952 or ultra2ortho@doctors.net.uk

**Check our websites for the latest pew sheets:**

[www.stjamesbiddenham.com](http://www.stjamesbiddenham.com) and [www.allsaintskempston.com](http://www.allsaintskempston.com) ; or ask John Richards to email you one. Please do continue with your **pew sheet requests** during the summer, to John at ultra2ortho@doctors.net.uk, by the Thursday evening each week please.

