

Welcome today, 20 August 2017, to our Sunday morning services at St James Biddenham (9am) and All Saints Kempston (10.30am).

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. In addition, **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 and different in the school holidays.

A reminder of our Sunday 6pm services each month:

1st Sunday = Communion service (St James);
2nd Sunday = sung evensong (All Saints);
3rd Sunday = evening prayer service (St James);
any subsequent Sundays are....your own time!

Our prayers this week -

- Jane Nash, Janet Smith, Yvonne & Michael Port, and anyone else known to us.

All Saints Coffee morning in aid of 'Chums'

- this Wed 23 August, 10.30 to 12.00noon in the All Saints Church Hall. 'Chums' is a mental health and emotional wellbeing service for children and young adults (<http://www.chums.uk.com>). For more info contact Anita or Alan Lowe.

Upcoming Biddenham Show - Sun 10 September. Please sign up for the Cake Stall and the Human Fruit Machine on the lists at the back of St James.

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

Reminder that the AGM and Trustees meeting for the BMO is Mon 11 September at 7.30pm at the St James Barn, Biddenham. The Chair will be Archdeacon Paul Hughes. All welcome.

Reminder that the **Songs of Praise Service** is on Sun 17 September at 4pm at St James, led by David & Suzette. They are keen to include songs with stories attached so, if you have a favourite hymn or worship song *and* you can tell everyone a bit about why it is important to you, please do sign up on the sheet at the back of St James and get your stories sent or given to them too ('deadline' 3 Sept).

All Saints Lunch Club - Wed 20 September 12.30 pm at The King William. Everyone welcome. For details & to ensure a booking, contact Anita Lowe (857212).

Reminder that on Sun 24 September, Suzette will be running the **Sheffield 10K** on behalf of the Lymphoma Association and in memory of her dad, who died of aggressive lymphoma in 2016. If you would like to sponsor her, you can at www.justgiving.com/suzette-maguire2 or sign sponsorship forms coming to both churches.

Early notice: Bowls suitable for planting up with Spring bulbs are wanted for the **Christmas**

bazaar. There is a box at the back of church (St James) or contact Sue Squire 342373.

The sum raised from the **Art Exhibition in the barn** two weeks ago was £350. Many thanks to all who baked and helped.

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