

Welcome today, Sunday 14 May 2017, to our services at St James Biddenham (9am) and All Saints Kempston (10h30).

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.**

Baptisms next week! - Dannon and Evie Crichlow at St James on Sun 21 May at the 9am service.

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); the 4th Sunday is....time at home!

Our prayers this week -

(1) For the unwell, infirm and recovering: especially Jane Nash (previous curate at St James); also Janet Smith & Edna Bebbington, and those known to you, be they experiencing physical or mental health adversity.

(2) For the Transfig church in Kempston, as it approaches its interregnum; with Revd Lydia Humphreys doing her last services there next Sun 21 May.

The All Saints Lunch Club - this 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** - this 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 next Sat 20 May at 7.30pm in the Biddenham Pavilion. Tickets from Anne Church or Jane George.

Reminder that **the next 'Table+'** is the evening of next Sun 21 May at 7.30pm at David & Suzette Maguire's house (341912). Please bring some finger food to share if you can. Please feel free to provide subjects for prayer if you can't make it. Please RSVP either way.

All Saints Coffee morning for Christian Aid - All Saints Hall, Wed 24 May 10.30am, tea & coffee, cakes, raffle, 'bring & buy' all welcome. Margaret Leighton or Anita Lowe.

Reminder of the **Bedford Deanery Ascension Day service** - in town at St Paul's Church (Square), MK40 1SQ, on Thurs 25 May at 8pm, led by our Archdeacon, Paul Hughes.

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).

The next **house group meeting** is this

Tues 16/5, 3pm, and then there is a break in the series until 13/6. Further reminders in due course.

As announced in St James last week, **Sue Richards** has been accepted for lay ministry training, starting September. Sue loves being prayed for, so please do pray for her in this preparatory phase.

Notice of a not-to-be missed opportunity - **the All Saints Choir** will welcome anyone, whatever age, who feels they have an inkling to train their voices that little bit more by joining the choir. (Hmmm. come to think of it, this offer also applies for St James!).

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.

St James comm's by Facebook - will hopefully start fairly soon. Watch this space.

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