

Parish News for the Parish of St James and St John, Enmore Green, in the Shaftesbury Team

Sunday 3rd December First Sunday of Advent

St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers)

Voluntaries: In; Est is ein Ros' entsprungen – J Brahms, Out; Chorale Prelude Wachtet auf (BWV 645) JS Bach

Readings: Isaiah 64, 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1, 3-9, Mark 13, 24-37

2:30 p.m. Thanksgiving service for the birth of Otilie Noelle Haskins-Legg (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers)

St James 3:30 p.m. rehearsal for St John's Ambulance Christingle

St John 3:30 p.m. Evensong (Liz Preston)

St James 5:00 p.m. Christingle service for St John's Ambulance (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers)

St Peter's 6:00 p.m. Churches Together in Shaftesbury Advent Service

Tuesday 5th December 5 French Mill Rise 7:00 p.m. Reflective prayer

Wednesday 6th December St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

12:00 midday Abbey School service

Thursday 7th December St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

9:30 a.m. Pastoral resource group meeting

7:00 p.m. CW Communion (

Friday 8th December St James

9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

9:30 a.m. Open prayer meeting

7:30 p.m. Rock nativity (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.) (see below)

Sunday 10th December St James 9:30 a.m. Sung BCP Communion – Marbeck Setting

St John 11:15 a.m. Parish Communion

6:00 p.m. Pilgrim Service

Please pray for our neighbours and friends who are unwell: Sheila Brock, Edgar Francis, Mike, Jeff Parker, Alec, Reg Henstridge and Jim Knowles and for those who have died recently, Joan Jones and Primrose Cooper..

God with us - your Christmas journey. This booklet has 13 reflections, one for each Sunday in Advent and one for each day from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day. Archbishop Justin Welby, in his welcome message, says: "My prayer is that this booklet helps you unwrap in your own life God's gifts of peace, hope and love." Available from St James' church, free, but a small donation to St James' would be welcome. Also available from Richard Huband (854741).

St John: Sunday 17th December – Traditional Carol Service 3:30 p.m. with the St. John's Occasional Singers, Conductor Brian Watts; Accompanist Heather Blake. Refreshments after the service.

Churches Together in Shaftesbury Advent Service is taking place at St Peter's this year on Sunday 3rd December at 6p.m.. It will be a candlelit service and it would be great to see you all there to make the light of Christ shine brightly in our service of unity!

Children` Society Christingle Services: This year two Christingle services will be held:- St Mary`s Motcombe on Sunday 10th December and **St James on Saturday 16th December, both at 4:30 p.m.** These short, part candle-lit celebrations have become a traditional part of the Christmas season for young children and adults alike. If you are able to join us to assist and welcome children and their families at this special service Rosemary or Philippa would be pleased to hear from you.

Open House is once again planning to distribute 100 Christmas hampers to families and individuals in need. Like last year, they are requesting Christmas goodies, a bit of festive luxury for them to enjoy. Please bring your gifts next Sunday or the following Sunday as they are needed by 12th December. There should be a box in each church for this purpose.

Rock Nativity: This unusual take on the Nativity story in two musical acts will be performed at **St James church on December 8th** Musical director David Grierson has worked his magic on this little known but interesting musical version, and the visual dramatic scenes are directed by Rosie King. All proceeds from the shows will go directly to the upkeep of the team churches. Tickets are available from Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Motcombe Community Shop and the participating churches and church office, which is at Gold Hill, priced £10 for adults, with a reduction for children. – **We have been asked to provide tea and cake** for this event. Please may I have a few volunteers to assist with this as I will not be available in the evening although happy to help set up and provide some cake. Elizabeth Preston has offered to help but we'll need a few extra willing hands and bakers. Philippa 812365.

A new Foundation Governor is needed for Abbey School, as Judy Wade is to retire. If you are interested in applying, please contact Simon, Janet Wilson or Judy Wade for further details.

Contributions for church flowers will be gratefully received . A collection tin will be at the back of the church for the next two Sundays .**St James' flower ladies** -The carol service will be on Thursday 21st December so we need to decorate the church on Wednesday 20th , starting at 10 a.m. I shall bring plenty of greenery and poinsettias. Please come to help if you can. *Susan*.

Fire Extinguisher training is to be held at St Peter's on Wednesday, December 6th at 11 a.m., following the HC service at 10:30 a.m.. This is open to anyone from the Team Churches.