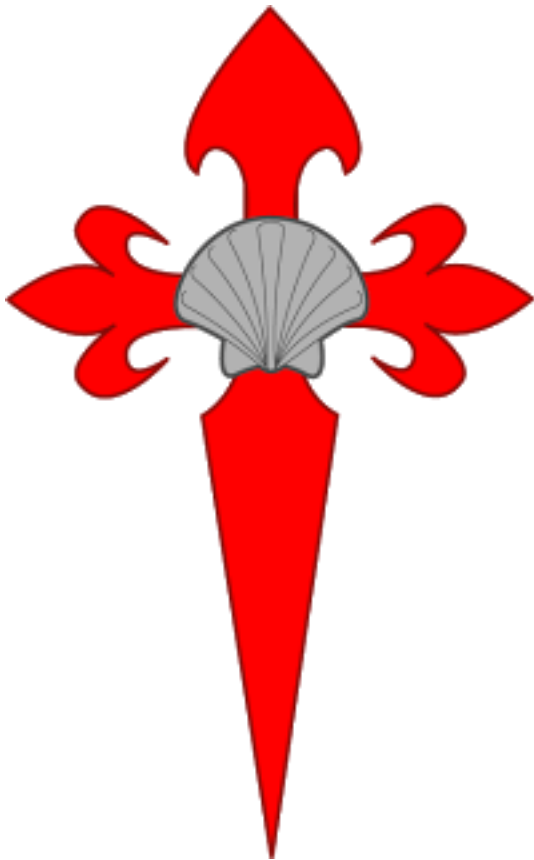


ST JAMES

TERM CARD



EPIPHANY to EASTER 2024

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8-9

Regular Services and Activities at St James

Sunday

8.30am – BCP Holy Communion - traditional said service, only half an hour long, with a small and intimate feel.

10.00am – Common Worship Parish Communion with a warm welcome for all (we have activities for children and allow dogs into our services), organ for our hymns and the choir sing a beautiful motet during communion. Coffee served after the service. Approximately one hour long.

6.30pm – Choral Evensong a lovely service of traditional Anglican prayers and Choral music – with a short sermon offered. Just under one hour long.

Monday

10.30am – Morning Prayer – in church – entrance through the vestry door.

6pm – Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday

First Tuesday in the month Fr Clive leads **Evening Communion** at **7.30pm** in church with the **Mothers Union** – all welcome.

Second Tuesday in the month the **gardening group** meets to help make our church beautiful – new volunteers always welcome.

Wednesday

10.30am – Morning Prayer – entrance through main door.

10.45 – 11.45am – Book Club – we read a mixture of theology and novels with a religious theme or setting. New members always welcome – ask Mthr Katie for more details. This term we will be reading a fantasy novel based on the real life of a Dominican monk - **Lent by Jo Walton**. If you need help buying the book online or would like us to pay for it please speak to Mthr Katie – both are possible and we don't want expense or ordering problems to prevent you joining. We would love to have you with us.

12 noon – Celtic Communion led by Mthr Katie (15-20 minute informal service) in church.

12.20 – 1pm – Community Lunch ask for the Vicar's special if you can't afford – and we will buy your lunch for you – no problem at all. Or you can order your own – choice of baked potatoes or toasted sandwiches – or you are welcome to bring your own.

1.15-2.15pm – CHATTERBOX – our new discussion group – with discussion prompts from box sets about all matters of life, love and faith. We are hoping this group will become both a service to the community and an outreach group where we can offer free conversation practice to those who have English as a second language. We'd love you to be part of this.

6pm – Facebook Evening Prayer led by Mthr Katie

Friday

7.00pm – Parish Choir Practice

Saturday 6.30pm – First Saturday of the month only – St James Healing Service – with laying of on hands, blessing with oil, communion and sermon.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please note that Mthr Katie's rest day is Tuesday.

Sunday 7th January – Feast of Epiphany – choir returns and special services at 10am and 6.30pm. Traditional eucharist at 8.30am. (Last day to see all of the decorations up in church – crib will remain until Candlemas.)

Tuesday 9th January – 7.30pm – Evening Communion in church with the **Mothers Union** – all welcome.

Saturday 13th January – 6.30pm - Healing Service

Sunday 14th January – Name Tag Sunday Have you spoken to someone so many times it is embarrassing to ask their name now? This is the answer to your prayers – name tag Sunday is when we ask everyone to have a name tag – stickers provided! We challenge you to learn a new name today – and maybe make a new friend.

20th-27th January – St James Players annual pantomime which this year is Snow White. Tickets from John or call 07747 818920. Alternatively online at www.stjamesplayers.co.uk

Wednesday 24th January – 7.30pm – Simply Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – which this year takes as its theme the command to love our neighbour as ourself. All welcome – come and pray for the church and the world.

Friday 2nd February – 10.30am - weekday communion to celebrate Candlemas – candles, music, readings and time to reflect on the end of the Christmas period before we shortly arrive at Lent!

Saturday 4th February 6.30pm – Healing Service – with communion and anointing with oil. Come for yourself, for another or for the wounds of the world.

Wednesday 14th February – 7.30pm - Ash Wednesday. Sung Eucharist to mark the beginning of Lent – come and receive your ashes.

We will meet every Wednesday Evening during Lent at 7.30pm – for a series of Lent Lectures on the subject of Justice – main church – all welcome!

Thursday 15th February – PCC meet in church 7pm – please pray for this meeting which will be discussing communication.

Saturday 24th February – Quiz Night! With Fish and Chips – all welcome! (Our last Quiz night raised over £300 – and reviews of food and fun were all 5 stars – make sure you don't miss out!). Tickets from Chris or John.

Saturday 2nd March 6.30pm – Monthly Healing Service.

Sunday 10th – Mothering Sunday – welcoming our uniformed groups for an all All Age Service at 10am – flowers for all those who nurture us. Our 8.30am communion and 6.30pm Evensong both offer a sensitive and reflective space for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult.

Saturday 16th March – Lent Reflection Afternoon 2.30-5pm in Church led by Mthr Katie - booking requested to help with provisions but you can just turn up on the day too. Cake, conversation and quiet all promised.

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

Services 8.30am, 10am and 6.30pm. *Palm Sunday Procession at the 10am service – Palm crosses available at all services.*

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at 7.30pm followed by the Watch until 10pm.

Friday 29th March – Good Friday:

10am - Walk of Witness - meet by Nandos

12-2pm – Around the Cross - Easter Craft for Children in the Hall

2pm-3pm – By the Cross – a reflective service for Good Friday led by Mthr Katie with space for meditation, silent prayer, music and an opportunity to venerate the cross.

Saturday 30th March – Easter Vigil

The first mass of Easter at 9pm with the lighting of the Easter Fire and procession in the dark into church. Service followed by prosecco and celebration.

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day – He is Risen!

8.30am – BCP Holy Communion

10.00 – Festal Holy Communion for all - followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children.

6.30pm – Festal Evensong for Easter

Saturday 6th April – *Please note* there is NO Healing Service this month due to the Easter break.

Sunday 7th April – LOW SUNDAY – one service only at 10am.

