

**Services & Meetings this week**  
*Morning & Evening Prayer are said daily at 8am & 5pm. (MP 8.30am on Sats.)*

**Sunday 3rd** 9.30am Parish Said Eucharist  
10.30am STJ's Worship & Praise  
6pm Advent Carol service

**Monday 4th** *Fr John Off Duty*  
2pm Clearwater School rehearsal  
3pm OTB rehearsal  
6.30pm Scouts & Guides carol service

**Tuesday 5th** 9.30am "Chatterbox"  
Christmas Party  
1pm Field Court Infants rehearsal

**Wed 6th** *St Nicholas of Myra*  
10am Holy Eucharist  
2pm Clearwater School  
5.30pm Parish Office  
7.30pm Holy Eucharist

**Thursday 7th** 9am OTB at Beech Green  
10am "Chit Chat" Christmas party  
1pm Field Court Infants rehearsal

**Friday 8th** 9am Field Court Infants rehearsal  
6pm Kingsway carol-singing - Community centre

**Saturday 2nd** *Our Lady on Saturday*  
9.00am - 10am Parish Office

**Sunday 10th Dec: Advent 2 (Year "B")**  
10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist

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**The Parish Church of  
St JAMES the APOSTLE  
&  
St MARY MAGDALENE  
Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester**



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#### **Sunday 3rd December 2017 The First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

9.30am Said Eucharist: Advent service booklet  
*Gluten-free communion wafers available; please advise clergy or stewards if this is your need.*

10.30am STJ's Worship & Praise  
**Welcome, everyone,** to St James' today - especially if this is your first visit here. Do please stay and join us all for refreshments after the service.  
*Also: children's soft-play area available.*

6pm Advent Carol Service  
*Preparing for the coming of the Lord, in Scripture & in music.*

#### Bible Readings for 9.30am:

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9  
Paul rejoices that the people of Corinth have been given the gifts and strength they need as they wait for the second coming of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Mark 13 . 24-end  
Jesus tells his followers to be on the lookout for signs that the second coming is near, and to be prepared at all times.

#### Response to the Intercessions:

*O God, keep us awake to you:  
**And alive to your call.***

*"Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The best preparation is a life lived in the knowledge that God is our Father and we are the work of his hands."*

Please pray for:

The Sick: Bill Perry, Ivy Roberts, Pat Finney, Pam Westwood, Margaret Allison, Patrick Bradley, Arthur & Mary Ellis, Derek Shipton, Robert Dean, Ann Robertson, John Baker, John Rogers, Megan Lucas, Marion Absolom, Helen Jones; all those in the care of our local nursing homes, and all those in our hearts & minds.

The Departed: Joan Billings, Ronald Dovey, Leonard Clutterbuck, Barbara Croston  
The victims of violence, and of natural disasters.  
Those whose years' mind occur at this time.  
Those who mourn.

The homeless in Gloucester.  
The Street Pastors in our city

Please pray for our Parish:  
Lord Jesus Christ, whose promise is that wherever two or three are gathered together in your name, you are present with them. Bless and glorify this ancient house of prayer, guide us in the work of mission and outreach in this our own day. We pray that all will find a welcome here; and a sense of your love and presence. Bless us and all those we love, help us to be witnesses to your name in our homes and in our community so that the glory of your name may ever be known. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint James the Apostle with Saint Mary Magdalene aid us in our prayers and in our Christian responsibilities and duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**The December edition** of "Around the Spire" is in church today - make sure you take a copy!  
**Fr Hugh, the Editor, asks:** "Notes for the January edition need to be in by **12th Dec** please, so that we can go to press on time! Thank you."

**Di Allen** says: "Thank you, everyone, for all your kind thoughts, prayers, & gifts during my recent illness. I am now on the road to a good recovery and am so very grateful for all your support."

**Don't forget the Advent Carol service** tonight at 6pm. Let us prepare together for the coming of the Lord.

**Sacramental Ministry:**

*Private Confession, Healing ministry, spiritual guidance - always available from any of the clergy. Just have a private word.  
(Contact details over the page.)*

**Notes from Fr John, our Rector:**

**Christmas Fair: A big THANK-YOU** to everyone who helped yesterday, and especially to Jackie Hall for co-ordinating it all. The total received came to **£2,606.14**. Thank you everyone for your support!

**100 Club** - It's time to renew your membership (or join for the first time!). £1 per number per month, for 6 or 12 months. Income is divided 50 / 50 between prizes & the Restoration Fund. See Lesley Franklyn or Ann Bridges for details.

**Confirmation 2018:** So far, we have nine potential candidates. Are YOU interested? If so, please add your name to the contact list near the church door.

**Parish Church Treasurer** Lesley, our treasurer for nearly the past eight years, feels it is time to stand down and has kindly given us a year's notice. I am very grateful for her dedicated work and support as treasurer, and totally understand her desire for a well-deserved break. Lesley has kindly offered to help and support her successor at any time.

With a year's notice, we must look for a replacement. It is not an onerous or difficult role, and has a straightforward computer program in place.

*Please* give this important task some serious thought; could you, or someone you know, take this on? Who might we approach? Please talk to Lesley or Fr John about this important task.

**Our Parish Giving:** A letter from myself will be handed out today regarding our personal giving to our parish Church. The annual revision of our weekly / monthly giving is something we are all asked to consider as part of our Christian stewardship. Please read the letter carefully and with prayer.

Information packs about the "**Parish Giving Scheme**" are available near the church door, for you to take home and study. This scheme is very beneficial to the finances of our parish church.

Two evenings of **Carol Singing** for your diary:

**Fri 8th Dec at 6pm** round the Kingsway Tree, opposite the Community centre. Let's take the Church to Kingsway!

**Thurs 21st Dec at 4pm** outside Tesco. Help to share the true meaning of Christmas in this commercial setting - and fund-raise too!

**The Parish Office** is open in church on Wednesdays from 5.30pm - 6.30pm & on Saturdays from 9am - 10am for the arranging of Weddings, Baptisms, Blessings, or Reading of Banns of Marriage.