

Services & Meetings this week
Morning & Evening Prayer are said ~Tues - Sat at 8am & 5pm. (MP 8.30am on Sats.)

Sunday 26th Jan The Conversion of St Paul
10.30am Sung Eucharist *cel: Fr John*
Pr: Fr Hugh

Mon 27th 3pm OtB Rehearsal

Tues 28th 9.30am Chatterbox
7.30pm "Come & Find Out"

Wed 29th *Charles, King & Martyr*
10.00am Said Eucharist *cel: Fr Michael*
5.30pm Parish Office
7.30pm Said Eucharist *cel: Fr Gordon*

Thurs 30th 9am OtB at Beech Green
10am OtB at Field Court Infants
10am Chit-Chat
2.30pm OtB at Clearwater Academy
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Fri 31st 2.30pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Christchurch, Abbeydale. All welcome.

Saturday 1st Feb *Our Lady on Saturday*
9am Parish Office in church

Sunday 2nd Feb. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
9.30am Said Eucharist *cel: The Revd Jenny*
pr: Fr Hugh
10.30am STJ's Worship & Praise *Fr John & Team*

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Sunday 26th January - The Conversion of St Paul

10.30am Sung Eucharist
(*"Christmas & Epiphany" service booklet*)

A warm welcome to St James' - especially if this is your first visit here. Coffee will be served after the 10.30am service; do please stay and join us.

Bible readings for the Eucharist today:

Jeremiah 1. 4 -10
God calls Jeremiah to minister as a prophet.

Acts. 9. 1 - 22
God calls Saul to be an Apostle of the Lord.

Alleluia **Alleluia**
Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 19. 27 - 30
Jesus reassures Peter that everyone who responds to God's call will be safe in His care.

Response to the Intercessions:

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy .

(or as directed.)

Hymns for 10.30am today:

Introit:	54
Gradual:	29
Offertory:	98
Communion:	35
	72
	195
Recessional:	37

Please pray for:

Ray, Helen, Arthur, Marie, Richard, Shirley Wilce, Janet Clarke, Barbara Ward, Gordon Farmer, Adrian Meek, Philip Parker, Bill Appleton & Fr Peter Minall.

All those in the care of our local nursing homes, and all those in our hearts & minds.

The Departed: Yutta Macauley, Eleanor Floyd, Glenys Ho, Terence Barnes; all those we have known and loved; all who have died in natural disasters; & all the victims of persecution & terror.

Those whose years' mind occur at this time.

Please pray for our Parish & Fr John, our Rector.

“Around the Spire” for February is in church today; please take as many copies as you like to give away to friends & neighbours. Thank you to those who deliver the magazine around the parish.

The next **“Come and Find Out”** session will be held this week, on Tues 28th at 7.30pm at Andrew Wakely's home. The theme will be “The Authority of Scripture”. For seating / catering purposes, please let Andrew or Fr Ian know if you intend to be there.

Notes from Fr John, our Rector:

Can you help, please?

Lesley, our Treasurer, will be standing down at our Annual Meeting in April. We are very grateful for all the work that Lesley has done for St James, and for the extra year that she has given us.

The Treasurer's roll is an important one in the life of our parish and he / she serves as a member of the Church Council, which meets 6 times a year. Lesley has offered to help her successor as much as possible, and we have a small team who are already helping with the paying-in side of banking. I am most anxious that we find a new treasurer as soon as possible; it would be a special Christmas Present to me and our church, if you would consider taking this worry off my shoulders. Please feel free to talk to me, Lesley, or the Churchwardens. Thank you. We really do need your help. *Fr John.*

Please return your Palm Crosses to church so that they can be turned to ash for Ash Wednesday (26th February). Thank you.

Open Gardens . Di Ramsay will open her garden again for us on **Sunday 17th May** - more details to follow. *Calling all gardeners: would you consider opening **your** garden and be part of this church fund-raising event?*

Confirmation 2020. There will be a service of Confirmation on 17th May 2020. If you have not been confirmed, or would like to know more about what is involved, have a word with Fr John or any of the clergy.

Preparations for our Summer Fair - Saturday 13th June - is under way:

We need as many church stalls as possible, and help with publicity and the sale of raffle tickets. This is a very important fund-raising event; please help in any way you can. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Ash Wednesday is 26th February
Eucharist with Ashing: 10am & 7.30pm
Lent begins.

Palm Sunday is 5th April
Holy Week begins.

Easter Sunday is 12th April
Vigil Ceremonies & Eucharist, all on Easter morning, beginning at **10.00am** . (*note the time!*)

Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 17th May

Kingsway Big Lunch with church stalls on 7th June.