

NEWSLETTER

8 December 2017

Dates ahead for 2017

Friday 8 December 2017

Prime time: coffee + reflection for older members at 11am

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Open Door Meal being prepared from 2pm and served from 7pm

Monday 11 December 2017 at 5pm

Outbreak's Kids' club and Pause: time for mums to have a break

Tuesday 12 December 2017

Stanley Kiaer's funeral at 2.15pm

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Prospect Burma's Carol Services at 7pm

Wednesday 13 December 2017

Revive Prayer at 7pm

Friday 15 December 2017

Prime time: coffee + reflection for older members at 11am

Saturday 16 December 2017

Men & Women's Prayers at 10am

Saturday 16 December 2017

Messy Christmas at 4pm

Sunday 17 December 2017

Carols by Candlelight at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and minced pies

Monday 18 December 2017 at 5pm

Outbreak's Kids' club and Pause: time for mums to have a break

Wednesday 20 December 2017

Emmaus Bible study at 2pm

Friday 21 December 2017

Prime time: coffee + reflection for older members at 11am

Friday 22 December 2017

Open Door Meal being prepared from 2pm

Open Door Meal Christmas Dinner & Carol Service for the Homeless and Vulnerably Housed served at 7pm



The 2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

New Creation

Readings

Reading: Gal 6: 11-18

Dark Blue Bibles: pg. 1182

Light Blue Bibles: pg. 824

10am: Family Communion

Preacher: Andrew Goddard

Hymns: Advent Candle song, 154 & 278

6pm: Informal Service with Baptism

Preacher: Andrew Goddard



Dates ahead for 2017 (cont.)

Sunday 24 December 2017

Silver Screen at 2pm, followed by Christmas Tea

Midnight Communion at 11pm

Monday 25 December 2017

Christmas Celebration and Family Communion at 10am

Christmas Trail

This week, children from different local schools have been visiting the church, where Mary and Joseph were waiting for them. They heard the story of Jesus and did some craft activities.

A big thank you to those who volunteered helping to make this a special event for the children.



Friends of St James the Less

Everyone is welcome to become a friend of St James the Less and they do not need to be part of the congregation, so please ask all your friends and connections whether they might be able to help us in this endeavour of conserving, restoring, maintaining and improving the fabric, furnishings and fittings of St James the Less, in conjunction with the PCC.

More details and the form to join can be found in church and on our website at:

www.sjtl.org/friends

Our account details with Lloyds are: **Sort code: 30-90-69 Account #: 00879488**

What do I get for being involved?

- Serve on the Friends of SJTL's committee;
- Helping ensure this remarkable building is used to the full and preserved for future generations as a functioning church, which people can visit to discover the remarkable craftsmanship of high Victorian gothic architecture;
- Contributing to keeping the church in good decorative working order;
- Regular newsletters from the Friends Committee, at least biannually;
- Information on, and participation in, our fundraising;
- Hands-on involvement in the conservation work where this is possible;
- Invitation to an annual lecture about St James the Less' architecture or history, organised by the Friends Committee.

Stanley Kiaer

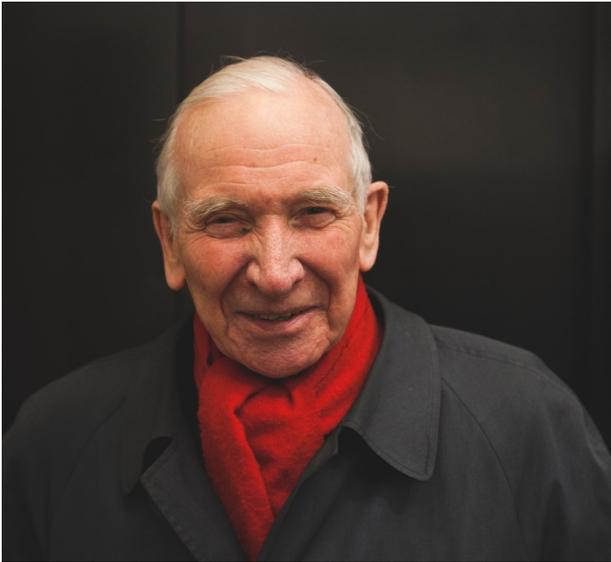
Tuesday, 12 December 2017

It is with sadness that we inform you that our Stanley Kiaer has passed away on the 22nd of November.

The funeral service will take place in St James the Less at 2.15pm on the 12th of December and he will be buried in Kent the following day.

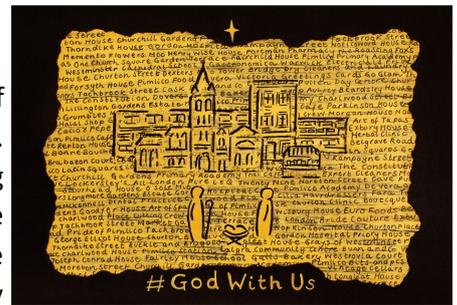
We thank God for his life and rejoice that he is now with the Lord.

The family has asked for donations in lieu of flowers to be given to our church in support of our outreach programme.



Christmas cards

Sign ours for a good cause As in previous years, we would appreciate it if you could sign our big Christmas card which will be at the back of the church. This will be a card from all of us to all of us. This way, instead of spending money in buying cards to other members of the congregation, you can donate money in our collection box on the left hand side of the door as you exit the church. This money will then be used to twin more of our toilets. We currently have only two toilets twinned with toilets in other countries, where people have real needs.



Buy our cards We will be selling Christmas cards (see picture above), which were beautifully designed by Amabel. A pack of 10 costs £3.50 and the inside message says "Wishing you God's Blessing this Christmas". They will be on sale on Sundays or please ask Jeremy or Sheila for them on Monday to Friday.

Christmas at St James the Less

We are getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, and to welcome you in our church at this special time. Please do invite families and friends to join us for our services and events.

Saturday, 16 December

4pm – Messy Christmas, for families involving fun. It is based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



Sunday, 17 December

Carols by Candlelight – followed by mulled wine and minced pies

Friday, 22 December

7pm – Open Door Meal Christmas Dinner and Carol Service for the Homeless and Vulnerably Housed



Christmas Eve – Sunday, 24 December

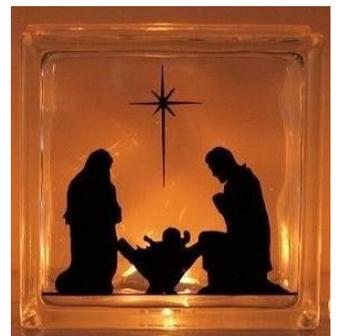
10am – Family Communion

2pm – Silver Screen with a Christmas film, followed by Christmas Tea

11pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day – Monday, 25 December

10am – Christmas Celebration and Family Communion



ODM Christmas

Friday, 22 December 2017

The Open Door Meal to the homeless on the Friday before Christmas will include a full Christmas meal and a Carol Service for those who need so much our help. As before, we would like to be able to offer them a Christmas gift and we would be very grateful if you could start

donating the following items:

- hats, gloves, scarves and socks for women and mostly for men.
- toiletries (90g or 125g soap bar; shampoo bottle no bigger than 250ml; pack of 25 face wipes; 200ml shaving foam; 75ml or 100ml tooth paste; 50ml roll on deodorant; 50ml hand gel/sanitiser; tooth brush). If over the year you've collected the little bottles from hotels, those will be good too.
- 95g or 100g bars of Fairtrade milk chocolate.
- wrapping gift paper, as we will then wrap the gifts in equal parcels once we have received all donations.

Community Sunday

On the last Sunday of the month

We are aiming to reach out to more people in our community and, therefore, we will be having a Bring Your Own picnic lunch in the centre that will take place on the last Sunday of each month from 12pm to 1.50pm, prior to the Silver Screen Showing.

This event will also include games, craft activities and fun for families, so please let your friends and neighbours know about it.



Be part of the greatest Nativity scene for 2,000 years!

Wednesday, 13 December 2017, 12.30pm

Over 600,000 people have signed the Hope for the Middle East petition and Open Doors needs you and your friends to make as much noise about this as possible. You can get involved in a fun and festive way by gathering at Parliament Square Garden, London, and dressing up as Mary and Joseph. Open Doors is aiming to take a photo stunt of a huge gathering of people dressed as Mary and Joseph (Mary and Joseph attire will be provided). The photo will be shared on social media and in the press. Mince pies are also included for participants! As the Hope for the Middle East petition is presented to the UN and the UK government, Open Doors would like as many people as possible talking about it. The photo stunt will show the shocking reality that 2,000 years on from the first Christmas, Christians are still looking for room in the birthplace of Christianity.



Reading the Bible

This term, we are studying Galatians, so through the term we would like to set a challenge for you. We are going to try to memorise the whole of Galatians. We suggest that you memorise 2 verses per day. So this week it will be Galatians 6: 11 -18. We will then invite people who would like to recite them during the services of 17th of December.



News from the Pimlico Foundation

Mark and Ian are looking for people who would be keen on training as mentors. If you are interested, please contact Lis.

They are currently running a free Kids' Club for those aged 8-11 at 5pm on Mondays in the Monk room.

Ian and Mark would appreciate, if anyone could donate any board games for ages 7+. If you can help, please email Mark (Mark@pimlicofoundation.co.uk)



Volunteers needed please for:



Sunday Service

Volunteers needed for Sunday Service reading, prayer and children's church.

The church is also looking for a Safeguarding Officer.

Singers for our Carols Service on 17 December 2017

URGENT

We are looking for people to sing in church during our Carol Service, which will start at 6pm.

No previous experience of singing in a choir is needed.

If you would like to join in, please come to the rehearsal on Sunday, 17 December, at 3.45pm in church.

Messy Church on 16 December 2017 **URGENT**

If you can help from 2pm, please email Lis to let her know on goddardea@gmail.com.

Open Church

To fulfil our mission to be a place of welcome, we are asking for volunteers to come forward to train as part of a new Open Church team. We aim to have the church open 12-2pm each weekday. Training will be provided. Please email churchadmin@sjtl.org, if you can give some of your time to enable us to keep the church open. Huge thanks to Theresa and Anne who regularly come to "church sit".

Prayer at St. James the Less

Revive Prayers: Revive will now take place every second WEDNESDAY of the month with food from 7pm and prayer from 7.30pm.

Prayers for the Persecuted Church: We send out a list of Prayers for the Persecuted Church once a week if you would like to receive the e-mail please let the office know.

Men & Women's Prayers at 10am on every third SATURDAY of the month with breakfast.

Home Groups

We are re-vamping our Home Groups. These are the places where most of our congregation find fellowship. If you are not currently in a group and would like to join one, please contact Lis.

Bible Study Notes

If you would like Bible Study notes then please speak to Angela King.

Sermons

Log-on to www.sjtl.org to listen to or download our latest sermons.

Prayer Chain

If you have things that you'd like prayed for, in confidence, please email prayerchain@sjtl.org, or pick up a bookmark from church to remind you.

PWW Will Aid Scheme

St. James the Less has partnered with Potheary Witham Weld (PWW) Solicitors to offer an exciting new Will Aid scheme. In exchange for a legacy left to St. James, PWW will write a free basic will, a saving of some £360. Terms and conditions apply, and information leaflets are now available. For more information please visit www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk

St James the Less is registered as a charity (no. 1135075).

The Office is opened on:

Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri from 9am-1pm, and

Wed from 9am-12pm

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