

# NEWSLETTER

22 December 2017

## Dates ahead for 2017 & 2018

### 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

### Sunday 24 December 2017

Silver Screen at 2pm: "A Christmas Carol" followed by Christmas Tea

Midnight Communion at 11pm

### Monday 25 December 2017

Christmas Celebration and Family Communion at 10am

### Sunday 31 December 2017

Watchnight service at 11.30pm

### Friday 5 January 2018

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

### Monday 8 December 2017 at 5pm

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

### Wednesday 10 January 2018

Revive Prayer at 7pm

### Friday 12 January 2018

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

### Friday 12 January 2018

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

### Saturday 20 January 2018

Men & Women's Prayers at 10am

### Sunday 28 January 2018

Community Sunday at 12pm

### Sunday 28 January 2018

Silver Screen at 2pm



## Christmas Eve

**24th December 2017**

**Salvation previewed**

Readings

**Reading: Luke 1: 57-80**

Dark Blue Bibles: pg. 1037

Light Blue Bibles: pg. 723

**10am: Family Communion** Preacher: Fung Lau

Hymns: Advent Candle song

**11pm: Midnight Communion** Preacher: Lis Goddard

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## Christmas Day

**25th December 2017**

**New life, new beginnings**

Readings

**Reading: Luke 2: 1-20**

Dark Blue Bibles: pg. 1037-8

Light Blue Bibles: pg. 723-4

**10am: Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion**

Preacher: Lis Goddard

Hymns: Advent Candle song

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## The 1st Sunday of Christmas

**31st December 2017**

**Wise men still seek him**

Readings

**Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12**

Dark Blue Bibles: pg. 976

Light Blue Bibles: pg. 681-2

**10am: All Age Communion**

Preacher: Isabelle Hamley

**11.30pm: Watchnight Service**

## Christmas at St James the Less

We are 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.

### Friday, 22 December

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

### Christmas Eve – Sunday, 24 December

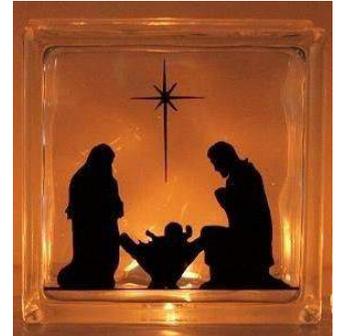
10am – Family Communion

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



## Sign our Christmas card 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.



## Gifts

Although Christmas is not about presents, many of us will be offering and receiving some gifts from our families and friends.

As we all know it is the gesture that counts, but sometimes we do end up with some gifts that we will not be using, so if you would like to donate any good quality gifts to St James the Less, please do.

We will then sell them to raise money for the Renewal Fund toward the restoration of the church.

## Thank you!

Thank you for all your support in 2017. You have helped us immensely in many different ways.

We hope you will be able to continue helping us, and perhaps, as a New Year's resolution, if you haven't done so, you could become a Friend of St James the Less. You can find details on our website:

[www.sjtl.org/friends](http://www.sjtl.org/friends)



## Carol service

Last Sunday, we had a special service in the evening a our Carols by Candlelight. It was lovely to welcome so many friends and neighbours. Thank you to all those who joined in with the singing and helped with the mulled wine and minced pies.



**May you know God's richest blessings this Christmas and throughout 2018.**



**With our best wishes and prayers from all at St James the Less**



## 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.

### Open Door Meal

ODM takes place every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, except in August. If you can spare some time to help with:

Preparation of food from 2pm / Serving the meal from 7pm / Clearing up from 8.30pm

Please contact Andrew on goddardaj@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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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