



Welcome to St James Hampton Hill

Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent

0800	0930	1100
Holy Communion (Said) Clergy Jacky Cammidge	Parish Communion President Derek Winterburn Deacon/Preacher Jacky Cammidge Hymns: 31, 30, 27, 140* <i>*Omit starred verses</i>	 'Gloria, Gloria' Followed by crafts and Refreshments

Monday 11	0915 Morning Prayer 1300 Rails down/staging up	1015-1215 Ark Playgroup 1315-1515 HHJS Rehearsal
Tuesday 12	0800 Bench installation 1030-1230 HHJS Rehearsal	0930 Holy Communion 1830-2130 HHJS Concert
Wednesday 13	0800 Bench installation 1030-1230 HHJS Rehearsal;	0915 Morning Prayer 1830-2130 HHJS Concert
Thursday 14	0730 Staging down/rails up 1000-1230 LEH Rehearsal	0915 Morning Prayer 1800-2200 LEH Concert
Friday 15	0915 Morning Prayer 1100-1315 HHJS Nativity Show 1800-1900 Choir practice	0900-1500 Precision Safety Services

COMING SOON



Candlelight Carol Service
Sunday 17 Dec
6pm

Children's Carol Services
Come dressed as a Nativity character



Sunday 24 Dec
3.00pm & 4.30pm

CONTACTING US

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

OTHER READING:

2 PETER 3: 8-15a

FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God.

'Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and
hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

'Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem,
herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

THE GOSPEL:

MARK 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way
of the Lord, make his paths straight";'

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FEATURED EVENTS



Christmas at St James's Church

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve
2300 First Eucharist of Christmas
Our traditional start to Christmas

Monday 25 December Christmas Day
0930 All Age Communion for Christmas
Celebrate with all the family

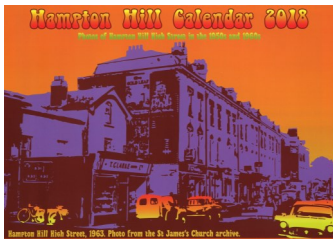
LATEST NEWS

Christingle and Shell Seekers



Congratulations to our Shell Seekers' Sunday School for raising **£318.76** for The Upper Room from their crafts and food sale after the service on Sunday.

2018 Calendars on sale here



The official **Hampton Hill Calendar 2018** is on sale at the back of church on Sundays, or from the Church Office at other

times. **It costs just £5** and features old photographs of the town. If you buy it here, part of the proceeds goes to the church.

Coffee and Communion

The various schools' Christmas concerts mean that December's *Coffee and Communion* won't be this week but will instead be on **Tuesday 19 December at 10am.**

NOTICES

Hard truths about money

The Finance Team and the PCC have been thinking about next year's budget. In 2015, 2016 and 2017 we spent more than we received, and the forecast for next year is very worrying. As well as using some of our reserves for key development and growth initiatives, such as the toilets, we have been dipping into those reserves too.

There was a very good response at the beginning of the year to our request to consider afresh giving - thank you - but we still need to raise £350 more a week to cover running costs.

The PCC has decided:

- to give what the Diocese has asked for - paying for clergy training, housing, salary and central costs. (St James's did not give any increase this year)

- to support our 'charities and links' without using PCC money. (The team that looks after this has met to address the challenge.)

- to 'tighten our belts' where possible - for e.g., this pew sheet will be printed in black and white except on special occasions), and

- to run another 'planned giving' programme in Jan / Feb.

And still after this we are looking at another deficit for 2018.

If you are not part of our Planned Giving scheme we would like to share with how we can help your giving to be regular and tax efficient - speak to Carol Bailey, Gwynneth Lloyd or Derek Winterburn.

You may know that the bulk of our reserves comes from a legacy. The PCC had already decided to 'invest' that money primarily in development and growth projects. Using this money we have been able to install toilets and appoint a Children and Families' Work Leader. The PCC will be looking at other projects at their February Away Day. If you have any ideas to encourage growth please speak to or email Derek.

Crisis at Christmas

Crisis at Christmas opens centres over the Christmas week (23-29 December) for the homeless, providing support services, food, warmth and

somewhere to sleep. **Becky Jones will be volunteering at one of the London centres.** We can support her by donating men's toiletries, such as face cloths, shower gel, soap, facewash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please leave them in the box marked *Crisis* in the baptistry.

Scarlett's Christmas Carols

The carol concert held here last Friday in memory of Scarlett Lil, a pupil at Carlisle Infant School, raised over **£800** for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Remember in your prayers...

Please hold in your prayers...

- Residents of **Edward Road**
- **The Ark** Christmas party
- **The schools** using the church during the week for concerts
- **Invitations** going out to our Carol Services
- Using **Advent** well
- **GPs, Dentists and Opticians** in our community
- Our **Carol Service** on 17 December



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17 December *Third Sunday of Advent*

0800 Holy Communion | **0930** Parish Communion | **1100** *together at eleven*
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; John 1: 6-8; 19-28

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