

WELCOME **St James** Hampton Hill

Sunday 22 December 2024 Advent 4 (Year C) TAKE HOME TO READ

TONIGHT SUNDAY Carols by Candlelight 6pm 	TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Carols 3pm & 4.30pm Christmas Eve Communion 11.30pm	WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion 8am Christmas Day Communion 9.30am
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Sunday

8:00am HOLY COMMUNION (Said)
9:30am PARISH COMMUNION
MESSY CHURCH Back 12 Jan: songs, stories, crafts

Weekdays

MORNING PRAYER Back 7 Jan
MIDWEEK COMMUNION Back 8 Jan

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COLLECT

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see,
with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING MICAH 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who
are one of the little clans of Judah, from you
shall come forth for me one who is to rule in
Israel, whose origin is from of old, from
ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the
time when she who is in labour has brought
forth; then the rest of his kindred shall
return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name
of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall
be great to the ends of the earth; and he
shall be the one of peace.

GOSPEL LUKE 1: 39-45

Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country, where she
entered the house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the
child leapt in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb.

'And why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your
greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

'And blessed is she who believed that there
would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to
her by the Lord.'

HYMNS

HYMN 1

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

HYMN 2

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

HYMN 3

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;

cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.

You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.

Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

HYMN 4

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see the lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

LATEST NEWS

GILL'S CHRISTMAS IS SORTED!

Congratulations to Gill Powell, whose ticket was drawn in the *Win Your Weight in Wine Raffle* at the November's ceilidh. She will be sharing the prize with her family. Discretion prevents us from saying how many bottles she won, but we can say that she was very happy!



The Friends of St James's was launched in the summer to help cover the costs of maintaining the church and churchyard. Look out for news about the first events of 2025 in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS EXCHANGE

There's a table in the south aisle for leaving and collecting Christmas cards.

CHARITY BRIDGE DRIVE

Jenny Breeden is running this event in aid of church funds on **Thursday 23 January**. With your support she hopes to raise £1000.

Will you:

- Play - £15 per person (payable on the day);
- Make or buy cakes;
- Help serve tea at the event;
- Or provide raffle prizes?

Email jennifer.breeden1@gmail.com or phone 020 8941 0969, ideally *before* Christmas.

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS

Carefully tear round used stamps and bring them to church and we can donate them to charity.



2024 IN NUMBERS



384
services

plus funerals
and weddings



96
volunteers

Servers, welcomers,
intercessors, visitors, hospitality,
cleaners, flowers, gardeners, fundraising,
charity, bellringers, magazine, choir



£11,581

raised for

charities

Welcare, Bishop Wand,
St Luke's Hospital, Upper Room, Lent
Appeal, Christian Aid, Children's Society



£51,000

hire fees

church and hall hires



£80,000

your giving

planned giving

£5,021

fundraising

from ceilidh, wine tasting, raffle,
Christmas cards, bar sales



We're better together. Thank you.

This sheet and the service booklet are available in large print