

News...



St James & Emmanuel, Didsbury

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1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Dates for Diaries from Lisa

Saturday 16th December 'Spruce-up-St-James' day at Church from 9am to 6pm. This is for anyone who knows how to foot a ladder, use a screwdriver and wield a paint-brush in a hard-to-reach area. Under the direction of members of Fabric Team people who come to help will get the church ready for Christmas, the re-building of St James' 10.30am community, and a Grand Cleaning Day in January to start the New Year with a shine.

Save the Date

Christmas Lunch Thursday 7th
December 12.30pm for 12.45pm
Parish Centre – Lower Hall Cost £7.00



Withington Girls School Christmas Concert

7th Dec 6.30pm-8.30pm . Over 60s only-
Concert with sandwiches & cake.
Please contact Lyn Evans 0161 434 4666

Learning Support Assistant 20 hours per week (Wed – Fri) Term time only

Start Date : 4th January 2018 -Salary : Grade 3 Point 14
West Didsbury CE Primary School requires a
Learning Support Assistant for 20 hours a week -
from 1/01/18

West Didsbury CE Primary School requires a part-time Learning Support Assistant for 20 hours a week - from 01/01/17. This role is term time only, Wednesday to Friday from 08.30am – 3.40pm, with a half hour lunch break. The position will be to support a child in Year Two with Special Educational Needs.

The role will be to support the class teacher in meeting the needs of a pupil with an EHCP and ensuring that the child makes good progress throughout the year. This will involve supporting the pupil in all curriculum areas but particularly with social communication, Maths and English, including speaking and listening, reading and writing.

West Didsbury CE is a vibrant, friendly new school (opened Sept. 2015) and we currently have approximately 180 children, across our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The school will grow each year as we welcome a new Reception intake of 60 children every September.

For more information please see our website.
Closing date:08.12.17 by noon- Interviews –
14.12.17 and 15.12.17

Great news!

Youth Café has been successful in its application for a grant from the Co-op's Local Community Fund. We now need your help. 1% from all purchases, made by members, of Co-op's own-branded products and services is added to the fund and the bigger the fund the greater Youth Café will receive. Three local causes have been chosen so to make sure Youth Café receive your 1% log on online and follow the very simple instructions. If you are not yet a member why not make this the perfect time to sign up. Please tell your friends to donate their 1% too, Youth Café is a valuable resource accessed by many young people beyond church.





Funding raised by
The National Lottery
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



We'd be delighted to accept any further gifts towards the total, which we have now discovered needs to be slightly higher to include renovation work needed on the bell. We need a further £10k, you are still NOT too late to give!

Toddler Groups

We currently have spaces in our toddler groups, running from 9:30-11:30 on Tuesdays and 10:00-12:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Parish Centre, so come along to have fun and make new friends!

December singing

Scratch Messiah, Sunday 3rd December in Emmanuel, 6.00pm.

Once again we'll be raising the roof with parts of Handel's Messiah, conducted by our own maestro Nick Simpson, joined by the Athenean Ensemble. All are welcome in both choir and congregation. To join the choir for this uplifting and community building event, please contact Nick Simpson directly at nicholassimpson@aol.com : there'll be one rehearsal 14.00-17.00pm on the day and please just bring yourself, heart, soul and voice, as well as a copy of the Messiah.

Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday 17th December in St James, 6.30pm.

At the heart of our Christmas worship, we once again look forward to drawing together a choir to bring out musical treasures, old and new in the beautiful candlelit atmosphere of St James. We are especially excited that the new Walker organ is taking shape— do pray for its completion in good time! All who can sing tunefully are welcome to be part of the choir.

Wednesday 22nd Nov, Emmanuel 20.00-21.30pm

Thursday 30th Nov, Emmanuel 20.00-21.30pm

Thursday 7th December, Emmanuel 20.00-21.30pm

Wednesday 13th December, Emmanuel 20.00-21.30pm

Saturday 16th December St James, 9.00am – 11am

Sunday 17th December St James, 14.30pm – 16.30pm

To sign up please contact Helen Leach, Director of Worship,
helenleach@stjamesandemmanuel.org or text 07727 134927

The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ.
Amen

Please pray for:

- * All those recently bereaved
- * All those undergoing cancer treatments
- * All those with long term illnesses
- * Nick and Katherine Barker & their son Sam
- * David Edmonson
- * Allan Vollam
- * Emma's family
- * Janice Gardner
- * Marian Mullineaux



This month we pray for our mission partners who proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and/or work to teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Bishop Cranmer transforming communities in the Diocese of Muhabura, Uganda

Pastor Hossein Khalifehhadi – working with the Farsi speaking community at St. James and Emmanuel and other churches.

Joyce and Keith Wood working with O.M.F. to befriend and help Mainland Chinese visitors who come to Manchester.

Offertory giving by text

You can text STJE14 to 70070 to make your offering. You can text any amount in whole numbers from £1-£5 or £10
Therefore, to donate £10 to St James and Emmanuel, Didsbury - text **STJE14 £10 to 70070**

Stamping your attendance cards

(for Wedding, Baptism or School Admission)

The official stamps will be available at the end of the services.

We can only accept an official stamp on your attendance card as confirmation of your attendance.

Admission to Didsbury/West Didsbury CE Primary School

If you require an attendance card for any of the above please contact Parish Office.

Be
Belonging
Believing
Becoming

We regularly send out information about events and developments by email. If you are not on our database but would like to be please email;

nickbundock@stjamesandemmanuel.org

To keep up to date with all the news from the church please visit our website:

www.stjamesandemmanuel.org

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The closing date for news sheet submissions is noon on the Thursday before the relevant Sunday.
No personal advertisements are included but you are welcome to advertise on the noticeboards.