

## CONTACT US

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### HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available on request to anyone who is unable to attend church. If anyone known to you wishes to receive communion please contact Rev.d Charles or one of the church wardens.

### MONTHLY CHARITY

November - Birmingham Childrens Hospital  
£110.00

December -Sophia-Pregnancy Loss Support

### ST. JAMES 100 CLUB

We are looking to recruit new members for the 100 club for 2019. The 100 club provides a great source of revenue for our church and anyone interested in joining should speak to Richard, Chris Worley, Kay or Michael.

### DECEMBER WINNERS

£300- Amanda Smith-71 £100-Anne McCreath-67  
£ 50- Pat Orrill(20) £25-Cynthia Brewerton(1)

## ST.JAMES' BULKINGTON PARISH CHURCH

*'A Church of the community  
for the community'*

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors with us today. All are invited to come and receive communion or to receive a blessing. Please stay afterwards for coffee and fellowship.

Rev. Charles will be in Church to pray Morning Prayer 8.30am Monday – Thursday. To pray for our churches and local communities. If you would like to join him, you are very welcome.

### NEWS SHEET FOR WEEK COMMENCING

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

10.00a.m. Parish Communion

Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a

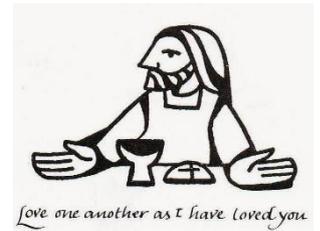
Hebrews 10: 5 – 10

Luke 1: 39-45

4.30p.m. Carol Service

Burton Hastings

Traditional Readings



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December



4.00 p.m. Crib Service

11.00p.m. Midnight Mass

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10

Hebrews 1: 1- 4

John 1: 1 - 14



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day



*'Joy to the world! The Lord is come'*

10.00a.m. Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2: 1-20

8.30a.m. Communion Burton Hastings

Readings: Isaiah 9; 2-7 Luke 2: 1-20

### REMAINING DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December First Sunday of Christmas

10.00a.m.  
Joint Parish  
Communion  
with Burton Hastings



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Alasdair Rowan, Paul Towers, Sheila Taunton,  
Matthew Williams, Margaret Wykes, Pat Gilbey.  
Those in our Prayer Corner. Anyone known to us  
personally. Those who have died;

### REFLECTIONS.

An Advent Reflection I am privileged to join you as your new vicar and extremely thankful for the warm welcome that Emma and I have received since we moved to Bulkington. I'm excited for all that lies ahead for the communities of Bulkington and Burton Hastings and in my first week and a bit, I've had the opportunity to do lots of different things and meet lots of people. Please come and say hello!

There is a sense of anticipation building for our Christmas celebrations. We've already begun to welcome people for carol services and advent celebrations and we can look forward to lots more festivities. Launching into all the activities of Christmas certainly keeps a new vicar out of mischief!

Amidst the preparations for Christmas, as part of our preparation, we are invited to share in the wonderful season of Advent - four weeks that begin a new Church year. It's in these days that God calls us to wait.

'That's ages away!' I wonder if you've ever heard those words from a young person you know when told they have to wait for something? Perhaps you have said or thought it recently! Often we're not very good at waiting for things, and most of the

time we don't have to. So many things can come to us almost instantly.

But waiting is so important. It helps us to be more fully in the present moment, appreciating all that is good, and supporting one another when times are tough. God asks us to wait because he is more interested in the person we are gradually becoming, than what we are doing. Amongst the busyness of December, could you find a moment or two to be still, to be thankful? It will make such a difference as we look forward to celebrating that Jesus came to be with us at Christmas and has been with us ever since! Happy Advent to you all.

### MEMORY STARS

Remembering your loved ones at Christmas. Stars are at back of church. Follow the instruction on the envelope. The tags are used to decorate the Christmas tree here at St. James.



Nine Lessons and Carols.

Thank you to everyone who read at this service. The nine lessons are an important part of this traditional service, and all were read clearly and expressively. Thank you, Penny, Bill, Charlotte, Graham, Pat, Iris, Chris, Joy and Emma.

A very happy Christmas to you all.

Ginny.