

# St James Church Fordhouses



## Notices December 2024

### Welcome to the season of Advent

The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming." The term's original meaning was the arrival of a person of noble birth. Therefore, in the season of Advent, we remember Jesus of Nazareth's three distinct and intimate arrivals: in the manger, at the end of time, and in our hearts.

The Bible says the cry, 'Come', expresses the Holy Spirit's greatest longing for Christ's return and the establishment of His kingdom. This cry emphasises spiritual renewal and personal development. The final establishment of the kingdom will be characterised by strength, glory, power, and victory.

Three lessons about Advent can be learnt from St Luke's Chapter 2 account of Jesus' birth:

- The importance of faith and obedience
- The power of God's love and mercy
- The joy of salvation and redemption

In this season of Advent, let us eagerly anticipate our Lord's second coming in His glorious, powerful, and triumphant splendour. This anticipation fills us with hope and reassurance. Come, Lord Jesus, come.



## December News and Notices

- ♥ **Sunday Services** As always unless notified otherwise, these are in church at 9:45am.
- ♥ **3 C's** meeting in December is **only** on Monday, the 2nd, 2-4pm (next meeting then in January).
- ♥ **CAMEO:** 2-4pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Carols and Quiz.
- ♥ **Sunday School** - We have a Younger Sunday School, during our Sunday morning services in the Lounge (except the first Sunday of the month, when parents can use the lounge with their children, some resources will be provided to use). There is also an Older Sunday School (8-12 years old) on the first Sunday of each month (please note not in January).
- ♥ The **Parish Youth Group** (for 11-14 year olds) meets every Friday at St Mary's Hall, except for the last Friday of the month when it is at St James for sports.
- ♥ **Christmas services:**
  - 🎄 Our **Christingle Service** will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm (no morning service that day).
  - 🎄 On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm, instead of our morning service, we are all going to a **Joint Carol Service** at the Church of the Good Shepherd - Lifts will be available from St James - with mince pies and refreshments after.
  - 🎄 On **Christmas Day** we have a Celebration Service at 10am - at this service children and adults can celebrate Jesus' birthday together.

Would you like to know more, then take a look at our website:

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