

St. James the Great, East Malling

Reading & Notices for Sunday 2nd December 2018

Reading

Luke 21.25-36

²⁵‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ ²⁹Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Notices

Please note that Sandra’s Parish Office hours are now Wednesday 9.30am-3pm and Thursday 9.30am to noon.

IMPORTANT! Safeguarding Training

There are still a number of people who have not completed their **C0 Basic Awareness** training, either online, or with Debbie Bond (Safeguarding Rep in Watlington). If you have not already advised me that you would prefer to do the group training, rather than the online course, please contact me **as soon as possible** at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com or call on 01622 815218.

Many thanks.

Sandra

Benefice Administrator & Safeguarding Officer.

St. James Flower Arrangers are always very grateful for donations towards the cost of church flowers for Christmas, which really is appreciated to make St James look wonderful. Please give to Elaine Welch or Sue Payne - thank you.

15th December: East Malling Singers Christmas Concert. Christmas carols, mince pies and mulled wine. St James the Great Church 7.30 pm. Tickets £12, £10 (concessions). Box Office phone: 01622 750 943 email: boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk

Carol Singing - The church choir will be singing carols around the village on 17th & 18th December from 6–8 p.m.

17th in Rocks Close, Middle Mill and The Grange

18th in Bradbourne Fields

We need adults to knock on doors and collect money on behalf of the Children's Society. If you would like to help with this please see Belinda or Sue. There is food and drink afterwards

Christingle - This year the Christingle & Crib service will be held on Christmas Eve at 4p.m. If you would like to prepare your donation to The Children's Society please take a Collection candle from the back of the church. We will be making the Christingles on Christmas Eve at 9.a.m. Please come and help.

Would you like to become a Friend of St. James the Great Church? Since it began in 2003, the Friends have provided support to the Church by raising funds to upkeep its fabric, to maintain the churchyard, and to provide social events, not just to raise the all-important funds, but to provide opportunities for the Friends to meet and enjoy one another's company. If you value your parish Church, why not contact the Membership Secretary for more details. She is Pam Carpenter on 01732 874420 or derekandpam39@gmail.com

Notices from around the Benefice

WATCH Club Youth Group meets twice monthly, on a Sunday, from 4pm-6pm in winter and 5pm-7pm in summer. Ages 10-18 yrs. Activities, games, crafts, food and refreshments. Free entry. All welcome.

CMS Pioneers Youth Group The programme for Wednesdays in December is;
"A Meal For St. Nicholas"
Ice Skating, and then
Carol Singing for Christian Aid.
Do you know any youngsters who might like to join us? Contact 01622 812691.

Saturday 8th December - 10.30am-4pm **Cribs and Angels, Wateringbury Church**

A chance to take a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and reflect on the true spirit of Christmas. Lots of nativity figures and angels to view. Craft Stall to browse and angel cakes and biscuits, tea and coffee to enjoy. Raffle for knitted nativity set. Do come and bring your neighbours.

Services, and other happenings, up to **Sunday 9th December 2018**

Tuesday 4th

10am & 2pm Open Church, Teston

7.45pm Standing Committee Meeting, Wateringbury

Wednesday 5th

1.30pm Toddlers, EM

7.30pm Pioneers Youth Group, Teston

Thursday 6th

9am Holy Communion, EM (NW)

10am Open Church, EM

1pm Mothers' Union Meeting, Audrey's House

Friday 7th

6.30pm Christmas Lights Switch-on, North Pole Pub

Saturday 8th

10.30am Angels & Cribs, Wateringbury

Sunday 9th

9.45am Eucharist, EM (NW)

10am Morning Praise, Wateringbury (BF/ABy)

12 noon Baptism, EM (NW)

2.30pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal, Teston (DP)

6.30pm Evening Praise, Teston (DP)



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