

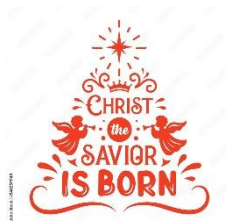
St James Church Fordhouses

Monthly Calendar for December 2025



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The significance of the Advent season

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming." It is a four-week period in the Christian calendar devoted to reflecting on God's second coming and his arrival in Jesus Christ. This time is marked by prayer, scripture readings, and joyous celebrations that promote love, joy, peace, and hope. It highlights the birth of Jesus and his impending return, exhorting people to be kind and considerate to others. To fully embrace Advent, we must open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus wholeheartedly. Additionally, we need to show love and compassion, especially for those in need. By so doing, we are fulfilling the commandments to love God and one's neighbours, as written in Matthew 22:37-40

May the joy of Christmas fill our hearts. I wish you a joyous Christmas.



For this month....

Thursday 4th December

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 5th December

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 6th December

9:30 everyone who is available to decorate St James Church together for Christmas.
6:00 Parish Christmas Meal in the Parish Hall, Bushbury to share in the festive spirit. A sign-up sheet is in Church - last date to book a place is 3rd December.

Sunday 7th December: Carol Service

9:45am A Service of Carols and Readings for Christmas

Thursday 11th December

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 12th December

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 13th December

11:00am The Church of the Good Shepherd will be Carol Singing on Showell Circus Roundabout. Please come along and join them.

Sunday 14th December: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10
Reading 2: Matthew 11: 2 - 11
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

Thursday 18th December

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church
7:00pm City Wide Prayer at Windmill Community Church, Henwood Road, Compton, Wolverhampton.

Saturday 20th December

9:30am Christingle Prep in St James Church
All offers of help welcome

Sunday 21st December

4:00pm Christingle Service followed by refreshments and mince pies.
Don't forget to drop off any donation of mince pies. Any offers of help in the kitchen after the service would be appreciated

Thursday 25th December

10:00am Christmas Day Holy Communion
Reading 1: Isaiah 9: 2 - 7
Reading 2: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Sunday 28th December

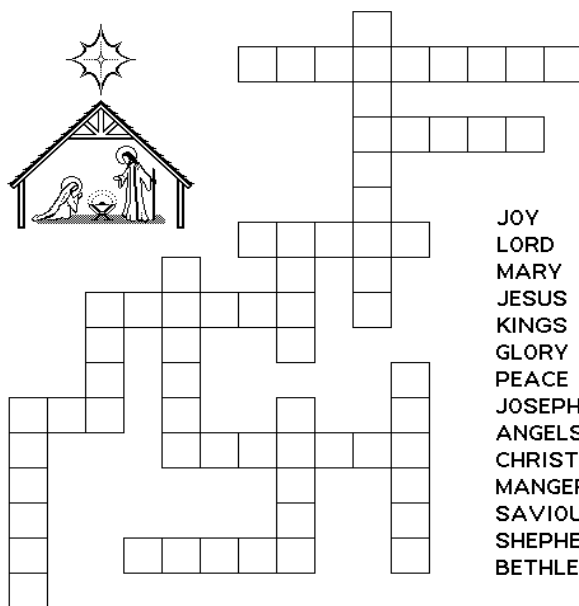
10:00am Joint Parish Service at St Mary's Church



And finally A little something to test your knowledge of Christmas

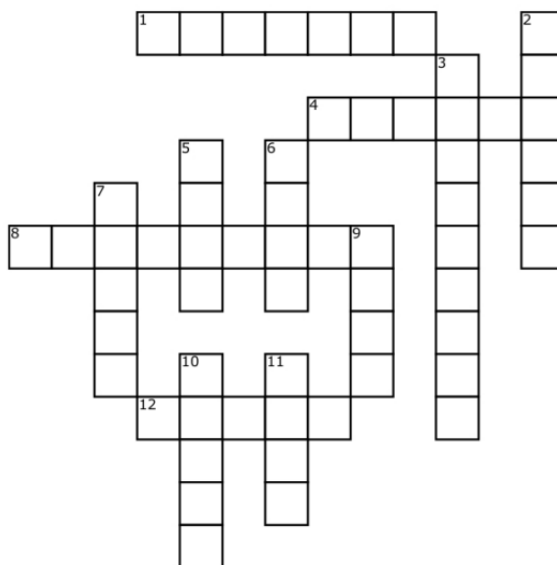
Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

Christmas Luke 2:1-18



Across

- 1.** Who followed a star to find Jesus
4. who sang at Jesus' birth
8. Who took care of the sheep at night
12. Who was the wicked King that wanted to 'worship' Jesus

Down

- 2.** Who was Jesus' 'earthly' father
3. What is the 'City of David'
5. Who was Jesus' cousin that was born at approximately the same time
6. Who was Jesus' Mother

- 7.** Who was born in a stable
9. What lead the Wise Men to Jesus
10. Where did Mary keep the memories she had of Jesus' birth
11. Name one gift that was brought to Jesus



Prayer Support Requests

If you would like specific prayers for someone either add them to our prayer board in the entrance, speak directly to Taiwo or Ian Newman our Warden, or join us at the Thursday morning Prayer Time at 9:30am.

Please keep in your prayers all those named on our Prayer Boards and their families

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