# **Christmas for Children and Families**

# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> December 11am

#### Church Services in Advent!

Each week we light our Advent Candles and countdown to Christmas with special activities for children

# Sunday 14th December 6pm

### Carols by Candlelight

A very beautiful time to hear the Christmas story and sing favourite carols, all lit by hundreds of candles. A wonderful experience

# Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am

#### SJJS Christmas Carol Service

St James Junior School come to celebrate Christmas by singing much loved carols

# Saturday 20th December 4pm

# **Farmyard Carols**

Come and sing carols by candlelight with the Sheep, goats, pigs and other animals at *St James Farm* 

# Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 5pm

# **Christmas Family Film**

Come and watch a classic Christmas film at St. James. Hot dogs and drinks from 5, the film at 5.30. (Book for free on Gloucester HAF website)

#### Christmas Eve 4pm

#### Crib Service

Christmas begins in a magical candlelit celebration for all ages at the Crib with Joseph, Mary, and Jesus

# Christmas Day 10.30am

# Church Service to celebrate Christmas Day!

Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas morning at St. James Church. Coffee and cake before and after.

The service will last about 45 minutes.

# Sunday 28th December 10am - 4pm

# **Church Service 10am** followed

#### Create and Star in a Pantomime 11am

Come and join the team from the Holiday Activities and Food programme to put on your own Pantomime!

(Book for free on Gloucester HAF website)

# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 11am

# Church Service to Welcome the Wise Men

Come and celebrate the arrival of the wise men at the Crib.

# Tuesday 13th January 9am

# SJJS Christingle Service

St James Junior School come to celebrate the light in the world with a special Christingle Service

#### More Christmas events

As well as everything mentioned, these events are perhaps more for those between 11 and 100.

# Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1pm

#### Decorate the Church!

Come and have coffee and cake with a friendly bunch as we decorate the church and tree ready for all the Christmas Season

# Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-6.30pm

Soup 4.30 - 5pm

Followed by...

### Advent Reflection Group 5-6pm

A chance to reflect on the themes of hope, joy, peace, and love through music and conversation as we anticipate and wait for the coming of Christ into

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# Advent Evening Prayer 6-6.30pm

A quiet end to the day with a simple, spoken service of evening prayer

# Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

# Christmas Big Band Jazz at St. James

A festive musical feast of Big Band Jazz.

Donations on the door for charity.

#### **Even more Christmas events!**

# Christmas Eve 11.30pm

# Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Celebrate the arrival of Christmas Day, the birth of Christ with a service of Holy Communion between

11.30 and 12.30am

# **Boxing Day 11am**

# Celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen

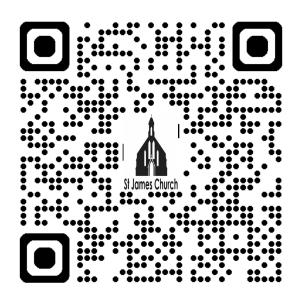
A simple, spoken Holy Communion service followed by a leftovers lunch (bring what you can; I'll have soup for all if everything has been eaten!)

#### New Years Eve 10.30pm

# Watchnight Service inc. Mass

Welcome the New Year with a traditional time of prayer and worship. The Watchnight survive provides a Christ centred way to cross over into 2026

Everyone is Welcome, with any faith or none



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# this Christmas

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