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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST JAMES CHURCH

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A warm welcome to St. James' today. If this is your first visit please make yourself known to one of our welcome or ministry team members. We would love to talk to you afterwards.

If you are new to St. James' please complete a welcome card if you would like us to have your details. Forms for 'Electoral Roll' membership of St. James' Church are also available.

Drinks and toilets are available at the back of church.

Hearing loop & large print books available.

No collection is taken during worship, but we welcome your offering in the plate at the back of church. Gift aid envelopes are available.

There is no Creche or Junior Church this morning.

Worship at St. James' today

09.00	**Holy Communion**
Leader & Preacher	Revd. Keith Brindle
11.00	**Family Carol Service**
Leader	Revd Keith Brindle
18.30	**Nine Lessons and Carols Service**

Please pray for:
Rt. Revd. Anthony Poggo; Bishop Elect Emmanuel Murye and the people of Kajo Keji; The work of Tearfund and the Bible Society which we support; **Churches Together in Devizes:** The Church of our Lady; Introductory Courses (eg Alpha, Pilgrim) and ongoing study, home groups etc.
Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request to share with those in the church family who would love to pray for you, please contact Kate Morris: kateemorris@hotmail.co.uk or 07834 812975 (7.45am-5.30pm) or 01380 840787. *If you would like to receive prayer emails from Kate, so that you can pray for others, please get in touch with her.*

THIS WEEK

All activities in church unless otherwise stated

Mon 19 Dec	15.00	Crib Service Rehearsal
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
Tue 20 Dec	08.15	Morning Prayer
	11.00	Funeral
Wed 21 Dec	08.15	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Holy Communion
	19.15	Worship Group Practice
Fri 23 Dec	11.00	Crib Service Rehearsal
Sat 24 Dec	16.30	Crib Service
	23.30	Midnight Service
Sun 25 Dec	10.00	All Age Worship with Communion
	11.30	Christmas Lunch *In Parish Centre*

Churches Together in Devizes invite you to come and sing **Christmas Carols** in **Albion Place** (off Sidmouth Street) from **6 - 7pm on Thursday 22 December**.

Christmas Lunch - Parish Centre
11.30 onwards on Christmas Day
Do you know someone who may not have family and friends to share Christmas with, or someone needing company due to their home situation? If so, please refer them to Katie Burholt on 01380 859049 or katie.burholt@btinternet.com.

Last Family and Friends event for 2016.
On **Saturday 31 December**, come along and join the St James' family as we see the old year out with a relaxed walk around the Avebury stones, ending at the Circles cafe. We'll be meeting at the end of the car park on the way to the stones at **11.30am**. It's not particularly strenuous, although a bit up and down, and you may meet a sheep or two - and it'll be fun! There is a large car park which, according to the website, costs £4 in winter but which is free to National Trust and English Heritage members.

The staff at the **Food Bank** are now thinking about special Christmas boxes for those they support. Mince pies, Christmas puddings, chocolate and other festive goodies would be very much appreciated. As always, please ensure that items have long 'use by' dates. Although the Food Bank generally has a good supply of most things following the harvest donations, they could do with more tins of potatoes, mashed potato, steamed puddings and custard.

Angela / office / Church opening over Christmas:
Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd - normal hours.
Friday 23th - Church open 9.00 - 1.00; Angela in 11.00 - 1.00
Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th - Church and office closed.
Wednesday 28th - Church open 8.15 - 12.30, but office closed.
Thursday 29th and Friday 30th - Church open 9.00 - 12.30, but office closed.
On these last three days, the emails and the answer-phone will be checked.

Keith is changing his days off with effect from 1 January -
Keith will now be off every Monday and the first Tuesday of each month.

ERLESTOKE PRISON
Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the Children's Play Corner during visiting time. They help make the prison visits more useful, and caring for the children helps them enormously while their mothers or relatives have time to talk to the prisoners. If you can help, please contact Penny Wood on 07734 300638 or at penny.woods@barnardos.org.uk

There will be a **CAP Money Course** starting on **Saturday14 January, 9.30 - 12.30 at Trinity School**. This is a free course to help anyone who needs help to manage their money better and learn to budget, save and spend well. Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details.

Mary Hayward 1923 - 2016
There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday **January 21st at 11.00** in St James' church for Mary who sadly passed away in Devon on October 28th. You are all welcome to join us for the service and afterwards for tea, coffee and home made cakes, with time to reminisce.
Alison and Angela (Mary's daughters)

19.30 Saturday 21 January at St. James'
Mexico 2 will be a variety show performed by the talented people of St. James', in aid of the Urban Saints' project. For more information or to perform on the night, please contact Nina on 01380 724533 or at nina@woolrych.co.uk.