

St James' Church, Idridgehay

Church News

Services at St James are usually held at 11.00am on the second and fourth Sunday in the month, with an additional service on occasions when there are five Sundays in the month. Refreshments are served afterwards and everyone is welcome.

Our Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 8 October with a shared lunch enjoyed by all. Donations were given to Mission Mozambique, a charity supporting orphaned children. Tinned and dried food products were given to a local food bank.

The Remembrance Service is Sunday 12 November starting at 10.50am in the Memorial Garden.

Christmas Eve Carol Service Saturday 24 December at 5.00pm with mulled wine from 4.40pm.

Please Note: No service 29 October or the 26 November but services at St Mary's Wirksworth 6.00pm. No service 25 December but service at Holy Trinity Kirk Ireton and St Mary's Wirksworth at 9.30am.

Thank you for all the support we receive from Idridgehay and surrounding villages. Thank you to our volunteers who help to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy. Thank you to those who help with the flower arranging and keeping the inside clean. Thank you to those who help with fundraising, charitable and social events.

Thank you to our **Friends of St James**. This Scheme and our fundraising events help with the upkeep of the church building, including a major fundraising drive towards roof replacement.

The church is also a hub for community use. The **Alton Room** is available for hire at £10 per hour. We have a kitchen, toilet and heating! Thanks to these facilities we are able to hold monthly **Coffee Mornings** (first Wednesday in the month 10.15 – 11.45 am) with a chance to meet and chat. October 5 saw our Quiz night with cheese, wine and beer.

The Alton Room has also been used recently for First Aid training and a Dementia awareness session. We would love to see more community activities like these held there.

Charity bag collection. Bag2School will be collecting 'good quality' items for re-use (see their website for list of items, clothes, shoes etc) on Monday 30 October. You can use your own black bags and please leave in church before the day.

And please come and visit our **Festive Winter Market** on Sunday 26 November 10.00 - 4.00pm. Lots of stalls, morning coffees, afternoon teas, mince pies, mulled wine and Idridgehay pork cobs and snacks served all day!!

Please let Jill Matthews know if you would like to help support the church in anyway. We are a small village church with a small congregation and need new and not so new people to help us sustain the church in our community for now and the future.

Social and fundraising updates

Our Clothes Swap Shop in June was good fun. Held at the Corn Store we raised £275.50 shared between Derby Women's Centre and St James Church Idridgehay.

The Summer Garden Fete was brilliant held again in the wonderful setting of Town Head Farm (see photo). Glorious weather, lots of visitors, traditional stalls, Belper Town Wind Band, vintage cars, the Dog Show, Pimms, afternoon tea and cake made for a very special afternoon raising an amazing amount of nearly £4,000. Thanks to all who contributed, donated and supported the day. We are extremely grateful to you all.

Date for diaries

This year's **Village Social** will be held on Friday 15 December 7.30pm onwards at the Corn Store. Buffet and bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available at the Village Store, cost £5.00 each, from the 10 November. Raffle in aid of leukaemia research.