

Preaching for the Autumn

The theme for our preaching over the Autumn Term including Advent is Invitation and Welcome.

In the mornings in September we will be reading John Chapter 4, the story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well and considering what we can learn of Invitation and Welcome from the example of Jesus. In the mornings from October onwards we will be reading through stories from Matthew's Gospel notably about the disciples, how Jesus invites and welcomes them, and how they are to invite and welcome others: disciples called to make others disciples.

In the evening still bearing in mind the theme of Invitation and Welcome, we will be reading through Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We will be thinking about remembering what God has done for us in Christ, where we have come from, what we once were, who and what we are and are becoming because of Jesus. Engaging with these thoughts and memories will help us to identify with those we are seeking to invite and welcome.

Matt 28: 19-20

Jesus says "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

**Worship and Teaching at
St Philip's Dorridge with
St James' Bentley Heath**

Sunday 8am at St Philip's
Holy Communion

10am at St Philip's and St James'
Our main Morning Worship
Our style of worship is welcoming and relaxed. There are groups with age appropriate activities and learning opportunities for children. On the first Sunday of the month we seek to worship all together

6.30pm at St Philip's
Evening Worship
A quieter and more formal act of worship
7.00pm at St James'
Celebration Praise
Band led worship
with preaching and prayer ministry

Wednesday 10am at St Philip's
Holy Communion

Home Groups

How can one get more integrated into the family of St. Philip's & St. James? New to the church or long standing member—why not join a home group that meets during the week?

Interested? Contact the Parish Office

**For further details on any of these please contact the Parish Office 9am to 12noon
01564 775652**



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in Jesus, Fruitful in Mission and Service

Invitation and Welcome

**A Series of Bible Readings,
Sermons and Studies
Autumn 2011**

Readings and Themes

Sunday 4th September *Joint Confirmation Service at St James'*

Morning: John 4:1-15
Evening: Ephesians 1:1-14

Sunday 11th September

Morning: John 4:16-26
Evening: Ephesians 1:15-23

Sunday 18th September

Morning: John 4:27-38
Evening: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sunday 25th September

Morning: John 4:39-42
Evening: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday 2nd October *Harvest*

Morning theme: Faith as small as a
mustard seed
Other services: Matthew 17: 20-21

Sunday 9th October *Parish Holiday Weekend*

Morning: Matthew 22: 1-14
Evening: Philippians 4: 1-9

Sunday 16th October

Morning: Matthew 4:18-22
Evening: Ephesians 3:1-13

Sunday 23rd October *Half Term*

Morning: Matthew 9:9-13+35-38
Evening: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sunday 30th October

Morning Matthew 10:1-8+16-20
Evening Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday 6th November

Morning theme Matthew 14:13-21
Evening Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Sunday 13th November *Remembrance*

Sunday

Morning theme: Greater love has no man
than to lay down their life for their friends
NB St Philip's Service at 10.45am
Other services: John 15: 13

Sunday 20th November

Morning: Matthew 16:13-20
Evening: Ephesians 5:3-20

Sunday 27th November *Advent and*

Commitment Sunday

Morning: Matthew 16:21-28
Evening: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Sunday 4th December

Morning theme: With God,
nothing is impossible

Luke 1: 37

Other services: Ephesians 6:5-9

Thursday 8th December

7.00pm Carol Service at St James'

Sunday 11th December

Morning: Matthew 19:16-30
Evening: Ephesians 6:10-24

Sunday 18th December *Carol Service at St Philip's*

Morning: Matthew 22:1-10 (11-14)
Evening: Carol Service St Philip's

Saturday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

3.00pm Crib Service St James'
3.00pm Christingle Service St Philip's
4.30pm Christingle Service St Philip's
11.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December *Christmas Day*

10.00am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 1st January 2012 *New Year's Day*

10.00am Carols, Cakes and Coffee