

**ST JAMES
CHURCH**

ANNUAL REVIEW

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**LOVE GOD LOVE NEIGHBOUR
GO OUT MAKE DISCIPLES**

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From the Vicar

Richard
Associate Priest

As I considered what to write for the introduction to this year's Annual Review, I found myself drawn to the opening of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul begins with a prayer that beautifully captures two central themes: gratitude and petition. He first gives thanks to God, and then he lifts a request before Him.

I believe this passage came to mind because Paul's words resonate so deeply with the life and ministry of St James. And so, I would like to borrow them as the opening to this review:

“ I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5) ”

One of the greatest joys of being part of St James is witnessing your passion and heart for the Good News of Jesus Christ and your desire to share it with people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life. Our vision — to love God, love neighbour, go out, make disciples — shapes everything we do. It is lived out in our services, in our children and youth ministries, in the wider community, and in our daily lives, whether at work, at home, or throughout Devizes and the surrounding villages.

This "Good News Heart" has been evident in so many ways over the past year. We saw it as we invited our community to explore faith through our Easter and Christmas services, with an incredible turnout of over 730 people during Christmas alone — whether at our popular Crib Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, or our Community Advent Service on the Little Green. It was also visible through our Alpha course where, in 2023, 12 guests explored life's big questions and the Christian faith and in 2024 a further 17 joined us. And what a joy it was to celebrate 12 baptisms at the St James Festival — outdoors, in a paddling pool, with buckets of water!

The heart of St James is to be a people shaped by Jesus — to follow His leading, to be transformed by His presence, and to grow more and more into who God has created us to be. That brings me to the second part of Paul's prayer: prayer for more.

“ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best. (Philippians 1:9) ”

This is the reality of being a disciple of Jesus — there is always more. Not more to achieve, but more of God's love to receive and pour out into the world. As we grow in our knowledge and insight of Him, He continues to direct, guide, challenge, teach, nurture, strengthen, and love us beyond what we can imagine.

2024-25 has been a full and rewarding year, in which we have also bid farewell to Rev Keith after 9 years of service as the incumbent of St James. In this review, we can only highlight a fraction of the life, mission, and ministry of St James. But as the vicar of St James, and in the words of Paul, I am continually reminded to rejoice and be thankful to God for the life of the St James church family. It is a privilege to walk this journey together in fellowship, and I, along with the church staff, the Church Wardens, and the PCC, am eager to see where God leads us next — and how He will continue to put our "Good News Hearts" to work.

God bless,

Richard Saint

Rev Richard Saint



The Last 12 Months



CHURCH FAMILY

264



Weekly Attendance

184



NEW TO CHURCH FAMILY

63



IN CONNECT GROUPS

112



ST JAMES FESTIVAL

146



VOLUNTEERS

130



REGULAR GIVERS

130



YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS

325



FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

>1K



12 BAPTISMS



4 WEDDINGS



37 FUNERALS

37

9am Sunday Communion Service



Baptisms at St James Festival



Social Service - some relaxing reading



11am Sunday Service



Sunday Service at the St James Festival

The Last 12 Months



Church Life

St James Festival

St James has continued to be an active, missional, and growing church not only numerically but in the depth of our discipleship and in our involvement with our community. As such, it is impossible to summarise “church life” on two pages, or even across all the pages of this review.

Our vision as a church family is on the front cover, “Love God, Love Neighbour, Go out, Make Disciples”, but if I were to attempt to describe the focus of our “church life” I might use the following categories:

- Deepening our discipleship
- Investing in children, young people, and their families
- Engaging with the community
- Sharing the Good News of God at every opportunity

TEACHING SERIES

The Olive Tree | Apr-Jul '24 |

Part 2 of our series looking at the book of Romans using Paul's image of Christians being grafted into the Olive Tree to explore what it means to be a Christian.

Transformed by Jesus' Words | Sep-Nov '24 |

A look at the words spoken by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount and how they can be powerfully transformative & radically life changing.

Come and See Jesus... | Jan-Apr '25 |

An examination of who Jesus is through the eyes and words of those who met him. Allowing us to come and see Jesus for ourselves and discover why “who Jesus is” really matters.

Words of Faith | Apr-July '25 |

As Christians, we use words (justice, worship, fellowship, grace...) often without considering the richness of their meaning. Here we look at the words we use to remind us of why their meaning is important for our lives and the world.

Missed one? All our teaching series can be found on our “StJamesDevizes” Youtube Channel.

Just one part of church life is our Connect Groups; small gatherings of church family who meet regularly, typically in someone's home, to pray, to read the Bible, to explore faith, and to live life together. They are vital for growing in our discipleship and faith, and provide the opportunity to support, encourage, and challenge each other. If you are interested in joining one of our Connect Groups email, connect@stjamesdevizes.org.

Investing in our children, young people, and their families has been a long-term priority and, in 2024, we appointed Pip Sanday as our Families Discipleship Lead to coordinate this provision (pp 6-7). Pip works alongside our wonderful teams of volunteers to deliver our many mid-week and Sunday children and youth groups. We have also appointed Jaydon Irvine as our Youth Intern. All these groups, whatever their age, combine games, refreshments, teaching, and discussion to help our young people explore faith, life, and meaning. We love to see our young people encounter God and are excited to see this ministry grow and develop.



I am so grateful I found St James and so appreciate the friendship, love, and support I receive from everyone.
Connect Group Member

St James has a desire to serve the community it is part of and, through word and action, share the Good News of God with all. One example of how we do this is the Devizes Swap Shop which is a collaboration between

Church Life

Devizes Swap Shop

St James Church, Sustainable Devizes, Chippenham Clothing Exchange (CCE), Devizes Spurgeons and Fairtrade Devizes.

It is hosted 2-3 times a year by St James on a Saturday morning, and is an opportunity for families to redistribute good quality toys, books, DVDs, games, puzzles, and crafts. Plus, you don't have to donate to benefit from what is available. There are 3 goals:

- Prevent stuff going to landfill.
- Reuse good quality items.
- Everything is free.

Thanks to Devizes Spurgeons and CCE, school uniforms and PE clothing is available for free.



It's brilliant to see so much being saved from landfill and continuing to be loved. My favourite event!

Swap Shop User

Since 2022, we've hosted 7 Swap Shops, and redistributed 2750 books, 2941 toys, and 613 school uniforms, thereby preventing over 2 tonnes of material going to landfill.

In the current climate when many people's finances are stretched to breaking (p 11) this event gives people a chance to pick up gifts for their loved ones without putting themselves in financial difficulty.

One way we share the Good News is at the festive times of year, giving our community opportunities to engage with the Easter and Christmas stories. At Easter, we host "The Field" initiative on The Green. The objective is to allow people to mark and remember someone or something they have lost or something they are struggling with, by placing a small wooden cross into the ground. On Easter Sunday, each cross is transformed by a small posie of flowers symbolising God's power, through Christ's death and resurrection, to bring transformation, restoration, and healing to our situations and lives.



Advent[ure]
Town Band & Primary Schools

At Christmas, for the last 3 years, we have hosted "Devizes Advent[ure]", with the latest in the churchyard of St James. Every evening in advent, a charity, local organisation, or community group host a festive evening for one hour based on a theme related to the Christmas story involving music, craft, food, storytelling, or something totally different. The objective is to provide a festive gathering for the community to come together and celebrate the spirit of Christmas whilst also enabling an informal introduction to the Christian message of Christmas. In 2024, through our various Christmas services, we shared the message of Emmanuel, God with us, with over 730 people.



Advent[ure]
Exploring Prayer



The Field

Children, Youth & Families

Friday Toddlers

We have a full, varied, and lively children and young people (CYP) ministry here at St James. What makes this possible is our large and wonderful team of dedicated, creative, and generous volunteers who have a desire to help young people explore faith and life, and to find out about a relationship with God for themselves, whatever their age.



Each of our groups, whether on a Sunday or a weekday, seeks to provide a safe and fun environment for those attending to pray, worship, explore the Bible, play games, chat, and discuss life. Here is a brief overview of what's been going on in just a few of our groups:



Friday Impact

We have a fabulous team of volunteers who are great at building relationships to support the children that come. Each session includes a tuck shop (always popular) and a mixture of craft, 4-square (a competitive ball game), Lego, organised games and challenges, and a Bible based talk or activity, which is a great opportunity to share our faith and help the children explore life and faith for themselves.

Sunday Impact

One Group Leader says, "I never fully know what's going to happen despite the fact I plan the sessions! The wonderful kids will always bring bags of energy and sometimes want to burn it off in games and worship, but also sometimes want to be creative, or go deep into a Bible passage. It's a privilege to be alongside them as they learn about God and every Sunday I learn plenty myself too!"

“The young people have built up their confidence and now share their concerns and dreams, and pray together at the end of each evening.” *CYP Volunteer*

Sunday 10:10

A typical session starts with a game of Uno, then drinks, biscuits / sweets, and a discussion-starter challenge to introduce the theme. The teaching is based on the previous week's Sermon and Sermon Questions, using YouTube, Urban Saints Energize material and Bible Project videos where relevant. We discuss and reflect on the themes and pray together.



“It's a blessing to be involved”
CYP Volunteer

Children, Youth & Families

Friday Impact

Wednesday 10:10

In 2024, we looked at the topic of emotions and how to deal with them. As part of this topic, the young people put on a great Advent[ure] night enabling the wider community to explore their own emotions. In 2025, we have been looking at "Encounters with Jesus" and it has been great listening to the youth and exploring related stories from the Bible. It is a joy to see the youth grow in their understanding of the Bible and hearing how they are coping as they tackle school and the other aspects of growing up.

 **We are never too young or too old to encounter Jesus. Every person has value in the Kingdom of God.** *CYP Volunteer*



Wednesday 10:10

ACTIVITIES

Sunday Creche | *weekly, term time* | Pre-school

Friday Toddlers | *weekly, term time* | Pre-school

Sunday 10:10 | *weekly, term time* | Secondary

Wednesday 10:10 | *weekly, term time* | Secondary

Holiday Club | *annually, Aug* | Primary

Crib Service (nativity) | *annually, Dec* | All-age

 **It's the highlight of our week!**
Friday Toddler Parent

Friday Toddlers

This group sees the church transformed into a multi-zone toddler playground. In the lobby there are craft, drinks, and healthy snacks, whilst in the main church there are toys, games, costumes, and role play equipment, and of course there is always time for an interactive story or song. It is a wonderful environment for children and their parents or carers and a great opportunity for conversation and the growing of friendships.

It is a joy to watch the children's smiling faces as they come through the doors, greeted by a high five from the welcoming volunteer. Over the weeks, as we build relationships, we get to know what's going on in these families and have been able to encourage them to come to other church events such as Devizes Advent[ure], the Crib service, the Alpha Course, the Easter community service, and the swap shops.



Friday Toddlers

Draw Near Prayer

Pip, Kirsty

Draw Near Leaders

Prayer is the power that drives the life, mission, and ministry of St James. We come together to pray as followers of Jesus, to journey together, to share our lives, desires, needs, anxieties, fears, and hopes with God and to expectantly listen to hear his voice and receive from him.

We recognise that everyone has a unique personality, character, and preference in how they communicate and listen, and this affects how each of us comes to God in prayer. We therefore offer a wide range of opportunities to gather together in prayer - we really hope there is something for everyone. If you haven't done so already, consider coming along and expectantly explore what God might be saying to you.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thess 5:16-18



A chance to set aside the hectic busyness of life and come closer to God. I have experienced a deep sense of His closeness to me during these sessions and they're definitely helping to increase my faith. *"Pause" Attendee*

Engine Room (aka: morning prayer)

An informal opportunity, three times a week (8:30am - Mon, Wed, Fri), to gather together online (Zoom) with others from the church family. To allow the Bible to speak into your day and situations, as well as to pray for one another, the local community, and beyond.



It really is a spiritual breakfast. *"Engine Room" Attendee*

drawnear. ACTIVITIES



Check out

www.stjamesdevizes.org/prayer
for more details, dates, and times.

Draw Near Prayer

Creative Prayer

Prayer isn't just about words. It can be colours, shapes, textures, text, images, movement - prayer can involve all the senses God has given us. Creative prayer is an opportunity to use creativity, in its many forms, to be open to God. No artistic skill is required. The creative "doing" is secondary to the primary objective of being interested, expectant, attentive, and responsive to God.



Letting Go

Celtic Christianity flourished in Britain from the 5th to the 10th centuries. The prayers that we use in this service were composed by some of those first Celtic Saints. This quiet and relaxed service is an opportunity to look inwards and ask Jesus Christ to help us let go of the hurts, wounds, and scars that we all carry, sometimes for years. To be free so we can serve God and each other better.

"For freedom Christ has set us free" Gal 5:1



Thought I would give it a go last year but didn't have high hopes it would work. (Being bitter for 30 years does that) Strangely it did work! Only wish I tried it sooner. "Letting Go" Attendee



A lovely, peaceful opportunity to stop, take stock of other people's situations, and pray.

"Lift Them Up" Attendee

Lift Them Up

A time to give thanks for all we receive from God and to pray for healing for others and ourselves.

Includes relaxed sung worship and an informal communion.



Soaking

An evening in church with music and space to ask God for a greater awareness of his presence. You can bring a cushion, a blanket, anything to make yourself comfortable.



A precious time to rest in God's arms and simply 'be'. No agenda, no distractions – just Him and me. "Soaking" Attendee

Pause

In our busy lives, finding time for resting, for listening, and for being with God is challenging. On Thursdays, once a month, you are warmly invited to share in such a moment. It opens with a short inspiration and guided prayer, which leads into a time of silence, to do with whatever you need. After the "pause" we come together to share with each other what we have experienced or heard, if we want to.

It is held in a home so there are different rooms to sit in, use of the garden, space to move around, and a table of drawing and painting materials available for use.



Primary & Secondary Schools

Richard
Associate Priest

We have continued to work closely with our two church schools, The Trinity and Southbroom St James Academy. We have hosted Easter and Christmas services as well as a Leavers' service and Harvest Festivals. These services are sometimes hosted at St James and sometimes in the school buildings demonstrating that God is not restricted to a specific building but is present with us everywhere and is interested in every aspect of our lives whether at home, school, church, or anywhere else.

One of my favourite times with the primary students is when the older year groups join us for our Wednesday Communion service. The students mingle with our usual congregation and we travel slowly through the communion service taking the time to stop, think, and explain the wonderful yet strange words and actions. This brings a renewed depth to the service and often our regular congregation get just as much from this service as the students.

It is a joy to be able to celebrate with the year 6 students who, having completed their time at primary school, are moving on to new things. My joy this year was the question the students had been asked to write a reflection about. The topic was,

“People often ask what do you want to do when you grow up but they don't ask who would you like to be.”

A wonderful encouragement to think about how to develop our character rather than only focus on a specific job or career. Something for all of us to be thinking about don't you think?

A new initiative in 2024 was to invite the year 11 GCSE Religious Studies students from Devizes school into St James to have conversations with members of the church family about how their faith impacts their lives. These conversations included topics such as Faith in Business, Faith in Social Action, Faith in suffering, and Faith and Science. It was a great afternoon, and it was amazing to have around 90 students engaged in these conversations. We hope to continue and develop this event in 2025.

Thank you so much for hosting us. It was a fantastic trip. The kids have come back buzzing, really enthusiastic and we'll be using their stories in lessons as inspiration, and to really give students something to relate to.
Teacher of Philosophy and Ethics

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Foundation Governor | Trinity, SSJA

Harvest Services | Trinity, SSJA

Devizes Advent[ure] | Trinity, SSJA

The Field & Easter Services | Trinity, SSJA

Remembrance Service | Devizes School

Christmas Services | Trinity, SSJA



Faith Conversation
Devizes School, GCSE Religious Studies Group



CAP Debt Centre

*Kate
CAP Centre Manager*

It's been a challenging year for our CAP Debt Centre, where we provide free debt advice and ongoing support for anyone looking to get on top of unmanageable debt.

In previous years, despite tight budgets and difficult circumstances, we have generally managed to navigate the complexities of people's situations, and a considerable number of those we walked alongside are debt free. However, the number of people living with "unsustainable" budgets, when income isn't enough to cover essential bills, even when employed, has continued to increase (11.6m in the UK - Joseph Rowntree Foundation). While options for going debt-free are available, without being able to increase their income, they would simply return into debt. As a result, the emphasis of the support we provide has needed to change; trying to help people improve their financial situation, while showing God's love by creatively caring for and assisting them in their long-term poverty. Accordingly, we have become more deeply invested in individual lives than in previous years.

Among many others, we've worked with those who are struggling with redundancy or unemployment, despite being desperate to work, single parents with complex lives, those with long-term sickness, addiction, or severe anxiety, and those facing housing troubles, eviction, or domestic violence. Enforcement agents have continued to threaten, bully and intimidate, but through it all God has continued to guide our path even where there seems to be no way.

We continue to offer the support of fresh food, fuel payments, mobile phone top-up vouchers, travel fares, furniture, children's clothes and toys, and the Christmas gifts, hampers and Easter eggs. The updated and rebranded Money Coaching course has been well-received by all participants.



It's changed my life. I've gone from putting my head in the sand and living unrealistically to getting excited about monitoring my spending and habits, and I'm no longer afraid to ask for help.

Money Coaching Attendee

There are always highlights alongside the challenges, and in the last couple of months it was brilliant to see two clients going debt free after repaying debts for several years. One was my very first client, a single mum who has stuck with it for almost 7 years. She battled through redundancy, unemployment, and unexpected costs, but she persevered. What an amazing achievement! She's now working again and is saving to take her kids away on holiday – a real transformation!



I really appreciated the Christmas gifts and hampers, the Easter eggs and the love that I was shown. It all kept me going. I couldn't have done it without you.

CAP Client

Thank you to those who have supported the debt centre either financially, by donating food or gifts, or through prayer. You are changing lives, one by one.

CAP ACTIVITIES

38 Households supported

22 New client bookings

2 Money Coaching Courses

16 Christmas hampers

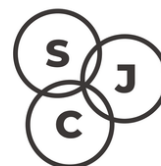
51 Christmas gifts

76 Easter eggs

57 Food boxes

10 Fuel payments

St James Centre



SJC USAGE

Church-focussed

Church Office & Administration
CAP Debt Centre
Mid-week Youth Groups
Sunday Children's Groups
Sunday Youth Groups
Deanery Meetings
Salisbury Diocese Courses
Draw Near Prayer
Spa Group Socials
Connect Group
Newcomers Welcome Lunches
Church Meetings (PCC, Advent[ure], etc)
Alpha
Discipleship Explored Course

Community-focussed

Devizes & District Foodbank
Citizens Advice
Devizes OpenDoors
DOCA
Fun Art
Historical Society
SANDS
Wiltshire Council Youth Service
Child Contact Meetings
Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living
Health Visitor Appointments
"Back to work" courses
Wiltshire Youth for Christ
Family Conferences
AgeUK
Devizes Lions Club Event
Coffee, Craft & Chat
Community Games Night
St James Book Group

The vision and our prayer for SJC was for it to become a place that enables the flourishing of the people of Devizes and it is wonderful to see it fulfilling this vision. The use of SJC continues to increase, with Wednesdays and Thursdays in particular being very busy, and the generated income being above expectations. Among the many groups that use the facility, we now have 2 health visitor clinics here each week, meaning that the building is used by new-borns through to those in their 80s, and beyond.



Training Session

A purpose of SJC was to bring together into one venue agencies who, in different ways, support people who are struggling. We see this happening weekly with the collaboration between Devizes & District Food Bank, Citizens Advice, CAP Debt Centre and the St James team who can work alongside each other providing food, advice, financial assistance, prayer, and pastoral support to members of our community.



Community Games Night

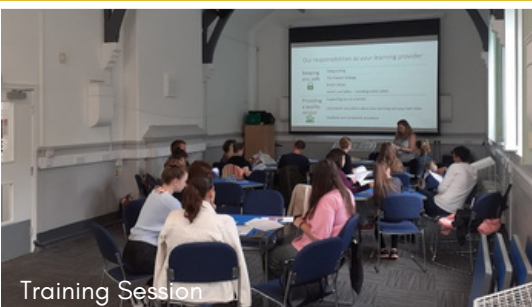
Our fortnightly Community Games Nights and Coffee, Craft & Chat drop-in sessions continue to be popular, with the latter having to move to the hall due to the increased numbers. A monthly St James Book Group has recently started meeting here and the building is also being used by St James Alpha.



Coffee, Craft, and Chat

Over the last year, we have continued to improve the building including the installation of air conditioning units in the hall and top-floor meeting room. This not only improves the comfort of the rooms but is a more climate-friendly alternative to the older gas heaters. A new relaxed seating area in the hall further improves the flexibility of the space.

It remains a privilege to host such a range of guests in SJC on behalf of St James Church and we look forward to greeting many more in the years to come.



Training Session



Training Session

Mission Partners

Our Mission Partners are local, national, and international charities we work closely with. Every partner has a champion at St James. Each year we give 10% of all we receive from pledged donations to our partners. We review who we partner with every 3-5 years; always seeking to join others sharing the Gospel and bringing about the flourishing of humanity and all of creation. The brief summaries below provide a flavour of the work of each partner. Please use these as a guide to pray for their work.



“Devizes Open Doors” as they seek to help people find solutions to homelessness.
(devizesopendoors.org.uk)



“Wiltshire Youth for Christ” as they seek to engage, inspire, and equip the young people of our community desiring to see the lives of young people changed by Jesus.
(wiltshire.yfc.co.uk)



“Bible Society” on their global mission to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman, and child.
(biblesociety.org.uk)



“Nightingales” in Romania as they seek to realise the amazing potential of every person and to reduce people’s vulnerability to human trafficking.
(nightingaleschildrensproject.co.uk)



“Projects Delivering Hope” and their mission to deliver tailor-made aid to the South Sudanese.
(projectsdeliveringhope.org.uk)

Mission Partners



"CRESS" as they educate and train South Sudanese people with the knowledge and skills to empower them to establish self-sustaining communities.
(cressuk.org)



"Stand by Me" as they seek to rescue children, then do whatever it takes to provide the care, love, and attention they need to thrive.
(standby.me)



"Devizes & District Foodbank" and all whom they support. Particularly as they support people affected by the increase in living costs.
(devizesdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)



"Sat-7" as they seek to provide the churches and Christians of the Middle East and North Africa an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ through inspirational, informative, and educational television services.
(sat7.org)



"Christians Against Poverty" and their mission to restore hope for those struggling with debt.
(capuk.org)

Friends & Partners

It is our privilege to work alongside so many local and national friends and partners. Here is just a selection of who we have had the joy to work with.



Farewell from Keith

Keith

On 27th April 2025, we said farewell to Rev Keith who had served as the Incumbent (lead priest) at St James for over 9 years. The church family are so grateful to Keith for his leadership, vision, and heart for the community, and give glory to God for all that He did through Keith. Below are some words of farewell.

Nine years ago, you lot at St James took a punt on me and you welcomed me, and my family, as you welcome every person you encounter, with overwhelming hospitality and generosity. You have lived with my idiosyncrasies, my dyslexia, my ADHD, and my vulnerabilities, and you have accepted me and loved me with a Christ-like love. You have shown me what God's love looks like. For that I am deeply, deeply thankful.

St James has been a place – a family - where I've seen what a church can be when it is open; real; not pretending; and continuously seeking to do the hard work of loving like Jesus loves. You don't have to fake it, or wear a mask, to be welcomed into this family and I hope you know what an incredible gift that is. Please don't lose that gift.

If I was to hold up a mirror to you St James and show you what I see, what I have experienced over the last 9 years, and what I feel God sees in you, I need go no further than the words of Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7).

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Thank you St James. I love you. And I'll miss you.
Rev Keith

Finance & Giving

The best way to give,
especially by PGS.
(see below)

Regular Giving, 50%

Fees, 2%

Other Misc, 3%

Investments, 8%

Makes such a huge difference.
If you can, please do it.

Gift Aid, 11%

It is so exciting to see such an
increase in lettings for SJC
over the last 2 years (page 12)

Lettings, 11%

Other Donations, 15%

Actual cash surplus ~£250

Income
£259,367

Paid to Diocese to cover
clergy stipend, housing,
curacy training, services, and
to support struggling churches

Parish Share, 43%

Other, 5%

See pages 13-14

Mission Partners
and Local Mission, 7%

Children & Young People
(pages 6-7 & 10), 7%

Church Costs, 8%

Office costs, printer
replacement, and
salary of P/T administrator

Office & Admin, 11%

Includes installation of air
conditioning in Main Hall
and Upper Meeting Room

St James Centre, 19%

Expenditure
£259,117

Over 90% of our income comes from the church family. That is all of us giving so that we and others can experience and be transformed by the love of Jesus. It is an amazing and wonderful thing to be a part of. Giving to God's Kingdom and for the glory of Jesus, whether in prayer, time, creativity or finances, is something St James, us lot, have always done intentionally, joyfully, and generously.



Giving regularly means that we are better able to plan for the future, and deliver on the Vision we are called to as a church family.

The best, most secure, and easiest, way to give is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Scan the QR code or use the link to find out more / register:
tinyurl.com/stjamespgs

LOVE GOD
LOVE NEIGHBOUR
GO OUT
MAKE DISCIPLES



Interested in more?

If you are interested in exploring faith further or becoming part of the St James church family, please do get in touch with Rev Richard (revrichard@stjamesdevizes.org; 07485 327 141). I would love to meet up with you, have a coffee, and talk further.



Alpha is a series that explores the big questions of life and faith, and gives you space to share your thoughts and opinions with others. Alpha is relaxed, low-pressure, where no question is off the table, and everyone is welcome no matter your background or beliefs. To find out more head to www.stjamesdevizes.org/alpha or to register your interest in attending scan the QR code.



Want to give?

The life, mission and ministry of St James requires investment; of our time and our money. All we do, whether in the church or out in the community, is almost entirely funded by the generous giving of the church family. Scripture tells us that we are to give prayerfully, joyfully, and generously. Please do consider whether you are able to start giving financially to St James or whether, if you give already, you might be able to increase your giving. The best, most secure, and easiest, way to give is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).



Scan the QR code or use the link to find out more and register:
tinyurl.com/stjamespgs

ST JAMES --- CHURCH



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