

Getting to know us

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If you would like to know more about St James' Church and its activities, enquiries are welcomed by the Church Wardens and the Lay Minister.

To receive notifications of parish activities and news, please send your e-mails to alancoxster@gmail.com

Caring for one another

At some periods in our lives we will be able to give care and at other times we will need it. At St James' we believe care for one another is a responsibility and duty of the church and its members as Christians and as good neighbours.

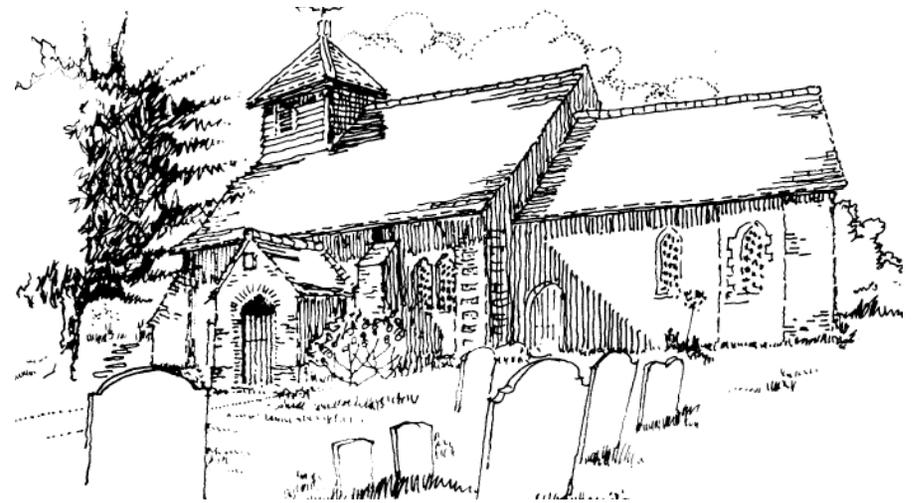
In times of illness, bereavement and other difficulties, any resident of Ashmansworth will be welcome to contact the ministers listed above and/or Alan Rowe (01635 253040) to request prayers and support from the church community.

North West Hampshire Benefice

Ashmansworth, Ashmansworth is part of the North West Hampshire Benefice, which also covers the parishes of Crux Easton, East Woodhay, Highclere and Woolton Hill. Parishioners are welcome at all churches in the Benefice.



Welcome to our village church



Welcome to St James' Ashmansworth

Our ancient and much-loved church is a focus for our village community (even if it is not at the geographical centre of our village). St James' Church provides a bond which draws the people of the parish together in a tradition of Christian fellowship.

Everyone is very welcome to join us at any service or event.

The tiny and beautiful church of St James' has been a place of worship for at least 850 years - and probably longer than that. The church has an important place within our village for:

- + Sunday Worship,
- + The many residents who help in caring for the church and churchyard,
- + Gathering at Festivals,
- + Concerts and other Celebrations.



St James' Flower Festival



'Lord, teach us to pray.'

Prayer is at the heart of Faith, whether we are praising God, meditating in silence, or asking God to bless the people in our lives and help in times of trouble. Its age and beauty makes St James' Church a special place for prayer both during services and when the church is open each day.

Church Building

mes' is included in Simon Jenkins' well-known book 'England's Thousand Churches', in which he describes its 'equil antiquity' and the now famous memorial to English Music and Whistler in the porch.



Historical Heritage

mes' is strongly linked with the English composer Gerald Finzi who for many years lived next to the church and whose home welcomed other musicians and composers. His memory is preserved by the Finzi Friends who give regular concerts in St James' Church.



The Church is also noted for its medieval wall paintings in both the Nave and Chancel.

These include an Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Services

Our Regular Services each month are usually:

- + **Holy Communion**, a morning service on the fourth Sunday of the month.
- + **Evensong** at 6pm on the second Sunday of the month, with music and hymns, using the traditional Book of Common Prayer Service.
- + **Evening Prayer** on the First Thursday of each month – a quiet service of prayer and contemplation, at 8.30pm (7.30pm in winter months)

In addition, we welcome people from surrounding parishes to Benefice Communion Services several times a year and we are proud to fill our Church with families and children for Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Mothering Sunday celebrations.

Monthly details of Service are published in the Parish Magazine, the Ashmansworth Calendar, on Facebook @cruxashy and on the village website www.ashmansworth-pc.gov.uk/



Messy Church

St James' also runs Messy Church sessions for children and their families, usually in the village hall but also when visiting our Church on special occasions, having fun in learning about God and the Bible through creative activities and with celebration.

All are welcome to join in and help at Messy Church sessions which finish with a meal enjoyed together.

For more information, please contact Ann Rowe (01635 253040)



St James' Church is open daily and visitors are welcome for prayer and to enjoy the special peace of a building which reveals its centuries of praise and love.