



# St James' Church, Rudry

## Walking with Jesus

Web site: [rudry.church](http://rudry.church)

### CHRISTMAS WITH ST JAMES

This year will be a particularly full and joyous celebration of Christmas. You are warmly invited to be involved with, or simply come and enjoy, any or all of the events.

#### **COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING & FUND RAISING IN THE LOCAL PUBS, 17 & 18 December:**

Now in its third year and extended to two nights by popular demand, this year will be raising funds for CRISIS, the national homeless charity, and a local homeless charity in the Caerphilly area. Once again, our kind hosts, Mike and Tony in the Maenllwyd, Jo and Richard in the Rudry Inn and Adrian in the Hollybush, have invited everyone to be part of the community carol singing in their pubs. The schedule this year will be:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: **Maenllwyd Inn**. Two carolling sessions: 7-7:45pm and 8:30-9:15pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: **The Rudry Inn (The Monte)**, 7-7:45pm; **The Hollybush**, 8:30-9:15pm

**MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS, Wednesday 11 December, 8-10pm, at St James:** Fancy performing a piece, reading a poem or a story, or singing a song, all with a festive theme? Then email [office@rudry.church](mailto:office@rudry.church) and you're in! If you just wish to come along and enjoy the words and music, that's fine too. Many Moods is a wonderful evening of poetry, music and readings, all followed by home-made minced pies with mulled wine. Another great way to get into the Christmas mood: come along to Many Moods of Christmas!

**CHOIR & QUIZ EVENING, Friday 13 December, 7pm, at Rudry Hall:** Featuring the **Sing and Inspire Superchoir**, performing Christmas songs and others. As well as the choir and the quiz, a buffet will be provided within the £5 ticket price, and the bar will be open. What a great-value evening! Contact Clive Hughes at [clivehugh05@aol.com](mailto:clivehugh05@aol.com) for tickets.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, Sunday 22 December, 9:30am, at St James:** The children will be fully involved, helping to make their own Christingles.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, Christmas Eve, 7pm, at St James:** One of the most special nights of the year at St James. With a format based around Nine Lessons & Carols and the community singing its heart out to our ancient and rich melodies, the candle-lit atmosphere is always memorable.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, 9:30am, at St James:** A chance to dwell on the reason for the season, and all our blessings. Children bring along a gift they've had for Christmas to show everyone. The morning service is a nice refresh after the early start caused by Mr Clause, and sets one up very well for the celebrations ahead on this most special of days.

**NICE RELAX AT THIS YEAR'S HARVEST LUNCH:** The most-heard comment from the Harvest Lunch held in Rudry Parish Hall on 6 October was that it was lovely to just spend time relaxing over a meal and a drink whilst talking with those whom one normally gets too little time to chat. The food was also a real treat. Lots of home-made dishes featured among what each brought to share with others. A special nod to John and Sue Bell's grandchildren, who created some super deserts. It seemed like they had as much fun making them as we all had eating them! The bar too was well worked, with James Holt, Gareth Llewellyn and Jason Rees sharing the shifts. Our thanks to the Hall's volunteers for all their help and cooperation beforehand, to Peter and Ioan Angove who did the heavy lifting laying everything out, and everyone who helped with clearing up afterwards. It all made for a great take-it-easy time that many sensed was likely to be very conducive to a good Sunday afternoon nap afterwards 😊.

**LIGHT FANTASTIC PARTY!!! 31 October, 4:30-6.30pm, at St James:** A party with sparkle for primary school children and toddlers. If you fancy an alternative to Trick 'n Treating, bring the kids along to enjoy party games, craft activities and great stories - all for free. *Come dressed with glitz and sparkle!*

## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

**BAND OF BROTHERS, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-12 noon:** The monthly men-only event where the guys walk, talk and eat together whilst sharing their takes on life and faith's place in it. To come along, go to [rudry.church/diary](http://rudry.church/diary), click "Band of Brothers" and sign up.

**SPECIAL ALL SOULS SERVICE, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5pm, at St Michael's Lower Machen:** The occasion is a chance to remember loved ones who have died, and to give thanks for all they did for us. There will be an opportunity for names to be read out. You may also wish to light a candle in their memory. All are welcome. Simply go to [rudry.church/diary](http://rudry.church/diary), clicking "All Souls Service..." to sign up so we can serve you as best as possible.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, at St James Rudry:** Another important opportunity to remember those to whom we will forever owe so much.

**KIDZ SUPPER, Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm:** This is where 7 to 12-year-olds get to enjoy some "grown-up" time with their peers over a meal, with some games and discussion. For details, contact Megan Roberts on 02921 880 212 option 1, [megs.r.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:megs.r.roberts@gmail.com)

**YOUTH TRIP, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00pm - 11:59pm:** To Soul Survivor Church, Watford, WD23 7GP. A Saturday Celebration of worship. Meet at St James for 2pm. We'll have dinner together in Watford before we head over to Soul Survivor Church for the event. It will be a late one, but very much worth it!