



St James' Church, Rudry

Walking with Jesus

Web site: rudry.church

WHO'D A BELIEVED IT! 9:30am Christmas morning, and St James is almost full! Pictured is the smiley gang celebrating The Light entering the world when Jesus was born.



The happy service with one of its best-ever attendances reflected the success of all the events and services run by St James through December. Here's a sample...

Many Moods of Christmas: Hosted at St James, this free evening of music, poetry and prose, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, was very well supported. All who attended were treated to a great mix of readings - from funny to thought-provoking – and super music by the Christmas Choir, together with gutsy singing by all who came.

Choir & Quiz Evening: Held at Rudry Parish Hall, it was a sell-out. The **Sing and Inspire Superchoir** did just that, whilst Clive Hughes was an excellent Question Master. A grand sum was raised for the building work at St James to provide toilets etc.

Community Pub Carolling: £380 was raised for the homeless when Rudry Inn, Maenllwyd Inn and Hollybush pubs hosted two nights of carol singing. More people than ever before came to the Rudry Inn's session: even "Better than a darts night!", Jo confirmed. It went so well at the Maenllwyd that they already want to book it again for next Christmas. A HUGE THANKS to all who came, sang and contributed to the £380 raised. Thanks too to the pubs for their kind donations towards the St James building work. *Much* appreciated!

Carols by Candlelight on Christmas eve at St James was packed! The singing by all raised the hairs on the back of your neck at times - with cornet, keyboard and guitar blending beautifully as the sound bounced and swirled around those 800-year old stone walls.

Another notable child was born in December: Elis Daniel Roberts. Congrats to our vicar Dean and his wife Megan on the safe arrival of this healthy sibling for Harry!

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st, 9am-12 noon: Band of Brothers. This is St James' Church men's fellowship group that meets on the first Saturday of every month. The aim of the group is to explore the challenges of being both male and a Christian in the modern world. Meetings normally consist of fellowship, food, study, discussion and walking. All men of the community are welcome and more information is available at rudry.church/diary.

Saturday 1st, 6:30pm, Youth Supper. Are you 13-18 years of age? If so, come along to our special evening where you can come and socialise with others your age, enjoy a special meal prepared for you and get to hear about an aspect of faith from a special guest. The evening is very informal and new people are always welcome. For more details, please email contact@rudry.church.

Tuesday 18th, 7-8:30pm, Induction Service, St. Michael's Church, Michaelston-y-Fedw. This is the official induction of Rev. Dean to his position as Rector of Bedwas, Machen, & Michelston-y-Fedw, and Vicar of Rudry by the Bishop of Monmouth, The Right Reverend Cherry Vann, at. This is a ticketed event. Enquiries to contact@rudry.church.

Tuesday 25th, 6:30-9:00pm, Shrove Tuesday Supper, Michaelston-y-Fedw Village Hall. If you enjoy good food, company and especially pancakes, this event is for you!

Wednesday 26th, 7-8pm, Ash Wednesday Service, St James. To mark the start of Lent, we hold a special service to remember our humanness and to seek Jesus together.

Thursday 27th, 7-9pm, Lent Course, location TBC. As we journey through Lent towards Easter, why not join us for a course aimed at growing our faith and our relationships with each other? Enquires to contact@rudry.church.

Saturday 29th, 10am-12 noon, Youth Brunch. This is the same event as the Youth Supper on 1 Feb, except that it's in the morning rather than the evening. As with Youth Supper, for more details, please email contact@rudry.church.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR (belatedly) TO YOU ALL FROM EVERYONE AT ST JAMES!