

Dear Friends,

John the Baptist was all about Jesus. The Sunday readings for the last 2 weeks have highlighted his ministry, and despite his massive popularity and 'fame' in Israel at the time, he only cared that people would follow Jesus. Christmas is often our best chance to point people to Jesus, so please take that chance - invite people to watch or share in Christmas services, put a Christian message in your Christmas cards etc.. For a few more tips on how to be a Christmas star, and point people to Jesus, have a look here: <https://youtu.be/dGXkVelqkDM>

_ *What's happening:* _

*The Christmas Trail *is now up and running, full guides are available here http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/?page_id=2849. The St Peters trail starts at 19 Brimsmore and ends at St Peters Church, the St James trail starts at the church and ends at 2 Cropways Court on Brimsmore estate.

There are some fantastic and very creative installations, do please have a go!

New on our Youtube Channel:

- * Advent Reflection 3, on Zechariah <https://youtu.be/FNMkP5yjKJc>
- * Sundays Piano Recital, many thanks to Caroline Wallis-Newport for such a beautiful event https://youtu.be/dD2KGw9_YPE

*Fancy a Sing? *There are lots of opportunities:

- * BBC Radio Somerset (FM: 95.5 MHz, DAB: 10B) are broadcasting backing music for 'Carols on the Doorstep' this Weds at 6pm, for people to have carol singing gatherings in their streets. More information at <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/> and the carol sheet can be downloaded from https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/Documents/Words-Nov-20_compressed.pdf
- * There will be more carol singing outside Westfield Co-op, Saturday at 7pm
- * Carols by Torchlight, St James Churchyard Mon 21st at 4.30pm

Online Carol Services

- * Our own *9 Lessons and Carols *will be broadcast live from St James on Youtube <https://tinyurl.com/StJPY2020>, at 6.30pm this Sunday.
- * At 4pm also on Sunday, the Yeovil Churches Carol Service will be broadcast online on <https://www.yeovil.church/>

Please book your seats *for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*: Caroline Turner <carolineturner28@gmail.com> for St Peters, revruth@mail.com for the Nativity services (3 & 5pm Christmas Eve), maureen harris <maureenharris23@talktalk.net> for all the others.

Longest Night Service Mon 21st 7pm in St. James. For some, Christmas is a difficult time of year, there is grief, pain and regret. It is not always the 'season to be jolly'. This is a more reflective service with that in mind, please book seats via Maureen [Harris 476379/maureenharris23@talktalk.net](https://www.yeovil.church/)

There is another *drop in *this Thursday at St James, 10.30-11.30, for anyone who'd value a chat and the chance to get out the house and see a real person!

Many thanks to everyone who has knitted and delivered over 1000 Christmas Stars around Westfield, we are getting lots of thankyou messages back, and people are feeling really blessed by them. It's lovely that the church has been able to give this gift to the community.

Thankyou also to everyone who bid and donated on Sunday for the auction and the piano recital, between the two we have raised over £300 for church funds. Thankyou to Mike Cox for being our (very well dressed!) auctioneer.

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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