

THE CHURCH



The Priory Church continues to provide a peaceful haven for all. It is open from 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday. Mass on Sunday is at 8am.

We are very grateful to Abbot David of Buckfast Abbey for continuing to support our Project in many ways and especially for celebrating Mass on Wednesdays & Thursdays every fortnight. Deo Gratias. See the website for dates.

DONATIONS:

These have fallen significantly since re-opening after the pandemic. We rely on charitable donations to provide a revenue for the Charity. Maintenance of a Grade 1 Listed Heritage site is very expensive.

We have just had an estimate of almost £14,000 for essential remedial work to repair leaks on the East end, Church House, North Aisle & South Aisle.

Also Energy charges for Lighting and Heating of the Church have increased dramatically.

Please consider becoming a Friend of St James and commit to a regular donation. These can be made via the website or the **Friends of St James Leaflet** in the Church or on the back of this Newsletter.

We have just invested in a new Donations Platform to encourage charitable giving. There is now a Card Reader at the back of Church to enable people to give Credit/Debit card donations easily.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE

From October 2021 Walsingham House has been leased to Sheronat Ltd who signed a 15 year Lease to provide accommodation for Catholic students. This fits with our charitable aim of promoting the Roman Catholic faith.

The service has been operating without any adverse effects for the rest of the Project.

MEETING ROOMS

Our Meeting Rooms are being used regularly again.

NHS are a regular booking.

More information, booking forms, and charges can be found on our website: www.stjamespriory.org.uk

ST JAMES HOUSE

This service provides shared HMO accommodation for individuals in recovery from addiction. There is an expectation that residents are involved in voluntary work and/or education and attend recovery meetings. Residents, who need to be clean & sober, are provided with support for up to 3 years now. However, with the shortage of social housing and an increased demand for move on accommodation some have been given support for much longer.

Referrals to this service can be made by telephone: 0117 9338945 and leaving a message or by email:

info@stjamespriory.org.uk

We have appointed a part time Housing Management Support Worker – Emma Harding. She is settling in well and is an enthusiastic addition to our staff group providing admin support as well.

We are continuing our upgrading programme for this property and are completing the internal re-painting stage by stage.

- We are still committed to upgrade residents' rooms one at a time.
- We are also refurbishing the bathrooms. It costs £3,000 for each room.
- Please help us with this by making a donation via the website www.stjamespriory.org.uk or via the Card Reader in the Church.

CHURCH GARDENS:

These are looking especially trim, tidy and colourful. We are again thankful to our versatile volunteer Alex for this. Both the garden areas in front of the Church and on the south side of the Church are looking splendid.

SANTIAGO'S

This is the independent Café which opened in December 2022 and leases the property.

santiagosbristol@gmail.com



Currently it is open from 8am – 5pm.

PLEASE SUPPORT IT.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES PRIORY

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

I/We wish to join **The Friends of St James Priory**

Title: Initials:

Surname:

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Post Code:

Subscription:

Please tick the appropriate Type & Amount:

Type:	Amount:	Tick
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Single:	£15 per annum	
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Joint:	£25 per annum	
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Single Life Member:	£125	
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Joint Life Member:	£200	
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Other : (One off donation please insert the amount)

Gift Aid:	YES/NO	
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Please sign below to give us your consent to use your information to keep in contact with you. We will not share your information without your consent.

You can also donate via our website: www.stjamespriory.org.uk

Follow the link to **DONATIONS** on our HOMEPAGE.