

THE CHURCH



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

We are still indebted 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 or WhatsApp for dates.

DONATIONS:

We continue to rely on charitable donations to provide a revenue for the Charity. Maintenance of a Grade 1 Listed Heritage site is very expensive.

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

During the excessive rain that has prevailed in the last few months of 2023 we have dicovered more.

As we all know energy charges for Lighting and Heating have increased dramatically. The Church & the Meeting Rooms are major consumers of this energy.

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.

Our Donations Platform is enhancing charitable giving. The Card Reader at the back of Church enables people to give Credit/Debit card donations easily. Donations can also be made via our website : www.stjamespriory.org.uk

CHURCH GARDENS:

These are looking especially trim, tidy and colourful for the time of year. We are 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.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House has been leased out to provide accommodation for Catholic students which fits with our Charity's aim of promoting the Roman Catholic faith. The service continues to operate without any undue adverse effects for the rest of the Project.

MEETING ROOMS

Our Meeting Rooms are being used regularly again. NHS are a regular booking and a variety of local organisations also use this facility. 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

Our part time Housing Management Support Worker – Emma Harding has settled in well.

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

- We are still committed to upgrade residents' rooms one at a time. It costs £3,000 for each room.
- One of the bathrooms has been refurbished and the other is due to be completed in January.
- Please help us with this by making a donation via the website: www.stjamespriory.org.uk or via the Card Reader in the Church.

SANTIAGO'S CAFE



ACCESS TO THE CHURCH.

Currently it is open from 8am – 5pm. santiagosbristol@gmail.com

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:

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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.