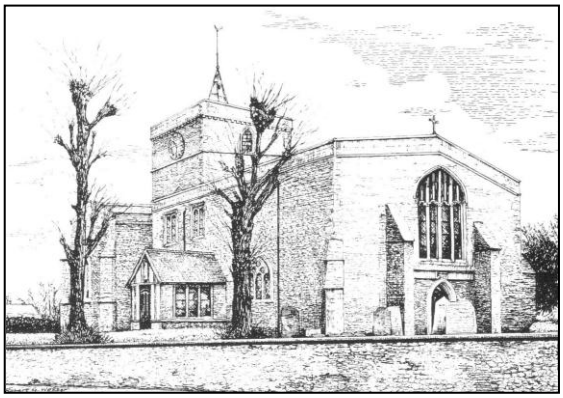

GIFT DAY AT ST JAMES CHURCH BIERTON
Saturday 3rd 0ctober 2015
Please can you help us?

The Revd Mark Ackford and the Parish Church Council would like to thank all who supported our Gift Day last year resulting in £4,960 (plus gift aid) being contributed towards the cost of upgrading the heating system of St James, this work has now been completed so all who use our church building can now benefit during the winter months.

Each aspect of the Church's life is sustained by local people; for example, by using their time, talents and skills maintaining the building and churchyard, ringing bells, cleaning or providing beautiful floral displays throughout the year.

St James Church receives no subsidies from the Government. Our income is reliant on the individual giving of our church members, whilst many parishioners help support the building's fabric by getting involved in our regular fundraising activities.

Our Gift Day money is as last year being targeted specifically for our Church Fabric Restoration Fund. Our beautiful church is an ancient, historic grade 1 listed building and as such requires regular restoration and maintenance. St James is now facing the challenge of raising money to upgrade the lighting in the Lady Chapel, Sanctuary, under the Central Tower and in the Vestry with appropriate low energy lighting which is both ecologically sound and safe to maintain.

Your Gift Day money will only be used to help us maintain this ancient, historic and listed building which serves a much wider area than just Bierton – it includes Broughton Crossing, Bierton Park, The Coppice, Oldhams Meadow, Watermead, Buckingham Park and the Elmhurst area to the north of the ring road. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to the church in person on October 3rd. Stewards will be present from 9.30am until 4.30pm to accept your gift.

Or you could send your gift to The Revd Mark Ackford, c/o The School Office, Buckingham Park School, Jubilee Square, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire , HP19 9DZ (if sending a cheque, please make it payable to 'St James Church Bierton').

Thank you very much for your support for the 2015 Gift Day as we try to look after the church building here for our future generations.

Revd Mark Ackford (Tel 424466)	**Vicar of St James Bierton**
Cyril King (Tel 422778)	**Church Warden**
Christine Tompkins (Tel 422087)	**Church Warden**

(St James Church will be able to claim tax back from any donations made if this tear-off slip is returned with your donation. It will not cost you any extra, so please take the time to complete this slip. Thank you.)

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

I am a tax payer and I would like St James Church, Bierton, to treat as a Gift Aid donation this gift that I am / we are making.

Signature:	Date:
Name:	PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
Address:	Postcode:

If you require a receipt or acknowledgement for your donation, please tick here ☐

St James Church, Bierton

A Beautiful Place

Centuries ago, the people of Bierton build St James to the greater glory of God and as **a witness to future generations**. As the most beautiful building in the parish, it represents the crowning glory of their **worship, prayers and generosity**. Through local support and hard work, our Church remains a special place at the heart of our community.

A Quiet Place

In our busier, noisier times, St James still provides a place where people can find **peace and quietness.** The Church is opened regularly so that parishioners and visitors alike have a place to go when they need to talk with God.

Whether to give thanks for the safe delivery of a new child of for recovery from a difficult operation. Whether to pray for a sick family member of friend or when life seems to be going wrong.

A Public Place

Through Baptism, we regularly welcome new members to our Church and community. Weddings are a public witness of the marriage vows exchanged between two people. Services of Blessing witness the marriage of divorced people. Funerals celebrate the life and work of parishioners who have departed this life.

A Place of Rest

Our churchyard is a beautiful place of rest for the departed. Generations of Bierton folk have been buried here in this place and their families continue to visit their graves. Each year on All Saints Day, we remember those who rest in our peaceful churchyard.

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The times of the Services and Children's Sunday School held at St James, Bierton are as follows:

Said Holy Communion at 8am on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month
Sung Holy Communion at 9am each Sunday
Informal Family Service at 11am on 3rd Sunday of each month
Children's Sunday School 11am on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month in term time.
Evensong at 6pm (if there is a 5th Sunday in the month the service is held at All Saints Hulcott)

(Further details are available in the Parish Magazine – if you do not have the magazine delivered and would like to do so, please speak to Cyril King or Christine Tompkins – Church Wardens)

To discuss arrangements for Weddings / Baptisms etc, please contact the Revd Mark Ackford Vicar for St James
Tel – 01296 424466 e-mail: mark@ackford.wanadoo.co.uk

If you could offer any help with the running of the church (bell ringing, cleaning, magazine collation & distribution, flowers etc) – please speak to the Church Wardens or the Vicar.
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