



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

**Sunday 30th November**

**OUR SERVICE  
THIS SUNDAY**

Advent: Joy Overcomes Fear  
Isaiah 9:1-7  
Luke 2:8-14  
Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead Sue Lucas

## NEXT TWO WEEKS

**Sunday 7th December**

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Advent: Joy Sustains Through Costly Obedience

Micah 5:2-5  
Matthew 1:18-25

Preach Ed Hosken  
Lead Fabian Wuyts  
Holy Communion

**Sunday 14th December**

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Advent: Joy Renews the Weary

Isaiah 55  
John 4. 1-14

Preach Mike Gillingham  
Lead Fabian Wuyts

**Christmas 2025 services/events**

**Sunday 14th December**  
2:30 pm: Carols and Tea

**Sunday 21st December**  
10:30 am: Christingle  
6:00 pm Carol Service

**Wednesday 24th December  
(Christmas Eve)**  
3:00 pm: Crib Service  
11:30 pm: Midnight Service

**Thursday 25th December  
(Christmas Day)**  
10:00 am: Christmas Day Service

St James Church TAUNTON

*St James Players present*  
A pantomime by Ben Crocker

# Sleeping Beauty

A Family/Community Pantomime  
Proceeds in aid of Taunton Food Bank and TEAR Fund Ukraine Appeal

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7pm  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 4.30 pm  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 4.30 pm

St James Church, Taunton, TA1 1JS  
(next to the County Cricket Ground)

Tickets: Adults £7/Children £3 (must be accompanied)  
(includes interval drink, biscuit and programme)  
Tickets available from Church Office  
01823 272931 or 07796248369  
bookable online through Ticket Source

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**What does Christmas mean to me?  
Returning to the real meaning**

*We invite you to drop in and  
Simply Pray for Advent*

*Offering a time of contemplative prayer through guided meditation  
and Reflection in the Chapel*

**Thursday 4 December**  
**10.30 to midday**

*All welcome – come along and leave when its right for you*

**Traditional Hymns & afternoon tea**  
**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> December Carols**

*Hymns & Tea*

*All welcome*

<p>★ Sun Dec 7th and 14th Children's Church in the hall 10.30am Celebrate Advent with crafts, carols and snacks!</p>	<p>★ Sun Dec 21st ★ Christingle All age service 10.30am Arrive from 10am to assemble Christingles in the hall</p>	<p>★ Mon Dec 22nd Christmas film and popcorn in church 3pm</p>
<p>★ Wed 24th Dec Crib service 3pm Costumes available</p>	<p>★ Christmas@ St James Church TAUNTON ★ Children and Families</p>	<p>★ Christmas Day All age service 10am</p>
<p>★ Sun 28th Dec All age service with crafts in church 10.30am</p>	<p>★ Sun Jan 4th Children's Church in the hall 10.30am Celebrate Epiphany with crafts, fun and snacks!</p>	<p>★ Sun Jan 11th Family Breakfast in the hall Arrival 9.30 - 10am Let a member of the team know if you're planning to come</p>

**FLOWER DIARY**

To make a contribution to the flower fund for a special date, occasion or simply because you love flowers, you can reserve a date in the diary by speaking to any of the team (Sue, Carole, Annie or Lyn) and they will do the rest!

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Christmas Meal  
12.30pm for 1.00pm**

*Merry Christmas*

**Thursday 8th January  
Holy Communion  
2.00pm for 2.30pm**

## Besom Christmas Hampers!

We will be making up our Christmas hampers again soon and delivering them to individuals and families we have helped over the past year - those who will be particularly blessed by a little extra at Christmas

If you would like to contribute, we would be pleased to receive:

- Christmas cakes and puddings
- sweets
- chocolate logs
- tins of biscuits
- savoury treats
- chocolate tree novelties
- hot chocolate
- crackers
- selection boxes etc



The deadline for donations is Sunday 7th December

Please contact Elaine on 07432 629435

Many thanks,  
The Besom in Taunton!

**Sat 13th December**  
**St James' Church,**  
 Taunton  
 (next to the County Ground)  
**7:30pm**

**Handel's MESSIAH**  
 with orchestra and trumpets!

Tickets £18  
 (all under 18s FREE)

Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470 or  
[www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 900173

# we need VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping to grow our team of hosts – the people who help by unlocking and locking the Church for concerts and events taking place in the Church. Currently, this job often falls to the Tech Team, especially when hirers need to use our sound or lighting equipment. To help things run smoothly (and to give the Tech Team a bit of a breather!), we'd love to have a few more people involved. If you can help please speak to Glenys.

**St James Church Art Group**  
 TAUNTON

We meet in St James Church hall most Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon

A self help group covering Water Colour, Oil, Ink, Pastel, Charcoal, Acrylic, Gouache etc  
 All levels of ability welcome.

Please bring a smile and your own equipment

For more details telephone the Church Office 01823 272931

We ask for a contribution of £2 per session which includes tea, coffee and biscuits

**Very many thanks to all those who supported our coffee morning on the 22nd November.**  
**We raised a total of £138.55 for Church Mission Funds**

## Open Door Taunton

A SUPPORT CENTRE FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS IN TAUNTON

HELP US PROVIDE OUR CLIENTS WITH GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS

**NOVEMBER 10-DECEMBER 18**  
 DONATIONS 9.30 - 1 MON TO FRI

**1A MOUNT STREET TA13QB**  
 INFO@TAUNTONOPENDOOR.ORG.UK

- Wind Up Torches
- Handwarmers
- Thermos Flasks
- Sleeping Bags
- Roll Mats
- Hats & Gloves
- Wet Wipes
- Rucksacks
- Thermals/ Long Johns
- Bottled Water
- Small Juice Cartons

- Packets Of Tissues
- Charging Leads
- Power Banks
- E45 Cream
- Waterproofs
- Breakfast Bars
- Chocolate Bars
- Sweets
- Small Men's Boxers
- XS Women's Pants
- Hoodies
- Jogging Bottoms

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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FRIDAY | 5TH DEC | AT 7PM

St James Church Taunton  
 TA1 1JS

Free admission  
 Donations welcome!

**Somerset County Orchestra**  
 Conductor - David Hedges  
 Leader - Alex Chivers

Elgar  
 Introduction and Allegro for Strings

Dvorak  
 Serenade for Strings

Corelli  
 Christmas Concerto

Tippett  
 Concerto For Double String Orchestra

Tuesday  
 9th December 2025  
 at 8:00 p.m.  
 St James Church, Taunton

Tickets £15 Under 18s Free  
 available from the Taunton Visitor Centre,  
 our website and on the door

13TH DECEMBER 2025

## Jingle Bells

**CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG PARTY**

FREE ENTRY  
 SALE-TEA,  
 COFFEE, MULLED WINE AND MINCE-PIES

Vineyard and Friends @  
 Oakwood Church, O'bridge  
 Road, TA2 7PU, 6.30pm

A Collection will be taken for  
 acts-Uganda charity

2024 RESET 2025 READY 2026 GO

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A SOUTH WEST GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**KING JESUS**

A day at the start of the year to meet with

**GUESTS:**  
 elle limebear > grace wheeler >  
 john mcginley > dave plowman >  
 jodie lintern > roscoe crawley >  
 sophie gilbert > sam burton >

VENUE: Taunton  
 TICKETS: worshipawaken.com  
 TIMINGS: 10am-9pm

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# PRAYER



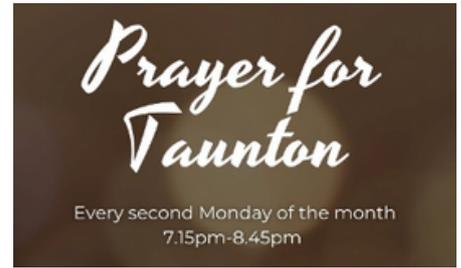
### Zoom Morning Prayer

Topic: St James Morning Prayer  
 Time: 9.15am  
 Day: Monday and Thursday  
 Meeting ID: 891 6439 9113



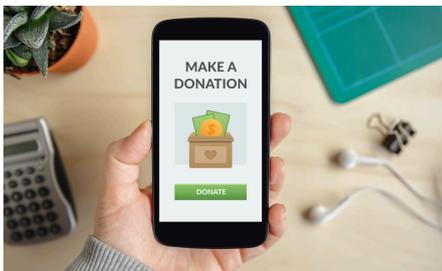
### Prayer Space

A new day and time for Prayer Space coming soon



### Prayer for Taunton

St James Church Lounge - More details from Andy on 01823 274656



You can now donate electronically at the door or by clicking the link below

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/856sdd91-35b1-4bd2-8007-fe59feb9c9db3>



Cash can be placed in the wall safe on the right hand side of the church as you leave or in the collection plate. You can gift aid donations by using the yellow forms by the plate.



If you wish to set up regular monthly giving, please contact Chris Rickard to set up monthly stewardship [christine.rickard@sky.com](mailto:christine.rickard@sky.com)

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### Churchwardens

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### Caretakers

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### Parish Safeguarding Officer

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### Discipleship Coordinator

(LifeGroups, Alpha)  
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### Children's Church Pastor

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