

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

## ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

### OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday 1st February**

Christian Identity: Who You Are After Grace

Galatians 2:11-21

Philippians 3:3-9

Preach Fabian Wuyts

Lead Edward Hosken

Holy Communion

### NEXT TWO WEEKS

#### Sunday 8th February

Saved by Grace... Trapped by Effort?

Galatians 3:1-14

Colossians 2: 6-15

Preach Mike Gillingham  
Lead Fabian Wuyts

#### Sunday 15th February

Carrying Each Other in a Burnout World

Galatians 6:1-10

James 2:14-19

Preach James Haddell

Lead Sara Bright

Holy Communion

ALL AGE SERVICE

**Alpha**

**what to expect**

The course runs for an initial 6 weeks

**Connect**  
You'll meet other people with questions just like yours.

**Watch**  
We watch a 25 minute film together that's designed to inspire questions.

**Discuss**  
There's an open discussion where you can share your thoughts in small groups.

Scan the QR code to register your interest or send an email to [info@stjamestaunton.co.uk](mailto:info@stjamestaunton.co.uk)



*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

**St James Church TAUNTON**

Alpha is a chance to explore the big questions of life in a non-pressurised environment.

**Alpha**

Wednesday evenings  
7.30pm-9pm  
21st January for six weeks  
@ St James Church

[www.stjamestaunton.org](http://www.stjamestaunton.org)

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 4.30 pm**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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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**Prodigal**  
- finding hope in  
a story of redemption  
A Lent series of gatherings  
Join us for a series of Christian contemplative prayer  
Thursdays and Friday 10.30-12 noon @ St James Church

**Thursday 26th Feb**  
The Story

**Friday 6th March**  
The Younger Son\*

**Thursday 12th March**  
The Elder Son

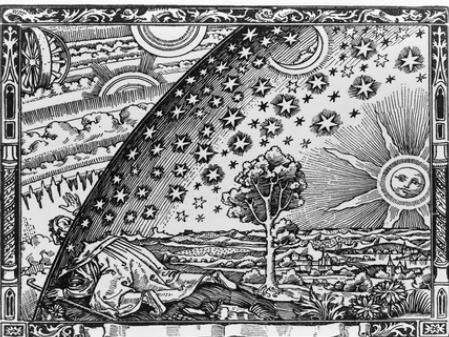
**Thursday 19th March**  
Knowing the Father\*

**Thursday 26th March**  
Becoming the Father

\* these sessions include a simple communion service

Those of any faith and none are most welcome  
to join us for any of these gatherings  
For more information contact either:  
Lyn 07772881463 or Felicity 07508287808  
or go to [stjamestaunton.org](http://stjamestaunton.org)

## THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY 5TH 2PM FOR 2.30PM TALK BY EDWARD HOSKEN



### BEYOND THE FIRMAMENT

## CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

*Family friendly*

In support of ACTS



St James church hall 7.30pm; 28th Feb. 2026

Raising funds for children living with disabilities in Uganda.

See ACTS representative for cash bookings

**Adults £5**

**8+ years £2 (free to under 8s)**

Tea and cake sale (Bring own alc.)

Sign up as a homegroup or family. Okay to sign up as an individual.

We'll place you into a winning group (6-8 a table)

(cash and card payment)

Prize for winning group and raffle prizes

Charity number: 1206746

actions for children's trust



## The 2026 FLOWER DIARY IS NOW OPEN

If you would like 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!



## Hymns & Tea

Twice monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Hymns & afternoon tea 2.30 – 4:00 pm  
Doors open at 2pm

*All welcome*

Lots of hymns you love, accompanied by the church organ and other musicians, Bible readings, and prayer.  
A time to praise the Lord Jesus in an informal relaxed manner... followed by light refreshments.



## Hymns & Tea

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| Jan | 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jul | 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Feb | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Aug | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Mar | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sep | 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Apr | 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> | Oct | 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| May | 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> | Nov | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Jun | 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> | Dec | 13 <sup>th</sup> Carols             |

at St James Church, St James Street, Taunton TA1 1JS  
(next to the county cricket ground)

**SUNDAYS 10.30**  
**COME ALONG ANY TIME!**  
St James Church TAUNTON

**PLAY** WE BEGIN AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH EXPLORING A WIDE RANGE OF TOYS

**STORY TIME** WE HEAD TO THE HALL FOR A BIBLE STORY AND SONG

**CRAFT** WE HAVE A VARIETY OF CRAFT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PAINT, PLAY DOUGH, COLLAGE ...

**GAMES** WE LOVE TO PLAY BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES TOGETHER

**SNACK** WE ENJOY DELICIOUS SNACKS AND DRINKS

**PRAY** WE CLOSE WITH A REFLECTIVE PRAYER TIME

## CHURCH MAGAZINE

The next edition of St James' Church Magazine (March to May 2026) is in preparation. If you have an article for possible inclusion, do send it in. It might be a report of an activity or event, advance notice of an upcoming event, a book review, poem or prayer you have found helpful or a story that illustrates a truth or teaching.

Please send your contributions in a Word document if possible – a page in the Mag is around 300-310 words (fewer if there are pix to include). If you have pictures to illustrate your article, send these as separate files (jpeg, tiff, pdf). Send your contributions to the Editor at [dancingdoyle@sky.com](mailto:dancingdoyle@sky.com) or through the Church Office.

Finally final deadline for copy this time is Tuesday 17 February but earlier would be helpful, and advance notice that something is 'on its way' would also help me plan space.

Thanks for your contributions – Chris Doyle (St James' Church Magazine Editor)

## LOST PROPERTY

After the service on the 26th January, a Regetta rain jacket and 'see through' umbrella were found in Church. Please contact the office.



# Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

presents a concert

## Winter Song

with special guests **Let's Sing**



In support of our  
Patrons' charities



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
7.00pm

(Doors open 6:30pm)



**St James' Church**  
St James' Street  
Taunton  
TA1 1JS



Tickets £12.50 available from:

- The choir box office 01823 432495
- The choir website [tauntondeanemvc.com](http://tauntondeanemvc.com)
- Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470
- On the door



### Our Mission Focus for February



please keep them in your prayers

Chaplains are drawn from local churches and serve a workplace or community organisation by visiting (usually) weekly with the purpose of offering friendly and spiritual care to all. A chaplain's main aim is to listen and take an interest in the people they meet and provide comfort and compassion as appropriate. Over a period a chaplain will get to know and to be known and accepted as a caring friend.

#### SUPPORT FOR ALL

While the Chaplaincy is unashamedly Christian there is no intention to 'preach' and support is offered to everybody, of any faith or none. Anyone can turn to their chaplain for support and, whilst chaplains are impartial and non-judgmental, caring for people rather than counselling them, they are able to signpost to organisations that can offer focused help. All conversations are treated as confidential within the Chaplaincy (subject to UK laws and safeguarding good practice).

#### IMPARTIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Impartiality means that the chaplain does not operate on behalf of an employer but in the interest of all. Similarly, consideration is given to the welfare of everyone, at all levels, regardless of status or seniority. Confidentiality covers anything that may be seen or heard in workplaces including personal details and anything to do with the operation of an organisation.

Visits to workplaces are always planned in consultation with managers and last as long as appropriate. We are acutely aware that the function or profitability of an organisation must not be hindered in any way; in fact the added support of a regular visit will usually contribute to the welfare of the staff, the most valuable asset in any enterprise.

## Taize Service

3.30pm  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

St George's Church,  
Billet Street,  
Taunton TA1 3NN

*There will be an opportunity for the congregation sing through the chants from 3.10pm*

*Please do come along and join in you will be very welcome*

*The service will last for approximately 30 minutes and will be followed by refreshments.*

*If you wish to join the choir or play an instrument, please contact the Parish Office:*

Tel: 01823 272700 or  
e-mail: [taunton.stgeorge@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:taunton.stgeorge@cliftondiocese.com)

# PRAYER



## Zoom Morning Prayer

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



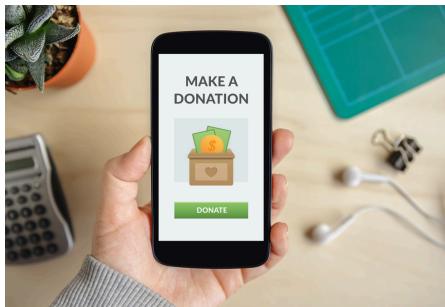
## Prayer Space

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/8565dd91-35b1-4bd2-8007-fe59febcb9db3>



Cash can be placed in the outside wall safe on the righthand side of the church as you leave. You can use the card machine, shown above, situated by the notice board in the entrance, or you can gift aid donations by using the yellow envelopes that you will find by the card machine.



If you wish to set up regular monthly giving, please contact Chris Rickard to set up monthly stewardship  
 christine.rickard@sky.com

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