

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

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.

Alpha

Scan the QR code to register your interest or send an email to 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

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 30th January 2026 7pm
Saturday 31st January 4.30 pm
Sunday 1st 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




THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 5TH

2PM FOR 2.30PM

TALK BY EDWARD HOSKEN



BEYOND THE FIRMAMENT

St James Church TAUNTON

Hymns & Tea

Twice monthly, 2nd & 4th 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

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

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

St James Church TAUNTON

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

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 etc.)

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



St James Church TAUNTON

COME ALONG ANY TIME!

SUNDAYS 10.30

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

WE HEAD TO THE HALL FOR A BIBLE STORY AND SONG

STORY TIME

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

WE LOVE TO PLAY BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES TOGETHER

GAMES

SNACK WE ENJOY DELICIOUS SNACKS
AND DRINKS

WE CLOSE WITH A REFLECTIVE PRAYER TIME

PRAY

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 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)



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!

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**





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REFUGEES

In support of our
Patrons' charities




Saturday 7th February 2026
7.00pm
(Doors open 6:30pm)



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



Patron



Mayor of Taunton

Tickets £12.50 available from:

- The choir box office 01823 432495
- The choir website tauntondeanemvc.com
- Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470
- On the door

Patron



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Chair of Council






Taize Service

3.30pm

Sunday 8th 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

Our Mission Focus for February



Taunton
team
Chaplaincy
CHAPLAINS

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.

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



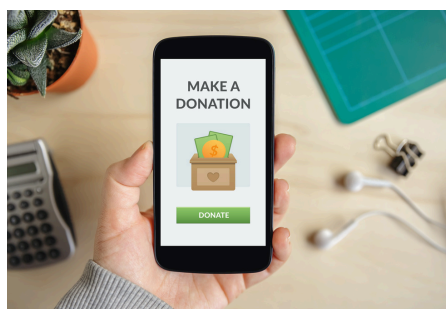
Prayer Space

A new day and time for Prayer
Space coming soon



Prayer for Taunton

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

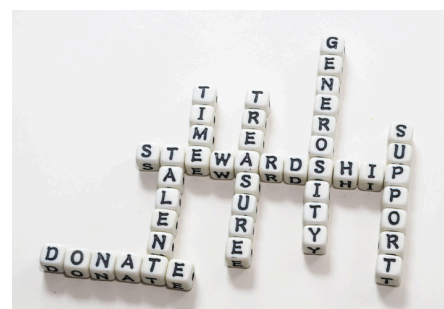


You can now donate electronically at
the door or by clicking the link below

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8565dd91-35b1-4bd2-8007-fe59feb9db3>



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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