

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 18th January

Encountering God

Genesis 3. 1-9
Luke 19:1-10

Preach Fabian Wuyts
Lead Sue Lucas
Holy Communion

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 25th January

No Other Gospel: When Faith Becomes a Product

Galatians 1:1-10
Romans 1: 14-17

Preach Richard Carpenter
Lead James Haddell

Sunday 1st February

Christian Identity: Who You Are After Grace

Galatians 2:11-21
Philippians 3:3-9

Preach Fabian Wuyts
Lead Ed Hosken
Holy Communion

Arise and Shine

Friday 16th January

7 pm Praise and Pray in the Main Church

Saturday 17th January

8 am Arise and Shine Morning Prayer (Meeting ID: 765 130 7780)
9 am - 12 pm The Quiet Room Open For Prayer
12 pm - 1 pm Prayer Walk From St James Church
1 pm - 5 pm Prayer Stations in Main Hall
6 pm Simply Pray in The Quiet Room
8 pm Arise and Shine Evening Prayer (Meeting ID: 765 130 7780)

Sunday 18th January

10.30 am Sunday Worship Testimonies



We invite you to drop in and
Simply Pray

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

Saturday 16 January 2026
6.00pm to 7.30pm

All welcome – come along and leave when its right for you
Please use Hall entrance



Betty Partridge
Betty's funeral will
take place on
Monday 26th January
at Taunton Crematorium
Tim Jones will be officiating
No flowers please, but any
donations will be accepted for
Children's Hospice SW



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

Book Now!!

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



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THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
2pm for 2.30pm

PROGRAMME
January - August 2026

January 5th
Holy Communion in Church
taken by Rev Fabian Wayte

February 9th
Ed Holden
Beyond the Firmament

March 9th
Anthony Hartlage
A Life in Landscape

April 2nd
Jane & John Gadsby
John and Phoenix's Journey

May 10th
Dr Terence Ascott
The Surprising Middle East

June 6th
Devon & Somerset
Air Ambulance

July 2nd
Cream Tea

August 6th
Dr Harry Yousall
Recent Advances in Medicine

COMMITTEE
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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.

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 invite 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@stjamesstaunton.co.uk
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Alpha
Wednesday evenings 7.30pm-9pm
14th January for six weeks @ St James Church
www.stjamesstaunton.org

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!



PANTO PROPS



Can you help?

King Norbert and Queen Dorothy need a baby's bassinet, basket or crib
And a real life baby doll
We also need
- a bicycle hooter
- tankards
- hand held bubble machine
- White Christmas tree netting or Halloween cobwebs
They'd be really grateful. Thank you

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

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

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING –

date change to Sunday 19th April

Fabian will be away in May, so we need to move the date of the Annual Meeting (which was to have been held on Monday 11th May). Attendance at the meeting has been gradually reducing and it had been suggested that the model used by many other churches could be tried, to hold the meeting on a Sunday. This will enable more people to hear Fabian's annual review, which will take the place of the talk in the service. A short Annual Meeting to elect PCC members and other essential business will follow after the service.

Our Mission Focus for January



Taunton YOUTH FOR CHRIST

We're about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus.

what we do

Bible Study

At the heart of our work is a desire to share the good news of Jesus in ways that are real, relational, and relevant. Our weekly Bible studies reflect this, offering a space where young people can explore faith at their own pace.

These sessions are completely voluntary—young people choose to opt in because they're curious, searching, or wanting to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus. Whether they've grown up in church or are asking big questions for the first time, everyone is welcomed without pressure or expectation.

Each week, we open the Bible together and create space for honest conversation. We explore who Jesus is, what faith means in everyday life, and how the gospel brings hope, purpose, and transformation.

With snacks, laughter, and plenty of space for questions, these gatherings are more than just a study—they're a safe and encouraging community where young people can wrestle with truth, encounter God, and support one another on the journey of faith.



PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



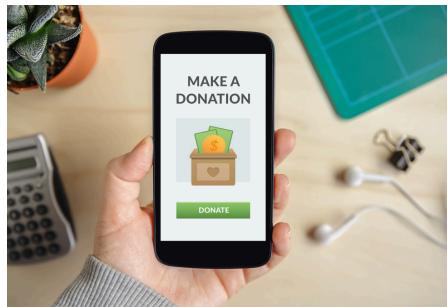
Prayer Space

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
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