

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 15th February

Carrying Each Other in a Burnout World
Galatians 6:1-10

Preach James Haddell
Lead Sara Bright
Holy Communion
ALL AGE SERVICE

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 22nd February

Rules, Promises and the Freedom
We Actually Need

Galatians 3:15-22
Romans 7:7-12

Preach Fabian Wuyts
Lead Nigel Bright

Sunday 1st March

From Slaves to Sons and Daughters

Galatians 4:1-7
Romans 8:12-17

Preach Edward Hosken
Lead Mike Gillingham
Holy Communion



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

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
2pm for 2.30pm

PROGRAMME
January - August 2026

- January 6th**
Holy Communion in Church taken by Rev Fabian Wages
- February 3rd**
Ed Hosken Beyond the Firmament
- March 5th**
Anthony Hartable A Life in Landscape
- April 2nd**
Jan & John Guide Dogs John and Phoenix's Journey
- May 7th**
Dr Terence Ascott The Surprising Middle East
- June 4th**
Devon & Somerset Air Ambulance
- July 2nd**
Cream Tea
- August 6th**
Dr Harry Yould Recent Advances in Medicine

COMMITTEE
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St James Church TAUNTON

Hymns & Tea

Twice monthly, 2nd & 4th Sundays
Hymns & afternoon tea 2:30 – 4:00 pm
Doors open at 2pm

To God Be the Glory

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.



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)

SUNDAYS 10.30

COME ALONG ANY TIME!

St James Church TAUNTON

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

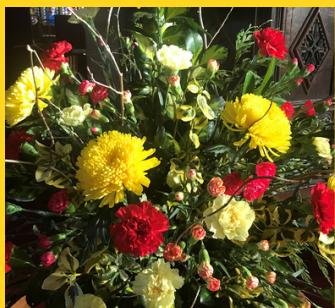
STORY TIME

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

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



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!

Wednesday 10am to 12 noon
A self-help group
All abilities welcome

Bring your own equipment:
Watercolour - Oil - Acrylic
Pastel - Charcoal - Ink
Gouash - etc

Small contribution for tea,
Coffee and biscuits

Phone the church office for details



Our mission focus for
February



please keep them in
your prayers

Could your business have a Chaplain?

Having a chaplain promotes a positive culture. It shows employees that production numbers are not the only matter of importance. Employee mental health is a priority when chaplain services are provided. For some a chaplain is a friendly face and a listening ear. Others may see the chaplain as someone who will listen to them, not judge or criticise, who is able to keep what is said confidential and may be even suggest somewhere to find help.

When a chaplain starts working with an employer the first priority is getting to know the workforce and the workplace. Thereafter regular visits mean the chaplain will be able to get to know individuals better and be available for everyone.

Integration into the workforce is important and we have found that the more a chaplain mixes with the people, the better the service works. We know that there may be individuals who do not wish to engage in conversation with outsiders and we respect that, our service is offered and not imposed at any stage.

In an age of increasing isolation there can be a real sense of loneliness even in a busy working environment. Into this the chaplain injects genuine care and concern, looking out for the welfare of others and extending the hand of friendship.

Chaplains have had a positive impact in Taunton and have been welcomed by employers as making a positive contribution to their operations.

Visits

Regular, normally weekly visits are always planned in consultation with managers and last as long as convenient. We are acutely aware that the function or profitability of the organisation must not be hindered in any way; in fact the added support of a regular visit will contribute to the welfare of the staff, the most valuable asset in any enterprise. There is evidence to suggest that a happy workforce is a productive one.

Each workplace is different and we do try to be flexible when arrangements are first planned. It is important that the staff know that visits happen and the chaplain is easily identifiable and wears a uniform. The distinctive Taunton Team Chaplaincy logo can be used on store uniforms if required. All chaplains carry an ID badge.

Cost

There is no cost to the workplace; the service is given as a gift to the community by the Christian churches of Taunton. We aim to avoid gaining any benefit from working with an employer; the Chaplaincy's focus is on giving.

Feedback

Workplaces that have the support of a Chaplain are encouraged to monitor the scheme and let us know how it is going. We will strive to make sure that any improvements to arrangements are implemented quickly and satisfactorily.

Benefits

Maintaining a happy, positive and committed workforce is invaluable for any organisation and the regular visit of a chaplain contributes to that. Results from elsewhere indicate chaplains can:

Help people to cope with important personal and social needs at work

Reduce stress and anxiety, keeping people healthy and efficient

Reduce progression to chronic psychosomatic symptoms and breakdowns

Provide care in the workplace unlike any other agency, offering impartial friendship and support

Signpost people to other professional agencies if required

Interested?

If you would like to know more a member of the team would be pleased to visit and explain in more detail our work and, with no pressure or obligation, consider how the Chaplaincy may support your workforce. To arrange a visit see Contact Us.



'Spindleshanks' is offering her white furry jacket to the highest bidder. Sealed bids to either the Church Office or 'W' pigeonhole.

**Closing date:
15th February**

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)

MOVEMENT
Worship Night
TAUNTON
SUN 1 MAR 2026 | 6:00PM
TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
19 SILVER ST, TAUNTON TA1 3DH

MOVEMENT WORSHIP NIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS. GATHERING TOGETHER TO MEET WITH GOD IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT WITH CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AND LIFE APPLICABLE TEACHING THAT IS PRACTICAL, RELEVANT AND USEFUL

www.wearemovement.net

English Country Dancing
St James Church Hall
Taunton TA1 1JS

Every Tuesday Evening
8pm to 10pm
Come and Try!

No experience or partner needed

For more information call
Margaret or Alan
07990972203

COFFEE MORNING
TABLETOP AND **PLANT SALE**
St James Church Hall

Saturday 16th May 10-12

ACTS Uganda Plant Sale on May 16th! Please will you grow/ propagate plants for the sale? Sue Carpenter would love to hear from you!

Choral workshop with Joe Beckhelling and members of Voce Chamber Choir

Sing With **Voce**

10:30 - 4:00
Sunday 8th March
Trull Memorial Hall, TA3 7JZ
Tickets £20

for more event and music details:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/voce-chamber-choir
 /VoceTaunton infovoce16@yahoo.com

Voce
AWAKENING
A NEW SPRING PROGRAMME FROM TAUNTON'S ECLECTIC CHAMBER CHOIR
19:00 SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026
ST JAMES CHURCH, TAUNTON
TICKETS: £10 ADULTS - £5 UNDER 18
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/VOCE-CHAMBER-CHOIR

ALLEGRI
BEE GEES
ELGAR
BRUCKNER
SNOW PATROL
PALESTRINA
MEALOR
SPICE GIRLS
TAVENER
THE WELLER MEN
RACHMANINOV
DAISY THE GREAT

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

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



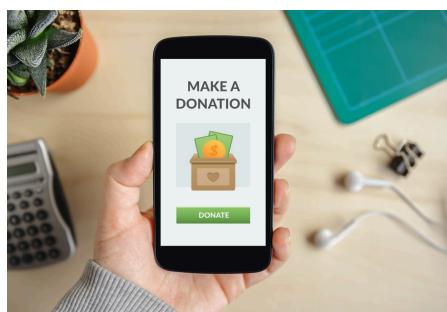
Church Opening Times

Typically Monday - Wednesday
 9am - 3.30pm. Sunday 10.00am -
 12.30pm



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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