

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

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

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

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**

SIMPLY PRAY
St James Church Taunton TA1 1JS

St James Church
TAUNTON

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
2pm for 2.30pm

PROGRAMME
January - August 2026

January 8th
Holy Communion in Church
taken by Rev Fabian Wiggins

February 5th
Ed Hosken
Beyond the Firmament

March 5th
Anthony Hootable
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 Yocall
Recent Advances in Medicine

COMMITTEE
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282507 Ellen Price 289160

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)

SUNDAYS 10.30

COME ALONG ANY TIME!

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

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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!

Art Group

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



'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

Our mission focus for February

Taunton team Chaplaincy

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.

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



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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 St James Church Hall
AND
PLANT SALE

Saturday 16th May 10-12

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



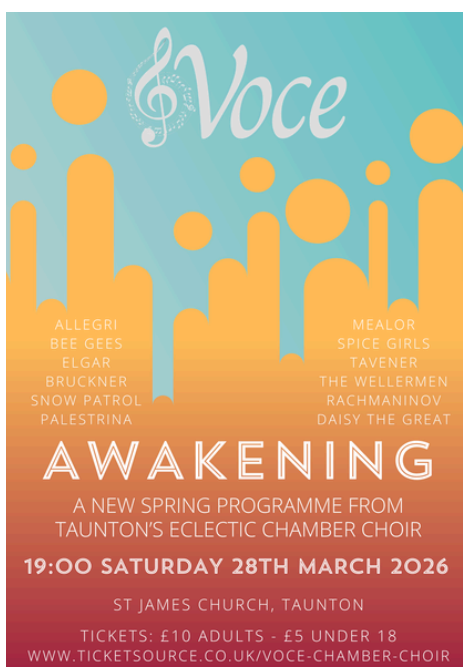


Choral workshop with Joe Beckhelling and members of Voce Chamber Choir

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

ALLEGRI
BEE GEES
ELGAR
BRUCKNER
SNOW PATROL
PALESTRINA

MEALOR
SPICE GIRLS
TAVENER
THE WELLERMAN
RACHMANINOV
DAISY THE GREAT

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



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)

Tee 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 

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



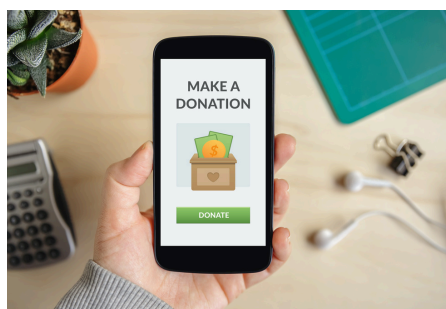
Church Opening Times

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

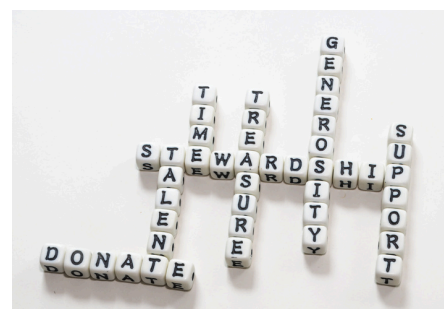


You can now donate electronically at
the door or by clicking the link below

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8565dd91-35b1-4bd2-8007-fe59fbc9db3>



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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