

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

## ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

# OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday 8th February**

**Saved by Grace... Trapped by Effort?**

**Galatians 3:1-14  
Colossians 2: 6-15**

**Preach Mike Gillingham  
Lead Fabian Wuyts**

## NEXT TWO WEEKS

### 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**

### Sunday 22nd February

**Rules, Promises and the Freedom  
We Actually Need**

**Galatians 3:15-22**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead Nigel Bright**



## 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)



**SUNDAYS 10.30** **COME ALONG ANY TIME!**

**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**

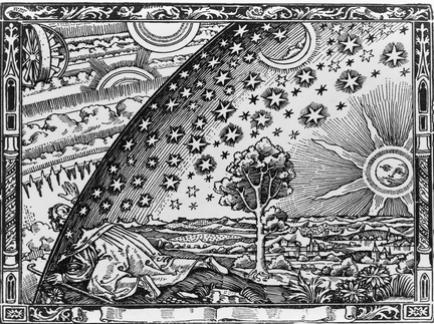
**PRAY**

## THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

### FEBRUARY 5TH

### 2PM FOR 2.30PM

### TALK BY EDWARD HOSKEN



### BEYOND THE FIRMAMENT



### 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

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)

Our mission focus for **Taunton team Chaplaincy** please keep them in your prayers

#### Our Chaplains

Chaplains are local Christians who have a heart for people and have undertaken training and safeguarding processes to ensure they are equipped for their role. Some chaplains are ordained (for instance, they may be a vicar or minister) and all bring valuable experience of life's challenges and rewards.

#### Prayer

A key element of the work is the prayer team who seek God's blessing on all aspects of the Chaplaincy's work.

Team members are drawn from a wide cross-section of active church members. More than 100 people, known as 'Friends', are committed to praying for the work and share thankfully in the many answers to prayer that occur.

From the formation of the Chaplaincy this has been a core activity. Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, followers of Jesus have sought to emulate His example of looking to God for answers to all of life's needs through prayer.

#### Financial Support

Others who make a direct contribution to the work are the financial supporters. These include local churches, individuals and external grant funders. The Chaplaincy relies entirely on donations to be able to continue. Businesses and community groups are not charged for having a chaplain. Local Christians who facilitate the work regard chaplaincy as a gift to the wider community. We are very grateful for every financial contribution and strive to ensure that every penny that is donated is used wisely and effectively. If you wish to support us in this way, please go to the 'Support Us' page on our website.



**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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## 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)



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

**Closing date:  
15<sup>th</sup> February**



**Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir**  
presents a concert

**Winter Song**

with special guests **Let's Sing**

**charis** REFUGEES 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

**Patron**  
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**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)*

**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: 1205746

actions for children's trust

**acts**

## 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

# PRAYER



## Zoom Morning Prayer

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



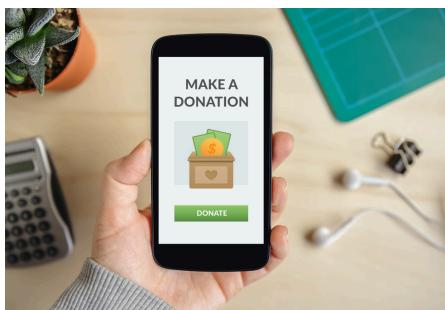
## Prayer Space

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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