

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

## OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

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

### NEXT TWO WEEKS

#### Sunday 8th March

The War Between Flesh and Spirit

Galatians 5:1, 13-26  
Romans 8:5-11

Preach Nigel Bright  
Lead Fabian Wuyts

#### Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10

Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead Sara Bright  
Holy Communion

### DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

• Sharing in Prayer

*Talking is good, God is good...  
He wants to hear you and speak to you...*

We all need to know we belong and are loved.

*Jesus said that when we pray we should call God our Heavenly Father, because we belong to him, He is creator of all and loves us better than even the best earthly father.*

Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb • Sharing in Worship  
Week 1 • Sharing in Prayer  
Week 2 • Sharing the Scriptures  
Week 3 • Sharing Communion  
Week 4 • Sharing in Service  
Week 5 • Sharing the Good News  
Holy Week • Sharing in Holy Week  
Easter Day • Sharing in Resurrection



*God created you to be near Him...  
We'd like to help you*

### DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

• Sharing in Scripture

*Getting to know anyone is an experience...*

*God knows everything about us, and still He totally loves each of us. He wants us to know Him too, so gave us THE BIBLE so we can learn about His amazing love for us...*

*John 3:16 – 20  
God loves you so draw near to Him*

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The **7** LAST WORDS  
OF JESUS CHRIST

PODCAST SERIES

Once a week on Wednesday  
During the time of Lent  
A St James Church initiative

The **7** LAST WORDS  
OF JESUS CHRIST

SECOND WORD  
A PROMISE OF SALVATION

"Truly I tell you, today you will  
be with me in paradise"  
(Luke 23:43)

Fabian Wuyts

Lent Podcast – The Seven Last Words  
This week's short Lent podcast continues our reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. I've recorded this episode, focusing on:  
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)  
— A promise of salvation and hope.  
You can listen here:  
<https://stjamestaunton.org/lent-podcasts>  
Whether during a quiet moment at home or while out walking, I hope it encourages you in the assurance of Christ's grace.

**Simply Pray**  
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](http://stjamestaunton.org)

**Thursday Fellowship**  
**5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**2.00pm for 2.30pm**



**A Life in Landscape**  
**A Talk by**  
**Anthony Huxtable**

**Our mission focus for March is**

**please keep them in your prayers**

We are part of a national team first pioneered in 2003, and Street Pastors continues to grow throughout the UK and across the world. Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches and we care about our community. We are usually on patrol from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

We are led by our local coordinator and we also have support from local churches and community groups in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies.

If you are interested in finding out more about our work, or are interested in becoming a Street Pastor, please contact us  
Email: [taunton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:taunton@streetpastors.org.uk) Tel: 07773 038 622



Ending hunger together

## Give in Lent

Help support your food bank this Lent

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

### Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

### Donate money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

- Pasta
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned meat and fish
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Instant mashed potato

Taunton Foodbank  
info@taunton.foodbank.org.uk

**Open Door Taunton**  
A SUPPORT CENTRE FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS  
1A MOUNT STREET  
TA1 3QB

Please come and support our

## CHARITY JUMBLE SALE

**SATURDAY 7TH MARCH**  
10AM-1PM

ITEMS FROM 20P  
6 items for £1

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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

## Final Total

### £1,800!!!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible. It will be shared between Taunton Foodbank and Tearfund Ukraine Appeal

# COFFEE MORNING

TABLETOP AND PLANT SALE

St James Church Hall  
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!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

# Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

You are invited to join with this ecumenical celebration which is taking place all around the world on this day

to be held at  
St George's Catholic Church,  
Billet Street, Taunton TA1 3NG  
starting at 10.30am

or for a shortened Service in the lunch hour also at  
St George's Catholic Church,  
Billet Street, Taunton  
from 1.15pm - 1.45pm

If anyone would like to volunteer as the St James Coordinator for WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Please contact Carole Smith from St Georges Wilton carolesmith44@gmail.com

**Nigeria 2026**

INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION  
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
www.dp.org.uk

## 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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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

Tickets available from Ruth Preater-Gillard  
ruthp75@gmail.com 07590679888

**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

# PRAYER



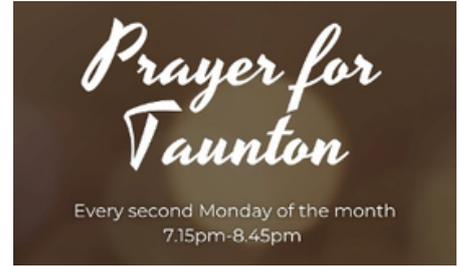
### Zoom Morning Prayer

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



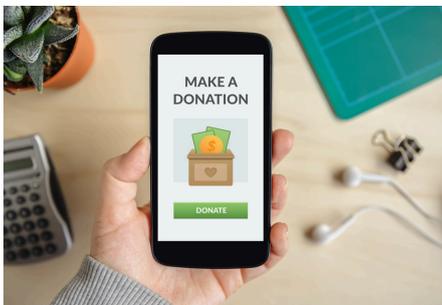
### Church Opening Times

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](mailto:christine.rickard@sky.com)

## Contacts

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### Churchwardens

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### Administrator

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### Caretakers

Sharon Giddings or Roger  
 Hunt contact via Church  
 Office 01823 272931

### Parish Safeguarding Officer

Jenny Wakefield 07796248369

### Discipleship Coordinator

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### Children's Church Pastor

Rachel Haddell  
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