

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd March

What Are You Really Proud Of?

Galatians 6: 11-18

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Preach Mike Gillingham

Lead Nigel Bright

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

Matthew 21.1-11

Preach Edward Hosken

Lead Sue Lucas

Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

Matthew 28. 1-10

Preach Fabian Wuyts

Lead Mike Gillingham

Holy Communion

All Age Service

Easter @ St James Church TAUNTON

15th March	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	3rd April	<i>Good Friday</i>
10.30 am	<i>A Time to Be Grateful</i>	10.00 am	<i>With Hot Cross Buns & Coffee</i>
29th March	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	3rd April	<i>The Last Hour</i>
10.30 am	<i>What an Entrance!</i>	2.00 pm	<i>A Quiet Hour</i>
2nd April	<i>Maundy Meal</i>	5th April	<i>Easter Day</i>
7.00 pm	<i>Around the Table</i>	10.30 am	<i>All Age Celebration!</i>

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Simply Pray
St James Church Taunton

Prodigal

- finding hope in a story of redemption
A Lent series of gatherings

St James Church
TAUNTON

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**

The **7** LAST WORDS
OF JESUS CHRIST

PODCAST SERIES

Short Lent podcast continues our reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. 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.

The **7** LAST WORDS
OF JESUS CHRIST

THIRD WORD
A STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP AND CARE
"Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother"
John 19:26-27

Jo George

The **7** LAST WORDS
OF JESUS CHRIST

FOURTH WORD
A CRY OF ABANDONMENT
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

James Haddell

The **7** LAST WORDS
OF JESUS CHRIST

FIFTH WORD
AN EXPRESSION OF PHYSICAL DISTRESS
"I thirst"
John 19:28

Richard Carpenter



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.



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

2026

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 19th April

in the church

PART 1 – in the service

- Fabian's "Big Picture" review will be given as part of the service
- Refreshments afterwards as usual

PART 2 – after the service

- Election of churchwardens, Deanery Synod representative and PCC members
- Annual Report and Accounts
- Questions

During March we are revising our church Electoral Roll. Further information about it can be found on our website [here](#).



If you would like to join the Roll, forms are available from the Office, or at the back of the Church on Sundays, and may be completed on paper or online.

To apply online, click here

Please return your application by **Monday 23rd March**.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP 2pm for 2.30pm

PROGRAMME 2026

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 Yoxall
Recent Advances in Medicine

Easter Monday Ramble

64th
year!

Mystery
Object

A level(ish) circular walk
Approx 9km / 5 miles

Monday 6th April

Meet at church
9.30 am

Bring a packed
lunch and suitable
footwear etc.

We will arrange
car-sharing when
we meet.



COMMITTEE: Carlo Whitaker 439426 Rita Butler 275117
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GOOD FRIDAY

DAY OF



UNITED IN
PRAYER

SEEKING
HIS PRESENCE

PRAYING FOR
REVIVAL

HOSTED BY SOMERSET HOUSE OF PRAYER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL CHURCHES

FRI 3rd APRIL | 12PM - MIDNIGHT | NORTH STREET CHURCH, TAUNTON



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



A Prayer for the Global Call to Pray for Peace

At this time of global uncertainty and instability, in which we bear witness to many wars and conflicts, including the war in Ukraine, Sudan and many other places alongside the unfolding chaos and mayhem that is rapidly spreading through the war in the Middle East - we pray:

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are still the Prince of Peace. Faced with the horror of war, we are confident that you still reign and are in control. You are the only answer to the turmoil of the nations.

Forgive those of us who have lived in comfort and not turned our ears to the cries of the suffering.

Your people are suffering globally; when one of us suffers, we all suffer, and in the midst of this suffering we cry out to you, our great Hope and great Peace. We pray, come Lord Jesus, come and reign in peace at this time.

We pray for your protection and your security to prevail and that death and destruction would end.

We pray for those who want to escalate violence, that your Holy Spirit would move them to de-escalate; for those who seek to kill, steal and destroy, that they would be inspired to seek peace and adopt a posture of love.

Lord, we pray that in nations where conflict abounds you would raise up righteous leadership; leaders who care for all the people they serve and who are willing to pursue peace over power.

Lord, we pray that you would meet with our brothers and sisters in these conflict-ridden zones; filling them with your peace, comforting them with your presence, giving them strength and compassion to be Christlike within the storms of war.

Lord, your kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven is what we yearn for; we pray that at **this** time, in **this** hour, your Kingdom would come. That guns would be laid down, that weapons would be turned away, and that your love would reign supreme in a world so quickly moving towards hatred.

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are the Prince of Peace. Lord have mercy, bring peace to our world, and be glorified throughout the globe.

In the name of the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit,

Amen.

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



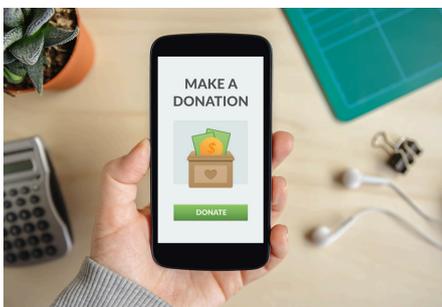
Church Opening Times

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
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