

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

## OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

Matthew 21.1-11

Preach Edward Hosken

Lead Sue Lucas

## NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

Matthew 28. 1-10

Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead Mike Gillingham  
Holy Communion  
All Age Service

### Sunday 12th April

Post Easter – Road to Emmaus: Gospel  
and Mission

Luke 24:13-35

Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead James Haddell  
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 &amp; 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>Maunder 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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**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.  
Click to visit St James website Lent Podcasts page.



SOMERSET HOUSE OF PRAYER

**DAY OF PRAYER**

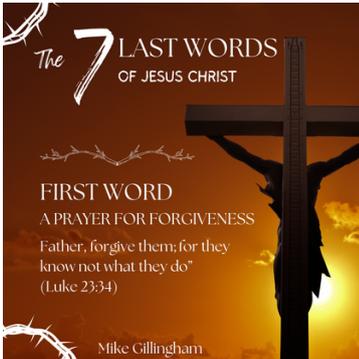
**MIDDAY - MIDNIGHT**

12 hours of continuous prayer and worship  
Seeking God | Together in Unity | Praying for Revival

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2026**

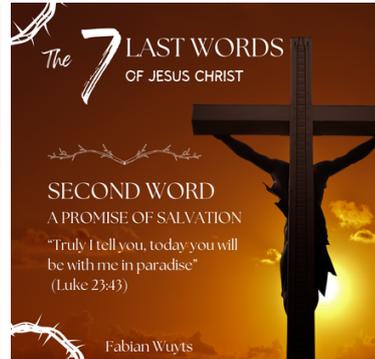
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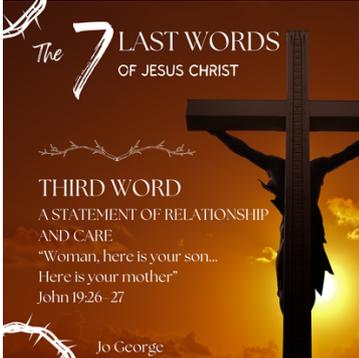
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FIRST WORD  
A PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS  
Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"  
(Luke 23:34)  
Mike Gillingham



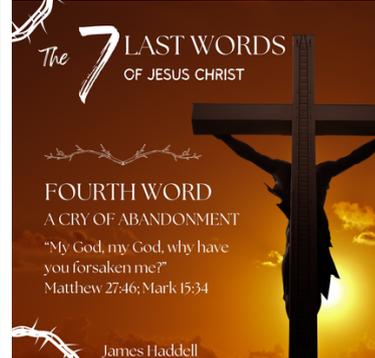
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SECOND WORD  
A PROMISE OF SALVATION  
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise"  
(Luke 23:43)  
Fabian Wuyts



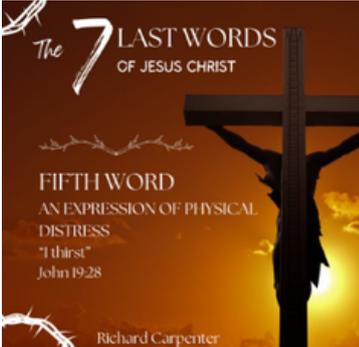
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THIRD WORD  
A STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP AND CARE  
"Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother"  
John 19:26 - 27  
Jo George



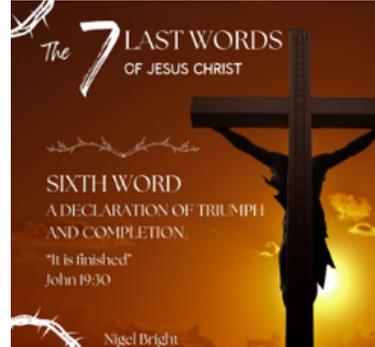
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FOURTH WORD  
A CRY OF ABANDONMENT  
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34  
James Haddell



The **7** LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

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



The **7** LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

SIXTH WORD  
A DECLARATION OF TRIUMPH AND COMPLETION  
"It is finished"  
John 19:30  
Nigel Bright



## 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

2026

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

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

in the church

PCC Nomination Forms are available

Annual Meeting Papers are now available

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 representatives and PCC members
- Annual Report and Accounts
- Questions

## Easter Monday Ramble

64<sup>th</sup> year!

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.

### 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

COMMITTEE: Carlo Whitaker 430426 Rita Butler 275117  
Sue Clark 271858 Vicky Dykes 282507 Ellen Price 289160

## PLANT SALE

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

### Easter Flowers

Can you help decorate St James this Easter?

- Donations, big or small, are welcome to help cover flower costs.
- Bring a jam jar of spring flowers for the windowsills—either to the Good Friday service or on Saturday morning (4 April), when we'll be decorating from 9:30am to midday.
- Stay for an hour and join the Flower Team—many hands make light work!

A warm welcome awaits, with tea and coffee provided. Please speak to a team member for more details. Thank you!

# PRAYER



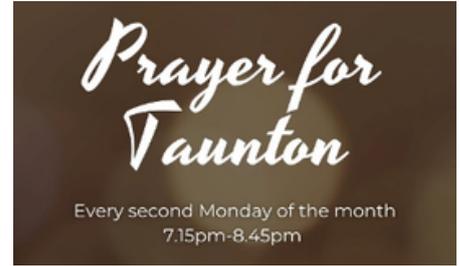
### Zoom Morning Prayer

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



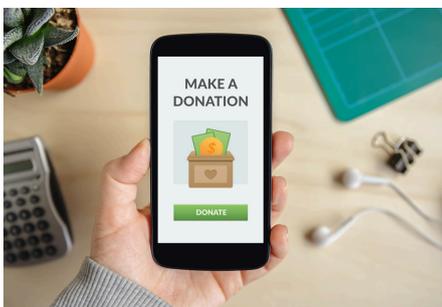
### Church Opening Times

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-fe59fcb9db3>



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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### Caretakers

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### Parish Safeguarding Officer

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### Discipleship Coordinator

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### Children's Church Pastor

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