

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

## OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

### Sunday 12th April

Post Easter –  
Road to Emmaus: Gospel and Mission

Luke 24:13–35  
Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead James Haddell  
All Age Service

## NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Sunday 19th April

Post Easter –  
Thomas: Gospel and Doubt

John 20:19–31  
Preach Edward Hosken  
Lead Fabian Wuyts  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 26th April

Post Easter –  
Bodily Resurrection as non-negotiable  
for the Gospel

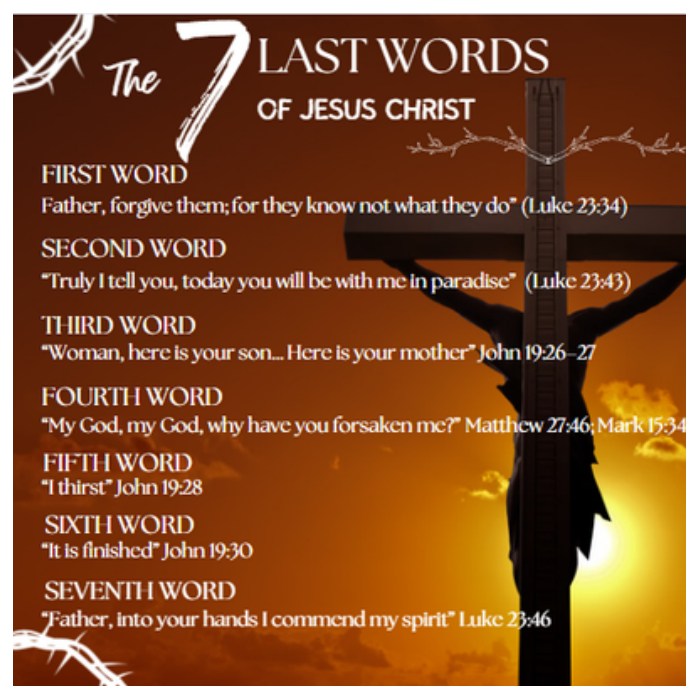
1 Corinthians 15:12–20  
Preach Fabian Wuyts  
Lead Mike Gillingham



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

FIRST WORD  
Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)

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

THIRD WORD  
"Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother" John 19:26–27

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

FIFTH WORD  
"I thirst" John 19:28

SIXTH WORD  
"It is finished" John 19:30

SEVENTH WORD  
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" Luke 23:46

**what to expect**  
*The course runs for an initial 6 weeks*

**Connect**  
 You'll meet other people with questions just like yours.

**Watch**  
 We watch a 25 minute film together that's designed to inspire questions.

**Discuss**  
 There's an open discussion where you can share your thoughts in small groups.

Scan the QR code to register your interest or send an email to [info@stjamestaunton.co.uk](mailto:info@stjamestaunton.co.uk)



*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

**St James Church TAUNTON**

Alpha is a chance to explore the big questions of life in a non-pressurised environment.

**Alpha**

Wednesday evenings  
 7.30pm-9pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> April for six weeks  
 @ St James Church  
[www.stjamestaunton.org](http://www.stjamestaunton.org)



*We invite you to drop in and*  
**Simply Pray**

*Offering a time of contemplative Prayer through guided meditation and Reflection in the Chapel*

**Thursday 7 May 2026**  
 10.30am to 12 midday

*All welcome – come along and leave when its right for you*

**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	PART 2 – after the service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabian's "Big Picture" review will be given as part of the service</li> <li>Refreshments afterwards as usual</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members</li> <li>Annual Report and Accounts</li> <li>Questions</li> </ul>

Our Mission Focus for April is **Besom** please keep them in your prayers

**The Besom in Taunton**  
 Love. Pray. Give. Go.

The Besom in Taunton is a Christian organisation that provides a bridge between those who want to give and those who are in need in the Taunton and Wellington area. Giving is at the heart of all we do. Everything we provide is free of charge to clients referred to Besom. We receive donations from individuals and a wide range of organisations - furniture, kitchen equipment, bedlinen, money and more. What goes out is quickly replaced by more donations, as our prayers are answered - very often just what is needed for that moment.

**History of The Besom in Taunton**  
 The Besom in Taunton was formed in 2005 by Nesta Long. Nesta remained the leader of the organisation until her death in 2016. Nesta was struck by the number of needy people in the Taunton area and as a Christian felt challenged to put her faith into action by making a positive impact on their lives. The Besom in Taunton is part of a network of local Besom organisations across the UK. The history of how Besom was set up to become a national organisation can be found at [www.besom.com](http://www.besom.com).



*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.



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 CHURCH SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY 21ST JUNE**

We are delighted to share that **Bishop Mark Rylands** will be preaching. If there are any cricket lovers in our congregation who would like to contribute in some way to the service, **Rob Walrond** would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact him at **Rob.Walrond@bathwells.anglican.org**



**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
2pm for 2.30pm

**PROGRAMME 2026**

May 7th  
**Dr Terence Ascott**  
*The Surprising Middle East*

J. John

June 4th  
**Devon & Somerset**  
*The Air Ambulance*

July 2nd  
**Cream Tea**

August 6th  
**Dr Harry Yoxall**  
*Recent Advances in Medicine*

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



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



The Flower Team would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to our beautiful Easter Flowers



