

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 26th April

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

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

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 3rd May

Genesis - Creation: Order, Purpose and Limits

Gen. 1. 1-9, 24-26, 31
Psalm 104. 1, 5-24

Lead & Preach
Christabel & David Ager
Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May

Genesis - Man & Woman: Vocation and Blessing

Gen. 1. 26-31; 2. 15-25
Eph. 5. 21-33

Lead: Richard Lucas
Preach: Richard Carpenter

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



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

15th April for six weeks
@ St James Church

www.stjamestaunton.org



We would like to invite you to join us at Simply Pray. Over the last couple of years we have been on a journey seeking a quieter and more thoughtful time of prayer. We have looked at Pilgrimage and the story of the Prodigal Son in our Lent series. We meet on the first Thursday of each month alternating mornings and evenings.

Each session has a different theme and everyone is welcome to share their thoughts and experiences. We try to bring this to a reflective time of prayer and ask ourselves: I wonder what I might say to God in my quietness? I wonder what God might say to me in the stillness?



*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*



FLOWER DIARY

If you would like to make a contribution to the flower fund for a special date, occasion or simply because you love flowers, you can reserve a date in the diary by speaking to any of the team (Sue, Carole, Annie or Lyn) and they will do the rest!

PRAYER



CHAIN

COULD THIS BE YOU?

We're looking for someone to lead our Church prayer chain, previously lead by Anne Tuckley.

You will:

- Have access to an electronic device to manage the prayer chain email account
- Be willing to undertake the necessary safer recruitment, training, including safeguarding
- Receive support from Sue Lucas, our Prayer Ministry Leader

If you're interested, please speak with Sue for more details about the role.

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

Besom

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

WHAT WE DO

Furniture and household items

The Besom in Taunton provides many types of help. One of the major requirements is for furniture and household items for those who lack what is needed to make a home. Donations of these items are always wanted and very welcome; please see Giving for details of the type of items required. The furniture is brought to the warehouse for cleaning and storage until needed.

Starter packs

Starter packs are for those moving into a house or flat for the first time, and who, for whatever reason, have little or no kitchen equipment of their own. The pack contains basic essentials such as an electric kettle, microwave, toaster, cutlery, plates, mugs and glasses, cooking utensils and bedding.

Cleaning and repairs

All the furniture is carefully cleaned and small repairs or a coat of paint/varnish may be applied before delivery. Electrical items are PAT tested before being given out. Besom always wants to supply furniture and other items in the best condition possible.

Collection and delivery

Furniture is collected and delivered by the van teams. Regular trips are made to provide those in need with furniture from donations that have come into our warehouse. Along with delivery of furniture it may be necessary to deliver a starter pack.

St James Church TAUNTON
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

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

PURSUIT OF GOSPEL
 CHOIR & BAND

THE BANDSTAND
 VIVARY PARK • TAUNTON
 SUNDAY 3RD MAY
 3PM - 5PM

Bring a picnic • Bring your people • Enjoy some uplifting gospel music

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
 2pm for 2.30pm
 May 7th
 Dr Terence Ascott
The Surprising Middle East

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

St James Church TAUNTON

ANNUAL CHARITY acts
 Coffee Morning and Plant Sale
 10AM - NOON
 SATURDAY 16 MAY
 TABLE TOP SALE
 AFRICAN AND LOCAL CRAFTS, BOOKS, TOYS, TROPIC SKINCARE
 ST JAMES CHURCH HALL TAUNTON, TA1 1JS
 ACTIONS FOR CHILDRENS TRUST (NO 1204742)
 ACTIONSUK@GMAIL.COM

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL HADDEL

We need your help! Ann and Edward Shorthouse, who have been regular church members since their daughter Ellie was baptised at the church 12 years ago, have become parents again! They have recently welcomed 2 children Evelyn, 7 and Carter, 3 into their home and family through a Foster to Adopt placement.

This is such an exciting journey for them all but is not without challenges. They would really appreciate our help right now as they all adjust to being a family of 5 and support the children through the huge emotional change this involves.

I wondered if there are any people in the church who feel they could prepare an evening meal for the family over the next few weeks? Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are the trickiest days for them all, especially with a lengthy school commute.

If you feel able to prepare a meal for them all, we'd be so grateful if you could sign up via the following link. The Shorthouses live within walking distance of church but exact details regarding address, delivery times and details, likes/ dislikes are all contained within the link. There is an option to choose which day you feel able to cook and deliver a meal starting from next Monday (April 27th)

Meals For Ann and Edward Shorthouse via Take Them A Meal
<https://takethemameal.com/HDFH9402>

Ann, Edward, Ellie, Evelyn and Carter would be so appreciative of any help and are incredibly grateful to have the church community behind them through this journey.

With many thanks, Rachel x

Welcome to Watchet Baptist Church

We are delighted to announce acts for our evening Sanctuary Sessions gigs.

Saturday 16 May, 7.30pm - The Goudies
 More details and book tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/sanctuary-sessions-the-goudies>

Saturday 13 June, 7.30pm - Our Atlantic Roots.
 More details and book tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/sanctuary-sessions-our-atlantic-roots>

Tickets are now available for May and June on the above links.

Annual Meeting – elections

61 people stayed for the Annual Meeting after the service on Sunday 19th April. The results of the elections are as follows:

Churchwardens: Nigel Bright and Fiona Hope were re-elected.
 Deanery Synod Representatives: Chris Rickard, Richard Carpenter and Martin Wakefield were all re-elected.

PCC: David Jordan and Johan Smit were re-elected as ordinary members of the PCC, and they are joined by Ruth Preater-Gillard, David Smith and Celia Wojcik. Thanks are due to outgoing PCC members Jane Price and Vashti Smit, who decided not to continue. This leaves two vacancies, which the PCC will endeavour to find volunteers to fill.

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



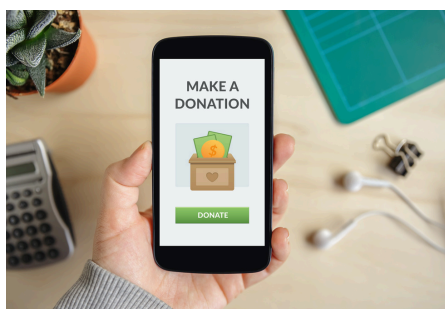
Church Opening Times

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

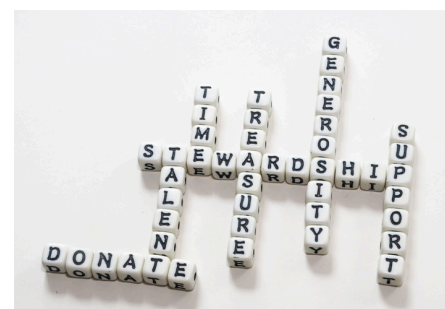


You can now donate electronically at the door or by clicking the link below

<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

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