

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

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

NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

Sunday 17th May

Ascension

Acts 1. 1-11

Eph. 1. 15-23

Lead: Mike Gillingham

Preach: Geoff Treasure

Holy Communion



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?

SIMPLY PRAY
St James Church Taunton TAT TJS

*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*

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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

BIG SING

Bringing Together **5** Community Choirs:
 Taunton Community Choir, Wednesday Sings,
 Voice Of The People, Moor Harmony,
 & Blackdown Community Choir



SATURDAY 16TH MAY 6PM

ST JAMES'S CHURCH, ST JAMES'S STREET, TAUNTON TA1 1JS
FREE ENTRY

All welcome! Collection for *Mind in Somerset*



Our Mission Focus for May Please keep them in your prayers



We are Transforming Lives for Good.

TLG is a national Christian children's charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future to struggling children. From trauma, to poverty and food insecurity, there are children across the UK facing some of the toughest starts in life. We believe change is possible and that's why in all our work lies an unchanging resolve to transform lives for good.

About us

TLG: Bringing hope and a future for struggling children

We're here because across the UK today, there are thousands of children who are struggling to cope. Poverty, trauma and exclusion cast long shadows, and for too many the future feels hopeless. TLG is all about helping churches to bring hope and a future to children facing heart-breaking challenges.

As a Christian charity, we're confident in the difference that churches of all shapes and sizes can make in their own communities. In every town, you'll find church communities full of ordinary people ready to make an extraordinary difference.

Alongside our network of partner churches, we are committed to reaching out to the most vulnerable children in the UK and seeing hope spread. With expertise in emotional wellbeing, food insecurity, and a crucial understanding of trauma-awareness underpinning all we do, we're seeing thousands of lives transformed for good every year!

CHURCH MAGAZINE

The next edition of St James' Church Magazine (June to August 2026) is in preparation. If you have an article for possible inclusion, do send it in. It might be a report of an activity or event, advance notice of an upcoming event, a book review, poem or prayer you have found helpful or a story that illustrates a truth or teaching.

Please send your contributions in a Word document if possible – a page in the Mag is around 300-310 words (fewer if there are pix to include). If you have pictures to illustrate your article, send these as separate files-jpeg, tiff, pdf.

Send your contributions to the Editor at dancingdoyle@sky.com or through the Church Office.

Final deadline for copy is Monday 18th May, but earlier would be helpful, and advance notice that something is 'on its way' would also help me plan space.

Thanks for your contributions – Chris Doyle (St James' Church Magazine Editor)

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.

Hymns & Tea

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

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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
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Ellen Price 289160

St James Church TAUNTON

ANNUAL CHARITY acts
We're Hands and Feet

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

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
ACTIONS FOR CHILDRENS TRUST
(NO 1206746)

ACTIONSUK@GMAIL.COM

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



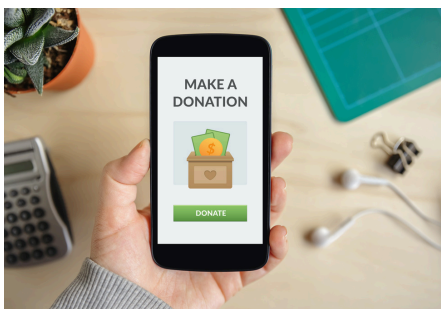
Church Opening Times

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-fe59feb9db3>



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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