

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

## Sunday 10th May

### OUR SERVICE

Genesis - Man & Woman: Vocation and Blessing

### THIS SUNDAY

Gen. 1. 26-31; 2. 15-25

Eph. 5. 21-33

Lead: Richard Lucas

Preach: Richard Carpenter

## NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Sunday 17th May

Ascension

Acts 1. 1-11

Eph. 1. 15-23

Lead: Mike Gillingham

Preach: Geoff Treasure

Holy Communion

### Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-13

Lead: Edward Hosken

Preach: James Haddell

All Age Service



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 IJS

*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

**TLG** transforming lives for good

### OUR STORY

You may never have heard of Great Horton in Bradford. But for us, it's a really special place – it's where we were born. In 1998, when one local church in the neighbourhood realised that there were young people out of school in the daytime they knew they needed to do something.

That's when TLG's first education centre began. A small school for excluded young people, enabling them to feel part of somewhere safe and achieve vital qualifications to have a future brimming with potential.

But Great Horton was just the tip of the iceberg. Knowing that thousands of school exclusions take place each year, we looked further afield for more local churches sharing a similar vision to support struggling young people. For over twenty years, TLG's church-based Education Centres, brought hope and a future to excluded young people across England.

In 2010, we knew we had to do more. There was one question we just couldn't shake from our heads. Why wait for school exclusions to take place before we helped these children? We were convinced we needed to act sooner. That's why we launched TLG Early Intervention, enabling local churches to support struggling children through weekly one to one support in a mainstream school environment. Since the programme started, we've seen over 30,000 hours worth of one to one support for struggling children and 97% of children who have been coached say they are more hopeful about their future.

But it's not always obvious to spot a child that's finding it hard to cope. For over one million children, the struggle of holiday hunger takes place behind closed doors. In 2018, we joined forces with the charity Make Lunch to help local churches bring hope to children who would otherwise go hungry in the school holidays when free school meals stop. Make Lunch is now fully part of the TLG family and helps to transform even more lives through churches that refuse to let any child face holiday hunger in the UK today.

So that's us in a nutshell. But you're probably dying to hear more. Join 1000s of others who have read 'Out of the Ordinary: The TLG Story' – a book about the vision that a generation of struggling children should know love and acceptance through the most powerful means possible – the local church.



*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)

A message from



Taunton Team Chaplaincy needs help with its fundraising. Our present volunteer, who has been very successful, will be retiring. Is there anyone in your congregation who would be willing to step in? Our retiring team member is available for an informal chat about what is involved and will give full training and support for a new person.

Please contact us at [info@tauntontc.co.uk](mailto:info@tauntontc.co.uk)

**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 Clark 271858 Vicky Dykes 282507  
Ellen Price 289160

**ANNUAL CHARITY**

**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

**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](mailto:dancingdoyle@sky.com) or through the Church Office.

Final deadline for copy is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

# PRAYER



### Zoom Morning Prayer

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



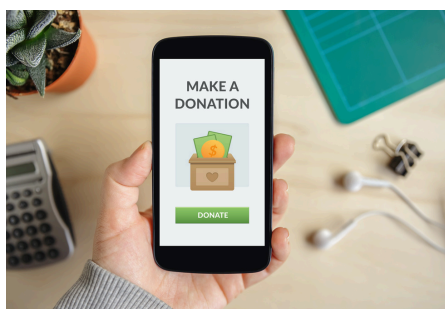
### Church Opening Times

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

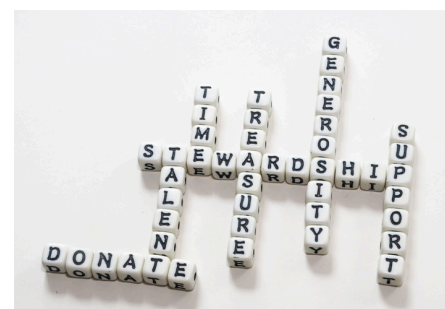


You can now donate electronically at the door or by clicking the link below

<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](mailto:christine.rickard@sky.com)

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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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