

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 17th May

Ascension

Acts 1. 1-11

Eph. 1. 15-23

Lead: Mike Gillingham
Preach: Geoff Treasure
Holy Communion

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-13

Lead: Edward Hosken
Preach: James Haddell
All Age Service

Sunday 31st May

The Great Lie

Gen. 3. 1-10

John 8. 34-44

Lead: Mike Gillingham
Preach: Edward Hosken



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*

Friday 5 June 2026

7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

Please use Hall entrance

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)

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

mind
 in Somerset

Our Mission Focus for May Please keep them in your prayers

TLG transforming lives for good

Our impact

Together, we are making a difference. In 2025, through our programmes and the support of our volunteers and donors, thousands of children and their families we're able to journey out of crisis and into hope.

We're grateful to see that month after month, through our Early Intervention programme children facing emotional struggles and hardship received the care and support they desperately needed through one-one therapeutic coaching. And through our Make Lunch clubs, children and families struggling with food insecurity, isolation, and mental health challenges were able to find community, belonging and meals that matter.

There's so much we were celebrating from 2025:

4,803 children were shown that they matter.

220 churches are now in partnership with TLG.

118,594 meals have been provided to children & families through their local Make Lunch club.

10,071 coaching sessions have been given to children through our Early Intervention programme
 - and -

1,071 children and families have been connected into the wider support of the local church.

If you'd like to read Richard Carpenter's talk from Sunday on

"Man & Women – Vocation and Blessing" we have uploaded it to the Bible Study Notes page of the website. Here's a link direct to the PDF:

https://stjamestaunton.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/20260510-Sermon-Man_Woman-Vocation-and-Blessing-Richard-Carpenter-publish.pdf

There was a lot of good material there. Thanks Richard!



Coffee Morning



SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
10am - 12pm
sale of paintings, sketches, bookmarks and cards.
Come and join us for a coffee and see what we get up to on Wednesday mornings!



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

2026

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



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

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

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



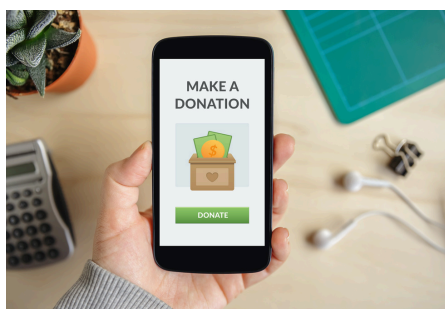
Church Opening Times

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

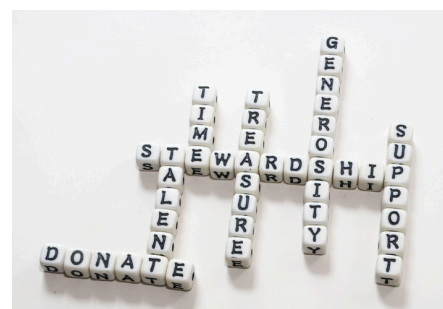


You can now donate electronically at
 the door or by clicking the link below

<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
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