

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 4th October Harvest Sunday

Rhythms of Grace – Gratitude, The
Outward Response

Psalm 65
2 Co. 9. 6-11

Lead: Fabian Wuyts
Preach: Edward Hosken
Holy Communion

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 11th October

Rhythms of Grace – Witness, The Outward
Invitation

Mark 12: 28-34
Luke 10: 25-37

Lead: Richard Lucas
Preach: Terry Ascott

Sunday 18th October

Rhythms of Grace – Giving, The Outward
Generosity

Luke 18:18-30
2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

Lead: Jo George
Preach: Fabian Wuyts
Holy Communion

Our Mission Focus for October



Please keep them in your prayers

Open Door supports those who are rough sleeping

In the first instance we provide a warm welcome in our centre in Taunton, a smile and a cuppa. After that we work to ensure people have their basic needs met. We have showers, a clothing store and provide a laundry facility. We also serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited refills of tea, coffee and juice.

This all works to increase people's self-esteem and gives them a positive sense of belonging to our community. We then offer tailored support plans for individuals which target key goals such as developing life skills, sustaining accommodation and accessing employment.

All of this is underpinned by a staff team of three and a huge team of over 30 volunteers. Without our volunteers, and support from donors, Open Door Taunton would not be able to make such a difference in people's lives.



YES please, we need Food

Tins

Baked Beans, Mushrooms, Beef, Ham, Custard

Basics

Cereals, Salt/Pepper, Flour, Margarine/Spread, Cooking Oil, Sugar

Drinks

Fruit Juice, Squash, Coffee, Long Life Milk, Hot Chocolate Sugar

Treats

Biscuits, Cakes, Sweets, Crisps, Cereal Bars, Pot Noodles

Sauces and Condiments

Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Brown Sauce

YES please, we need Clothing

Joggers

Hoodies

Boxer Shorts

Trainers

Socks

Coats

Small Knickers

Clothing and footwear must be suitable for people aged 20-40 years (please check before taking to centre).

YES please, we need Non-Food Items

Washing Powder

Roll-On Deodorant

Large Rucksacks

Carrier Bags

Sleeping Bags

Roll Mats

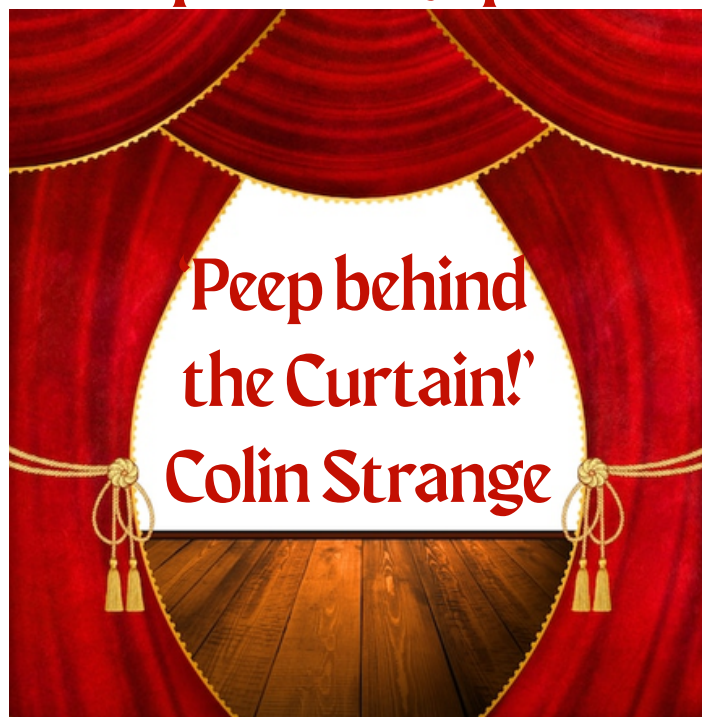
Sufficient at present, thank you

Pasta, Tuna, Tea, Tinned Soup, Porridge

No, thank you

Tents, Electrical Items, Older age clothing (as most clients are aged 20-40), Duvets

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP October 1st 2pm for 2.30pm



COMMITTEE:

Carole Whitaker 430426

Rita Butler 275117 Sue Collard 271858 Ellen Price 289160



Hymns & Tea

Twice monthly, 2nd & 4th Sundays
Hymns & afternoon tea 2:30 – 4:00 pm
Doors open at 2pm



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

2026

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



SUNDAYS 10.30

COME ALONG ANY TIME!

PLAY WE BEGIN AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH EXPLORING A WIDE RANGE OF TOYS

WE HEAD TO THE HALL FOR A BIBLE STORY AND SONG

STORY TIME

CRAFT WE HAVE A VARIETY OF CRAFT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PAINT, PLAY DOUGH, COLLAGE ...

WE LOVE TO PLAY BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES TOGETHER

GAMES

SNACK WE ENJOY DELICIOUS SNACKS AND DRINKS

WE CLOSE WITH A REFLECTIVE PRAYER TIME

PRAY



Yes, Harvest is just around the corner —
Sunday, 4th October!

The Flower Team would love you to join them as we decorate the church on Friday, 2nd October.

There are lots of ways you can help. You could:

- Make a small donation towards the cost of flowers.
- Come along and help fill jam jars and vases on the day.
- Bring along some greenery or flowers and leave them by the Flower Cupboard — everything will be put to good use!

Thank you for helping us prepare the Church for our Harvest celebrations.

Care for the Family

Care for the Family event in Exeter
7.30pm on 8th of October 2026.

Title: 'Going the distance for a vibrant and lasting marriage.'

This is a couples' event covering important topics such as preparing for rough patches, the importance of date nights, taking stock, and investing in your relationship.

Venue: Belmont Church, Western Way, Exeter, EX1 2DB.

For tickets: cff.org.uk/goingthedistance; 029 2081 0800



With thanks to Terry and Jacquie Ascott for the Harvest pedestal arrangement in celebration of Jacquie's birthday on the 10th and their Wedding Anniversary on the 14th of this month. Congratulations!



2026/27 CAR PARK PERMITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

WE'RE PLEASED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE COST OF A PARKING PERMIT REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR AT £75. IF YOU REQUIRE A SECOND PERMIT FOR ANOTHER CAR WITHIN THE SAME FAMILY, THE COST IS £25.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A PERMIT, PLEASE POP IN AND SEE GLENYS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP.

Each year we are required, by the Church of England, to carry out 'the October Count' which records how many people attend services during the month. This year we are carrying out a paper exercise and are asking everyone (aged 18 and over) to complete a form on the first Sunday they attend during October. On Sunday 4th October copies for completion will be on seats and will be collected by the Wardens/Deputies. On subsequent Sundays, copies will be available at the back of church for completion either before or after the service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation - Fiona and Nigel.

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



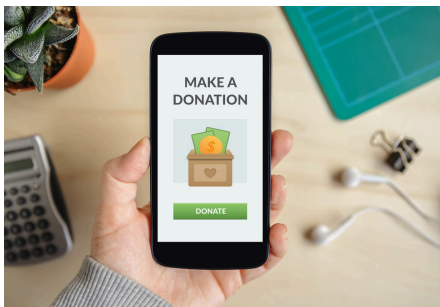
Church Opening Times

Typically Monday - Wednesday
9am - 3.30pm. Sunday 10.00am -
12.30pm



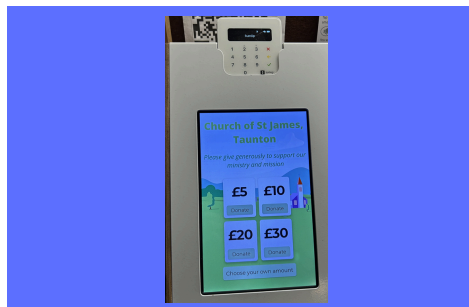
Prayer for Taunton

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-fe59febcb9db3>



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
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