

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

Sunday 11th October

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Rhythms of Grace – Witness, The
Outward Invitation

Mark 12: 28-34

Luke 10: 25-37

Lead: Richard Lucas

Preach: Terry Ascott

NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

Sunday 25th October

Rhythms of Grace – Love, The Guiding Motive

Romans 5:1-8
1 John 4:7-21

Lead: Mike Gillingham
Preach: James Haddell
All Age Service

Our Mission Focus for October



Please keep them in your prayers

Impact of our services

In 2025 The Open Door supported 207 rough sleepers who made 3457 visits to our support centre. Our volunteers provided over 4259 hot meals. Beyond meals, we supported rough sleepers with essential everyday needs with 1,343 showers, 772 loads of laundry, and 4,221 items of clothing. Working with the Somerset Homeless and Rough Sleeping Nursing Service we provided access to 208 medical consultations; we made 119 referrals for housing support to the Somerset Council Outreach Team.

Increase in use of our services in 2026

In comparison to the first six months of 2025, in the first six months of 2026 we have seen 17% more total visits to the support centre.

We have provided 33% more hot meals; made 75% more housing support referrals to Somerset Council; seen an increase of 53% in nurse consultations, and a 64% increase in consultations with the Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service.



We wanted to share with you these beautiful Harvest flowers. A heartfelt thank you to our talented Flower Team for creating such lovely displays!

If you would you like to brighten the Church with flowers for a special date, celebration or occasion — or simply because you love flowers?

You can reserve a date in the flower diary by speaking to Sue, Carole, Annie or Lyn, and they'll take care of the rest.



THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP 2pm for 2.30pm



Programme

November 5th
Jenny Wakefield
Windows on St James

December 2nd
WEDNESDAY
Christmas Lunch



St James
Church
TAUNTON

COMMITTEE: Carole Whitaker 430426
Rita Butler 275117 Sue Collard 271858 Ellen Price 289160

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

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



NEW: Music group starting November 2026!

Dovetail is a friendly group for anyone seeking asylum, a refugee, or displaced. We meet to play, sing and share music based on the stories and styles in the room. You don't have to have any musical experience, and all styles of music are welcome. Come and join in!

When: Wednesday afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Address: Taunton Quaker Meeting House
13 Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP ([Map](#))

Delicious food is served at 3.30pm, and travel expenses will be covered.

To register your interest, scan this QR:



If you have any queries, email taunton@dovetailorchestra.org.uk



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. Thank you to everyone who has already completed a form. For the remaining Sundays of the month, copies will be available at the back of church for completion either before or after the service for anyone attending for the first time in October. 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



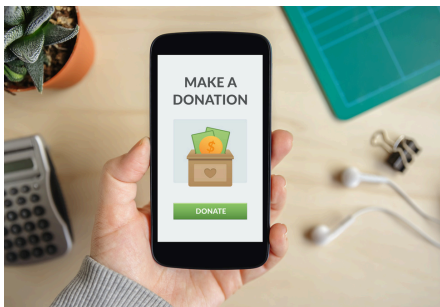
Church Opening Times

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



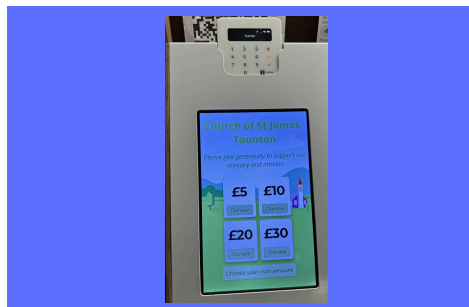
Prayer for Taunton

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-fe59febcbdb3>



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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