

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

## OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

### 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

### NEXT TWO WEEKS

#### 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

#### Sunday 1st November

Rhythms of Grace – Learning, The Lifelong  
Journey

Psalm 1:1–6  
James 1:19–25

Lead: Fabian Wuyts  
Preach: Richard Carpenter  
Holy Communion

Our Mission Focus for October



Please keep them in your prayers



Open Door supports those who are rough sleeping

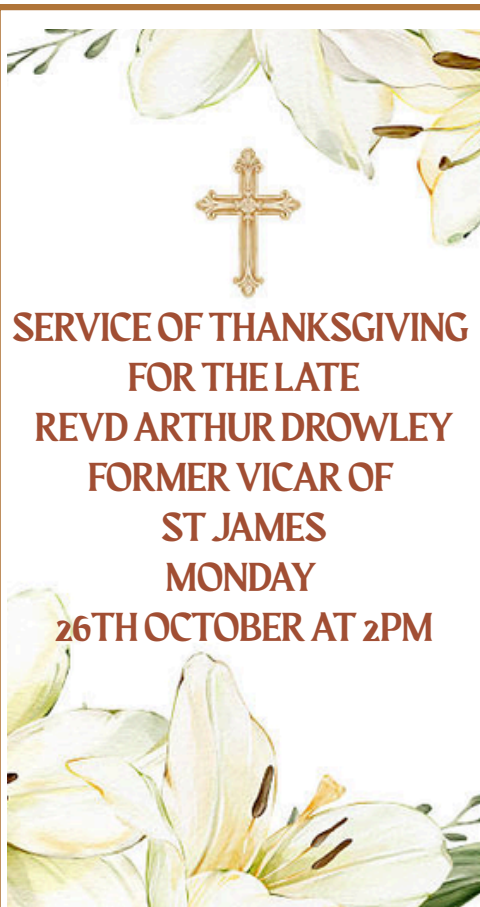
In the first instance we provide a warm welcome in our centre in Taunton, a smile and a cuppa. After that we work to ensure people have their basic needs met. We have showers, a clothing store and provide a laundry facility. We also serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited refills of tea, coffee and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

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



**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LATE  
REVD ARTHUR DROWLEY  
FORMER VICAR OF  
ST JAMES  
MONDAY  
26TH OCTOBER AT 2PM**



*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**



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



## 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

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| 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)



**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](mailto: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.

**CHURCH MAGAZINE**

The next edition of St James' Church Magazine (December 2026 – February 2027) 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.

Finally final deadline for copy this time is Tuesday 17 November 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



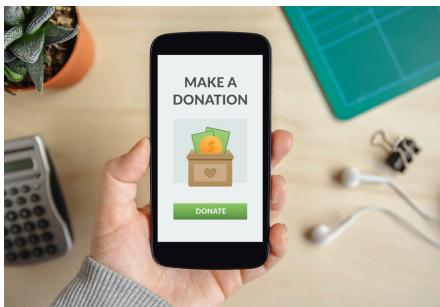
## Church Opening Times

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



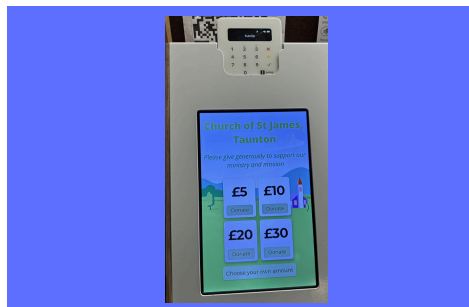
## Prayer for Taunton

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-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  
to set up monthly stewardship  
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