



Children & Family Ministry

St James
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TAUNTON

Loving Father,

We place before you the children and families of our church.

Fill our leaders with wisdom, creativity, and patience, and shape our ministry so it truly nurtures faith in this generation.

Strengthen parents and carers, giving them support, courage, and hope.

Show us what needs to grow, what needs realigning, and how best to walk alongside families in this season.

May our children come to know you, trust you, and follow you all their days.

Amen.



Link with St James School



Lord Jesus, Light of the world,

We thank you for our connection with St James School.

Bless every act of mentoring, teaching, reading, and worship shared.

Let seeds of faith be planted and lives gently shaped by your love.

Give us wisdom, humility, and sensitivity in all we do, and help us reflect Christ to pupils, parents, and staff alike.

If you are calling us into something new here, give us eyes to see and courage to respond.

Amen.



Youth Ministry

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Faithful God,

We lift before you the young people of our church and community.

Draw them into real encounters with Jesus and shape them into confident disciples.

Raise up leaders, volunteers, and a youth worker who will guide, support, and inspire them.

Bless the Alpha course, the gatherings, and the moments of worship,

and grow young leaders who will serve boldly in church life.

May your Spirit be at work among them in power and truth.

Amen.



LifeGroups

God of community,

Thank you for the gift of LifeGroups.

Deepen relationships, faith, and discipleship within each group.

Raise up new leaders and co-leaders with servant hearts,

and guide us as groups grow, multiply, pause, or realign.

Let our LifeGroups be places of care, prayer, and transformation,

where people are known, loved, and formed as followers of Jesus.

Amen.

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Senior Leadership (Vicar & Churchwardens)

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*Lord our Shepherd,
We pray for our Vicar and Churchwardens.
Grant them wisdom, courage, and bold faith as they
lead.
Tune their hearts to your Spirit and to the needs of
your people.
Strengthen unity, clarity of vision, and trust in you,
especially in times of challenge or change.
May they lead with humility, confidence, and deep
reliance on you.
Amen.*



Ministry Leaders & Coordinators



Generous God,

*We thank you for all who lead and coordinate ministry
in this church.*

*Renew their joy, sharpen their focus, and guide them
by your Spirit.*

*Help them to encourage others, share responsibility,
and mentor new leaders.*

*Open their hearts to fresh vision and new
possibilities,*

*and let their service bear lasting fruit for your
kingdom.*

Amen.



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PCC
Parochial Church Council

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God of wisdom and truth,

We pray for the PCC as they steward the life and resources of this church.

Grant discernment, unity, and integrity in every decision.

Help them set priorities that reflect your heart and purposes.

Guide them through difficult conversations and choices,

and let your Spirit shape how we govern, plan, and serve together.

Amen.





Teaching & Sunday Worship

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*Lord of all worship,
We offer to you our teaching and Sunday worship.
Bless preachers, leaders, musicians, and prayer
ministers
as they prepare and serve.
May our worship be Spirit-filled, welcoming, and life-
giving.
Let sermons shape hearts, prayer bring healing,
and hospitality reflect your generous love.
Draw us closer to Jesus as we gather in your name.
Amen.*



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Witness & Mission

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*Sending God,
You call us to be your witnesses in the world.
Fill us with boldness, compassion, and love
as we share our faith and make disciples.
Guide our mission locally and globally,
and help us steward our buildings and resources
so they serve your purposes well.
Open new doors for witness,
and teach us to follow where you are already at work.
Amen.*

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Pastoral Care

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*God of comfort and mercy,
We lift before you the pastoral life of our church.
Shape us into a caring, safe, and attentive community,
where responsibility for one another is shared by all.
Bless those who visit, listen, pray, and support others.
Be close to the bereaved, the weary, the anxious, and
the unseen.*

*May every person know they are loved, valued, and
held by you.*

Amen.





Christian Networks
& Wider Church



*Lord of the Church,
We thank you that we are part of your wider body.
Bless our relationships within B1, the Deanery, the
Diocese, and our National Church.
Grant unity, humility, and mutual encouragement,
even when we differ or face challenges.
Help us listen well, contribute faithfully,
and walk together in your truth and love.
Amen.*





Praying for Ourselves

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*Gracious God,
We come before you just as we are.
We bring our joys and our worries,
our hopes, questions, and longings.
We name before you those we love who do not yet
know you,
and we place our workplaces, neighbourhoods, and
daily lives in your hands.
Show us where you are at work,
and help us trust you with all that is on our hearts.
Amen.*



Families & Friends

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Loving Father,

We lift before you our families and friends.

Surround them with your peace, love, and presence.

*Heal broken relationships and deepen bonds of trust
and understanding.*

*Make our homes places of grace, forgiveness, and
faith.*

*Give us courage and gentleness as we live out our
faith*

among those closest to us.

Amen.



Our Vocation
& Calling

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*Lord of all our days,
We offer to you our work, roles, and callings.
Bring clarity where there is uncertainty
and faith where there is change or challenge.
Be present in the places we live and serve each day.
Help us honour you in all we do
and live as faithful disciples wherever you have placed
us.
Amen.*



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*Discerning the
Season We Are In*

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*God who makes all things new,
We ask for wisdom to discern this season.
Show us what you are strengthening,
what needs realigning,
and what you may be calling us to let go of.
Give us humility, courage, and trust in your timing.
Lead us faithfully into what comes next,
as individuals and as your church.
Amen.*





>Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done

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Father God,

*We lay down our own agendas before you.
Let your kingdom come among us,
and let your will be done in our church, our lives, and
our community.*

*Align us with your heart, your purposes, and your
timing.*

Where we resist you, soften us.

Where we are uncertain, lead us.

*May we seek not our own success,
but your glory and your reign in all things.*

Amen.



Passing the Baton

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Faithful God,

*We thank you for those who have gone before us;
for their faith, sacrifice, and obedience.*

*Teach us how to pass on faith, responsibility, and
leadership well.*

*Raise up new leaders, new voices, and new gifts.
May we honour the past without clinging to it,
and prepare the way for those who will follow after
us.*

Amen.



I Am Doing a New Thing

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*God of promise,
You declare that you are doing a new thing.
Give us eyes to see it,
hearts to receive it,
and courage to step into it.
Help us release what no longer bears fruit
and trust you with what is emerging.
Even when the way feels unfamiliar,
teach us to recognise your voice and follow your lead.
Amen.*



✿ ✿ *Catching the Wave*

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Spirit of the living God,

*We long to move with you, not ahead of you, not
behind you.*

*Teach us to recognise where you are bringing life,
movement, and growth.*

*Help us catch the wave of your presence,
rather than striving in our own strength and plans.*

Where you are at work, give us faith to join in.

*May we bear fruit that lasts,
carried by your power and guided by your grace.
Amen.*





Rise & Shine

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*Lord of light and glory,
You call your people to arise and shine.
Awaken us from weariness, fear, or complacency.
Clothe us again with hope, faith, and courage.
Let your glory rest upon us,
so that your light may be seen in our life together.
Draw people from near and far to the hope we carry
in you.
As we rise in obedience and trust,
may your light shine through us for your glory alone.
Amen.*