November 22nd 2026

St James Church TAUNTON

WEEKLY BULLETIN

ENCOUNTERING, GROWING, PARTICIPATING

OUR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd November

Rhythms of Grace – Establishing a Rhythm

John 15:1–11
Galatians 5:16–25

Lead: Nigel Bright
Preach: Fabian Wuyts
Holy Communion

We welcome the Archdeacon

Sunday 29th November

Advent 1 - Celebration

Isaiah 64 1-9
1 Co. 1. 3-9

Lead: Fabian Wuyts
Preach: James Haddell

Sunday 6th December

Advent 2 - Receive

Isaiah 55. 1-5
John 1. 9-14

Lead: Sue Lucas
Preach: Jo George
Holy Communion

Our Mission Focus for November **tearfund** please keep them in your prayers

Join a community of prayer and make this Advent count
This Advent, we'd love to go on a journey together.
Throughout December, as we reflect on the weeks of anticipation before the birth of Jesus Christ, we'll journey alongside characters in the Nativity, as well as some of Tearfund's own staff around the world.
With daily prayer emails, we'll do some deep dives into Bible passages around the Nativity to look at some of the physical, emotional and spiritual journeys we take with and to God.
We'll also be taken around the world by our global staff as they share stories of communities whose journeys have led to real transformation in Jesus' name.

Come on an Advent Journey
28 Nov 2026
Sign up to our daily Advent prayer emails and follow Jesus' love to people and communities living in extreme poverty.

https://www.tearfund.org/forms/advent-email-sign-up-form



ACTS INVITES YOU TO A

COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE-TOP SALE

@ ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, TA1 1JS

Date: 21st Nov.'26
Time: 10am-12 noon

Scan to book your space for £5 by email

Local and African crafts, books, cakes, and lots more stalls

In support for Actions for Children's Trust.
Charity no.1206746

Somerset County Orchestra

Conductor David Hedges
Leader Alex Chivers

Strauss
Die Fledermaus Overture

Bériot
Violin Concerto no 9 (arr. for concertina by Chapman)

Locatelli
Christmas Concerto in F major

Wagner
Siegfried Idyll

with music by Grainger, Regondi and Delius

Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 8:00 p.m. St James Church, Taunton

Tickets £15 Students and Under 18 Free available from the Taunton Visitor Centre, our website and on the door

Registered Charity No.288482

Besom Christmas Hampers!

We will be making up our Christmas hampers again soon and delivering them to individuals and families we have helped over the past year - those who will be particularly blessed by a little extra at Christmas

If you would like to contribute, we would be pleased to receive:

- Christmas cakes
- sweets
- chocolate logs
- tins of biscuits
- savoury treats
- chocolate tree novelties
- hot chocolate
- crackers
- selection boxes etc



The deadline for donations is Sunday 6th December

Please ask your church about arrangements for collecting the food.

Many thanks, The Besom in Taunton!

Reduced Opera and Fusion Dance Circus

Fifth Element

Aerial | Circus
Opera | Cabaret



St James' Church, Taunton TA1 1JS
Friday 11 Dec 7.00pm

Get into the Christmas spirit with Fusion Dance Circus and The Reduced Opera Company. See a unique night of Opera Cabaret and Aeriel Circus in a beautifully illuminated church; stilt walking and a fire display alongside aerial performance and exquisite opera

Tickets: £20 Adult; £10 under 16
Available on the door or online
ticketsource.com/the-reduced-opera-company

TAUNTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Voce

Step into Christmas

JOIN US FOR FESTIVE CHORAL MUSIC, CAROLS & WINTER READINGS TO KICK START YOUR ADVENT COUNTDOWN

4PM SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH TAUNTON

£10 ADULTS, £5 CHILDREN
TICKETS INCLUDE DRINKS AND NIBBLES AFTER THE SHOW

St James Church TAUNTON Art Group

Coffee Morning & Art Sale



with

Cake & Coffee

St James Church Hall
Saturday 28th November 10am-12pm
Sale of paintings. sketches. bookmarks and cards. Come and see what we get up to on Wednesay morning!

Proceeds in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance

Advent by Candlelight

SIMPLY PRAY St James Church Taunton TA1 1JS

Thursday 3rd December 7pm
in the Side Chapel,
St James' Church, Taunton
(next to the County Ground)

a time with pauses for reflection, thoughts and prayers for the season based around Taizé

Those of any faith and none are welcome to join us - arrive anytime from 6:30pm

For more information contact either:
Lyn 07772881463 or **Felicity 07508287808**
or go to **stjamestaunton.org**

MOZART

REQUIEM
(abridged)

BUSH - A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Saturday
5th December

St. James' Church
Taunton

7:30 pm

TAUNTON CHORAL SOCIETY

TICKETS & INFORMATION
TAUNTONCHORALSOCIETY.ORG

MAKE A DATE WITH FLOWERS!

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.
Choose your date, share your reason, and let the flowers do the talking!

Thursday Fellowship

Christmas Meal
Wednesday
2nd December
12.30pm for 1.00pm

Thursday 7th January
Holy Communion
2.00pm for 2.30pm

PRAYER



Zoom Morning Prayer

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



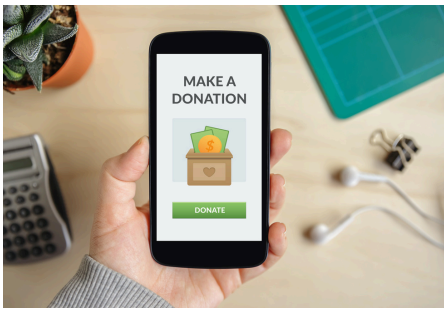
Church Opening Times

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

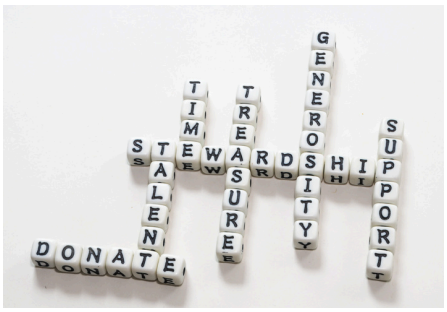


You can now donate electronically at the door or by clicking the link below

https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8565dd91-35b1-4bd2-8007-fe59febc9db3



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 christine.rickard@sky.com

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