

New to St James? Welcome!

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you are new here, we would like to stay in touch with you. Please fill in a leaflet at the back of the Church and hand it to the vicar or one of the churchwardens

COLLECTIONS

We do not take up a collection during the service. If you would like to make a contribution towards the Lord's work, there is an offering plate on the table at the back of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available if you are a UK tax payer.

If you have been coming here a while, please consider setting up a Standing Order. Contact the Planned Giving Officer, **Richard Taylor**, for details.

THE PEACE

During Communion Services we share The Peace with each other. Simply turn to those around you, shake hands and say something like "Peace be with you". You may then find that some people will move around the Church to share The Peace more widely.

PRAYER MINISTRY

We offer a personal ministry of prayer every week after the main Morning Service. If you wish to bring anything to God in prayer, and in private, please go to the side chapel at the end of the service where someone will be available to pray with you.

Also, if it is a Communion Service, as you return from the Communion rail, two people will be ready to pray a brief prayer with you if you wish.

HOME GROUPS

Tuesday	10:30 am	The Nomads (278387)
Wednesday	2:30pm	Follow on Group (412113)
	2:30 pm	15 Barrington Close (289367)
	7:45 pm	13 Giffarde Street (972838)
	7:30 pm	28 Comeytrowe Lane (Steve Bradford337690)
	7:30 pm	Killams Group (254344)
	7:30 pm	Hesperia The Avenue (277916)
	7:45 pm	Ashley Road (284688)
	8:00 pm	North Taunton (272931)
Thursday	2:30 pm	27 Priorswood Road (271858)
	7:30 pm	21 St Georges Sq (07702982949)
	7:30 pm	21 Ryesland Way (490458)
	8:00 pm	12 The Avenue (271223)

CONTACTS

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All items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12:00 Wednesday

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The site includes recordings of sermons

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**Sunday
10th Dec 2017**

**We welcome all visitors
and friends to our
worship today.**

And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9:6-7

Sunday 10th Dec Second Sunday in Advent

10:00am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office
10:30am	All Age Worship Led By: Nic Tall and team Preaching: Nic Tall Readings and Prayers led by team. Theme: Family Carols and Nativity <i>(The children and young people are with us for the whole service.)</i>
7:00pm	Evening Praise Service Richard Lucas and Team

What's on at St James this week (11th—16th Dec)

Monday	10:00am	Baby and Toddlers in the Large Hall
	6:15pm	Business Carols
Tuesday	10:30am	Dementia Friendly Communion in the Church
	2:30pm	Prayer for Israel in the Church
	2:30pm	Holy Communion at Pegasus Court
Wednesday	9:30am	Praise and Play in the Church
	10:00am	Art Group in the Large Hall
	11:30am	Holy Communion in the Church
	7:30pm	Church Prayer meeting with time of fellowship afterwards
Thursday	7:30pm	Singing rehearsals in the Church
	1:30pm	St James School Christingles
Friday	8:30am	Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office
	1:30pm	St James school Christingles

Next Sunday (17th Dec) Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am	Prayer Breakfast in the Church
10:00am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office
10:30am	Holy Communion Led By: John Dykes Preaching: Jamie Fox Mt 25:1-13 Ruth Dunn Prayers: Susie Peeler Theme: Being Prepared <i>(The children and young people are in the Halls for their party)</i>
3:30pm	Calway House service & Northfield Gardens Carols
6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight Geoff Treasure

**Please take this Bulletin away with you
A LARGE PRINT Bulletin is also available**

Church Office: 01823 272931 Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 am and 12.30 pm

Prayer Needs

In your prayers, please remember Tim and Margaret Jones as they settle into their new home. Please also remember retired clergy, readers and church officers. Please pray for any others known to us, who are in hospital, unwell at home, or who particularly need our prayers at this time.

Please also remember Mike Gillingham who is supporting the ministry at St Peter's, Lyngford, and our retired clergy, readers and church members who from time to time lead services in other places.

In the Prayer Diary this week:

- 10th** Our group of B1 Church leaders and their weekly meetings
11th Lorraine Brigg-Hambleton and family
12th Alfred Street & Mitre Court
13th Hilary and Keith Bromley; Patricia Bowerman
14th Chris and Alison Buckman, Hannah, Martha and Iris
15th Dorothy Bulmer; Joan Campbell-White
16th Annabel Campbell and family; Liz Campbell

Church Prayer Meetings

During the upcoming vacancy, the Church prayer meetings are a way to join together to encourage one another and pray for the life of the Church.

Upcoming meetings:

- Prayer meeting in Inner Office 8:30am Every Friday
Pre-worship Prayer Meeting 10am Every Sunday
Church Prayer Meeting in Church 7:30pm 13th December (with time of fellowship afterwards)
Prayer Breakfast in Church 8:30am 17th December
Church Prayer Meeting in Small Hall 7:00pm 23rd January

Other prayer meetings:

- Prayer for Taunton at Canon Street 7:30pm 12th December

This Week.

The Office will be open as usual this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am until 12.30pm.

Next Week (18th—23rd Dec)

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| Monday | 10:00am | Baby and Toddlers Christmas Party in Church |
| | 1:30pm | St James School Carol Service |
| Tuesday | 11am | Alzheimers Carol Service |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Praise and Play Party in the Church |
| | 10:00am | Art Group in the Large Hall |
| | 11:30am | Holy Communion in the Church |
| Thursday | 10:00am | North Town School Carol Service in the Church |
| Friday | 8:30am | Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office |

General Notices

Christmas Card in aid of Tearfund.

There will be a large Christmas card for all to send Christmas greetings to friends and family in St James. Please make a donation to Tearfund when you sign and the money will go towards their Christmas appeal. If you donate directly to Tear Fund, your donation will be doubled – for every £1 donated Government will match fund this with an additional £1 details at <https://www.tearfund.org/en/ukaidmatch/> The card will be available at the back of church from this Sunday and all are welcome to sign!

Christmas leaflets.

There are leaflets at the back of Church for explaining what Christmas is all about. Please feel free to use these with friends and contacts. There is also a small devotional booklet produced by the Church of England. Please look at a copy and if you know of friends/contacts for whom it would be helpful then please take a copy. If you would like one for your own use then please make a donation of £1.10 to cover production costs.

Church locking up.

Volunteer needed to lock up the Church on a Monday late afternoon. Please contact the Church Office.

Carol Service invitation.

Taunton memory Café and Singing for the Brain, who meet weekly in the Church Hall, would like to invite everyone from St James Church to their Carol Service on December 19th at 11am in the Church and for a cup of tea and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Pastoral Visits.

Anyone who would like a pastoral visit, to have the chance to pray with or talk to one of the pastoral team, please contact Annie Reid on 07812130619

Safeguarding Course.

Thank you to everyone who attended the C1 Safeguarding course. Certificates are now available from Beccy or Jenny.

Terry Waite Books.

Following on from Terry Waite's recent talk at St James, copies of his books have now been donated to and are available from the library. Please enter your name in the book when you borrow and please return once read for others to benefit.

Mary's Beat Fund.

Earlier this year we were sad to hear that Mary Dyer, who attended church in her wheelchair, had died. A new fund, Mary's Beat, has been set up in her name for people with physical and/or learning disabilities in Somerset and Devon to access music therapy and outdoor adventures. Details can be found at www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/somersetcf/marysbeat, including how to make a donation to the fund.

Alpha 2018.

A number of people have been asking when the next Alpha course will be offered, wanting the opportunity to invite friends, neighbours and family. Here is the information you need - we are planning to run the next course on Wednesday evenings commencing January 24th (introduction evening and first session) and a list for names will be available in church from Sunday 17 December. Now you have the information please start inviting! Please bear in mind that it is much more effective to 'bring them along' rather than 'send them along'. More information from Roger Fenton (tel 412113).

Breakfast with God– Sunday 17th December.

There will be a half hour prayer meeting starting at 8:30am followed by a light breakfast. This will be held in the servery area of the church. This session will cover current needs as well as providing an opportunity to share knowledge of the various activities going on within St James and the wider Christian community. Please see Norman Bambridge for further information.