

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 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 for 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 Gyffarde Street (972838)
7:30 pm 28 Comeytrowe Lane
(Steve Bradford 337690)
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)

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

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Sunday
18th February 2018

We welcome all visitors
and friends to our
worship today.

'And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit' Ephesians 2:22

Sunday (18th February)

First Sunday of Lent

8:30am **Prayer Breakfast**
in the Church

10:00am **Pre-worship Prayer Meeting**
in the Inner Office

10:30am **All Age Worship**
Led By: Nicki Bradford and Team
Preaching: Nicki Bradford and Team
Matthew 4:1-11

Theme: Mission Impossible?

(The children and young people are in Church for the whole service.)

There will be a bring and share lunch after Church with an opportunity to donate to Julie and Courtney's Mexico trip.

3:00pm **Calway House** Kevin Brewer

7:00pm **Praise and Communion** Brian Stocks and
Tony Huxtable

What's on at St James this week

(19th – 24th February)

Monday 10:00am Baby and Toddlers in the Large Hall.
6:00pm Wardens Event in the Church.

Wednesday 9:30am Praise and Play in the Church.
10:00am Art Group in the Large Hall.
11:30am Holy Communion in the Church.

Friday 7:00pm St James Players in the Large Hall.

Sunday (25th February)

Second Sunday of Lent

10:00am **Pre-worship Prayer Meeting**
in the Inner Office

10:30am **Holy Communion (Prayer H)**
Led By: John Dykes
Preaching: Geoff Treasure
Psalm 24 Susie Peeler
1 Thess 4:13-5:11 Mark Stevens
Prayers: Steve Bradford
Theme: Return Ticket

(The children and young people are in Sunday Club for the whole service.)

7:00pm **Praise and Teaching** Roger Fenton
Matters of Life and Death

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 Steve Bradford and Ruth Stevens, who have been chosen by the PCC as our Parish Representatives in the selection of a new vicar.

Please also remember Mike Gillingham who is supporting the ministry at St Peters, as well as retired clergy, readers and church officers, including those who lead services in other places.

Please pray for any others known to us, who are in hospital, unwell at home, or who particularly need our prayers at this time.

In the Prayer Diary this week:

18th	For the Monday Toddler group and the Wednesday Praise and Play service and for their relationship with the church.
19th	David and Lydia Jordan
20th	<i>Elm Grove; Firepool Lock Development</i>
21st	Martin & Jackie Kennard and family
22nd	Eric Knight
23rd	Julie Kimber and family
24th	Joyce Kirk

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	10:00am	Every Sunday
Prayer Breakfast in Church	8:30am	18th February
Church Prayer Meeting in Small Hall	7:00pm	27th February
Church Prayer Meeting in Church (with time of fellowship afterwards)	7:30pm	14th March

Other Prayer Meetings:

Prayer for Taunton (venue TBC)	7:30pm	13th March
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This Week

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

Next Week (26th February – 3rd March)

Monday	10:00am	Baby and Toddlers in the Large Hall.
Tuesday	10:00am	Blood Donors in the Church. No Parking at Church today.
	7:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting in the Small Hall.
Wednesday	9:30am	Praise and Play in the Church. Followed by Bring and Share lunch.
	10:00am	Art Group in the Large Hall.
Thursday	2:00pm	Thursday Fellowship in the Church.
Friday	7:00pm	St James Players in the Large Hall.

General Notices

St James Players - Easter 2018.

Exciting opportunity to present the Easter story performance in drama, dance and song on 27th-28th March. St James Players are still seeking actors, dancers, singers, extras, sound, lighting and backstage crew. If you can help please see Jenny Wakefield.

Thursday Fellowship.

Thursday Fellowship on March 1st have a Musical afternoon in church with Rob Rawle, Janet Tall and Chris Doyle. They really are worth seeing/hearing so don't miss this opportunity of a worthwhile afternoon. Everyone welcome at 2pm for tea/coffee and cake, music from 2.30pm.

Electoral Roll.

The Electoral Roll is about to be revised starting on the 25th Feb. So if you have been worshipping here for 6 months or more and you'd like to be enrolled as a member of the church family, please complete the application form at the back of church and give to Sue Doyle or leave in the Parish Office.

St James' Mothers and Toddlers.

Help is needed to assist in the running of this friendly group. Duties would involve the making and serving of refreshments to both mothers and children. An average of one Monday morning a month is required. Full information can be obtained from Sheila Marlow 254367.

Half termly prayer meeting for St. James School Friday 23rd February 8 am.

The prayer meeting at St James School is re-starting again, after a little gap. The school have made **the Hive** (building in the school car park) available for us to meet. Dates of the prayer meeting for this school year are the first Friday after the start of term and half term, starting Friday 23rd February. Bright and early starting at 8:00am, so that any staff attending can get to their lessons at 8:30am. Do come along and any queries see Ian White, Sue Lucas or Jenny Wakefield..

Mothering Sunday.

I am in the process of gathering material for the Mothering Sunday Service. I would like photographs of families, as many members as you would like, to put on the screen. You may send more than one to htaylor14@tiscali.co.uk. Many thanks Kate Taylor.

Women's World Day of Prayer.

All are invited to join in with this ecumenical celebration being held at Taunton Baptist Church at 10.30am on Friday 2nd March. Alternatively there is a shortened service in the lunch hour at St Mary Magdalene Church from 1.15pm– 1.45pm.

Wardens Event.

This Monday 19th February 6pm-8pm. If you would like to find out more about being a deputy warden, sides person or help with the tea and coffee, St James Church is the place to be. Come along to hear more, ask questions, share fellowship and relax. Light refreshments will be provided. Blessings from the Wardens.

Rodney Dixon.

Rodney Dixon passed away last Sunday. His funeral is being held on Wednesday 28th February at 3pm at Brushford Church.

Live Lent.

The Church of England have produced a booklet and daily reflections, via email or SMS, for Lent called **#LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine**, which takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. Further information can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>.

Looking Ahead

Church Conference – Saturday 10 March 10.15-12.30pm

This is to update everyone on the vacancy process and present the parish profile document. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch. All welcome.