

## 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 2:30 pm 15 Barrington Close (289367)

7:45 pm 13 Gyffarde 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

**Churchwardens:** Ruth Stevens 01823 972838  
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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  
19th Nov 2017**

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

*However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8*

## Sunday 19th Nov 2nd Sunday before Advent

- 8:30am** **Prayer Breakfast**  
In the Church
- 10:00am** **Pre-worship Prayer Meeting**  
in the Inner Office
- 10:30am** **All Age Worship**  
Led By: Nic Tall  
Preaching: Mike Gillingham  
Mt 24:36-42 Jane Dean  
Mt 25:14-30 Ian White  
Prayers: Team

**Theme: Faithful Servants**

*(The children and young people are with us for the whole service.)*

**3:00pm** **Calway House** Tony Huxtable

**7:00pm** **Praise service with Holy Communion**  
Geoff Treasure and Jamie Fox

## What's on at St James this week (20th-25th Nov)

- Monday** 10:00am Baby and Toddlers in the Large Hall  
7.30pm PCC Meeting
- Wednesday** 9:30am Praise and Play in the Church  
10:00am Art Group in the Large Hall  
11:30am Holy Communion in the Church
- Thursday** 7:30pm Singing Rehearsals in the Church
- Friday** 8:30am Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office

## Next Sunday (26th Nov) 1st Sunday before Advent

- 10:00am** **Pre-worship Prayer Meeting**  
in the Inner Office
- 10:30am** **Holy Communion (Prayer H)**  
Led By: Geoff Treasure  
Preaching: Kevin Brewer  
Eph 1:15-23 Joyce Vernon  
John 18:33-40 Steve Gill  
Prayers: James Haddell

**Theme: Christ the King**

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

**7:00pm** **Praise and Teaching** 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:

- 19th** The work of Taunton Association for the Homeless, Open Door and agencies caring for those without a permanent place to live
- 20th** Hilary Wilkes; Catherine Whitfield
- 21st** Victoria Gate; Weirfield Green
- 22nd** Evelyn and David Adfield. Thomas and Edward
- 23rd** Jim and Pam Anderson
- 24th** Les and Tina Andrews and family
- 25th** Jane Attwood; Dora Banfield

### 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:

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|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Prayer meeting in Inner Office  | 8:30am | Every Friday  |
| Pre-worship Prayer Meeting      | 10am   | Every Sunday  |
| Prayer Breakfast in Church      | 8:30am | 19th November |
| Church Prayer Meeting in Church | 7-8pm  | 28th November |
| Church Prayer Meeting in Church | 7-8pm  | 13th December |

#### Other prayer meetings:

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

### This Week.

**Please note that office opening hours have changed for this week and will be open instead on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-12.30pm.**

As usual all items for inclusion in the bulletin to be received by 12:00 Wednesday.

### Next Week (27th Nov– 4th Dec)

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| <b>Monday</b>    | 10:00am | Baby and Toddlers in the Large Hall |
|                  | 7:00pm  | Besom AGM in Church                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 7:00pm  | Church prayer meeting in Church     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:30am  | Praise and Play in the Church       |
|                  | 10:00am | Art Group in the Large Hall         |
|                  | 11:30am | Holy Communion in the Church        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:30pm  | Singing Rehearsals in the Church    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30am  | Prayer Meeting in the Inner Office  |
|                  | 5:30pm  | Wardens invite event in Church      |

#### Wardens Event.

The next "Wardens invite" event will be on Friday **1st December** 5.30pm - 7.30pm and will include some tree decorating to start our Advent preparations. Baubels are available from this Sunday and all are invited to decorate one with a scene from the nativity, a carol or a verse or word relating to Christmas. Donations for each bauble would be appreciated and will go a local charity providing aid for people in Taunton at Christmas

## Looking Ahead

### St James Christmas Carol Service—17th December

Singing rehearsals for the Carol service will be on Thursdays 23rd and 30th November and 7th and 14th December at 7.30pm, with a final run through at 5pm on Sunday 17th December.

We would welcome all singers who would like to be part of our choir to lead the carols and songs at this special service. Please talk to Ray or Ruth Crooks at Church or on 01823 271249.

### 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. The card will be available at the back of Church from December 3rd, all are welcome to sign!

## General Notices

### Sewing Machine wanted.

Do you have an old hand sewing machine? Refugee Aid From Taunton are looking for old hand sewing machines to send to a project in Uganda. If you would like to donate yours, please see Sue Carpenter to find out more! Thank you.

### Traidcraft.

Last orders for Christmas is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. However Freda will in church on the following Sunday's to hand out existing orders or sell from stock: Sunday 19th, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please email asap to Freda: fredadavis@hotmail.co.uk or Lin: Lin.mdavies@btinternet.com. Thanks for your support.

### Thursday Fellowship meal.

For those who have booked for the Thursday fellowship meal on 30 November, please arrive before 12.15. Lunch will then be served at 12.30.

### West Somerset Singers.

You are invited to the West Somerset Singers' Christmas concert on December 9th at 7.30 p.m. at St Georges Church, Wilton. We will be performing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols as well as carols old and new. Tickets cost £10 available at the door. (We are also looking for new recruits – do come to the concert and see if you might like to join us!)

### Jumble Sale.

Jumble/ Nearly New Sale and Food! at RAFT (at the Auction House, Canal Rd TA1 1PN) on Saturday 25th November. 10.30 -3pm. Please support!

### Terry Waite talk.

Terry's talk at the Taunton Literary Festival is available on the Church website ('Sermons and Music' page) for any who couldn't get to the event.

### Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you to everyone who brought shoe boxes last week or contributed items for the boxes; so far our total is 70. Thank you especially to those who came on Saturday morning for the packing coffee morning, when we were able to fill 15 boxes with items that were donated.

### Church Diaries.

The St James Church diaries for 2018 will be at the back of Church from this week. Suggested donations of 50p per diary to be put in the wall safe near the main Church doors.

### Lost Property.

The lost property basket at the back of Church is now overflowing. In the New Year one of the charities in Taunton will be benefiting from its contents, so if you think you may have some unclaimed items in there then please claim before the end of November.