

# St James Church Fordhouses

## Monthly Calendar for October 2025



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### A call to seek the face of the Lord

Desiring to know and experience God's presence and favour is known as "seeking the face of the Lord." This is different from merely pursuing his provisions or material blessings. It comprises establishing a close, intimate relationship with God through prayer, worship, scripture meditation, and a commitment to living according to divine precepts, which includes making time for God, concentrating on his characteristics and presence, and acknowledging his revelations and inspirations. Some people think that fasting can help them become closer to God and increase their spiritual fervour.

There are many advantages to seeking the face of the Lord, such as discovering God's presence, finding inner joy, peace, and security, receiving divine wisdom, strength, and guidance for life's obstacles, and undergoing transformation and renewal. Seeking God's face helps foster a closer relationship with God and a more profound sense of His love. It can also lead to spiritual success, blessings, and provision.

I want to encourage us, as Psalm 105:4 says, 'Always seek the face of the LORD and his strength'.



### For this month....

#### Parish Life Groups

If you would like to join one of the Life Groups across the parish please speak to Rev Taiwo.

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church  
7:30pm PCC Meeting at St James Church

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)  
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

10:00am – 12:00pm St James congregational meeting  
to discuss and agree our future Strategy  
2:00pm – 5:00pm Deanery Prayer at Emmanuel Church,  
73 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Walsall WS2 0BD

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October: 9:45am Harvest Festival Service

*If possible, please bring suitable food gifts for the Foodbank; cash donations also welcome*

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

Reading 2: Psalm 65: 1 - 13

There will be Sunday School for the younger children in the lounge this week

Sunday School for 8-12 year-olds.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

2:00pm The 3 C's Group at St James Church  
7:00pm Quiet Revival at Excel Church, Bilston

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)  
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

10:00am Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall,  
Bushbury

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October: 9:45am Holy Communion

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15

Reading 2: Luke 17: 11 - 19

No Sunday School this week

5:00pm Confirmation service at St Stephen's Church, Willenhall. If you would like to consider being confirmed, then please speak to Rev Taiwo.

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

2:00pm The 3 C's Group at St James Church

website: <https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/st-james-church-fordhouses>

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4198/>

Facebook page – St. James Church Fordhouses

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church  
7:00pm City Wide Prayer at Potter's House Church.  
Clarence Street, Wolverhampton WV1 4JL

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)  
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Diocesan Cultural Festival at St John's  
Square in Wolverhampton

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October: 9:45am Service of the Word**

Reading 1: Luke 18: 1 - 8  
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5  
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

#### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

2:00pm CAMEO Group are having a General Knowledge  
Quiz at St James Church

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)  
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October: 9:45am Holy Communion**

Reading 1: Luke 18: 9 - 14  
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8; 16 - 18  
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the  
lounge

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

2:00pm The 3 C's Group at St James Church

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

## **A Message from Catherine Tromans about Operation Christmas Child**



Hello dear friends, it is that time of year again when we are launching our Shoebox appeal, known as Operation Christmas Child, to support disadvantaged children. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available in church for a donation of 50p should you need one.

We have been advised that there has been a shortage of boxes for boys aged 10-14 years in the past, so please give this group prayerful consideration if you are unsure of which age range you would like to support.

An Instruction & gift idea leaflet is attached, should you need guidance or inspiration for your shoebox this year.

St James is a collection centre again this year and will open at various times throughout the week 10-17 November for you to bring your shoebox.

Many thanks for your support

Catherine x



## **Prayer Support Requests**

If you would like specific prayers for someone either add them to our prayer board in the entrance, speak directly to Taiwo or Ian Newman our Warden, or join us at the Thursday morning Prayer Time at 9:30am.

Please keep in your prayers all those named on our Prayer Boards and their families