



St. James the Great Church & St Paul's Church
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 28th September
Church Notices



A warm welcome to any visitors joining us for worship today. Please stay for refreshments after Mass—we would love to meet

8:00 a.m. – Said Mass (Holy Communion)

This will be the **only** opportunity to receive **Holy Communion** in the morning.

10:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Hymns

This will be a **Liturgy of the Word** *without Holy Communion*.

4:30 p.m. – First Mass of Fr Jeff Graham. We warmly encourage everyone to attend this beautiful and historic celebration as Fr Jeff celebrates his **First Mass** as a Priest here at St James the Great. Please spread the word so everyone knows they can either:

Please Pray For The Infirm and Housebound:

Adam, Ava Mills, Eileen & Ed, Gaby, Gill Bernhart-Bellaerts, Christine & Emma, Clive French, David Beattie, Joyce & Ralph, Jon Hawkings, Lubomira, Madeline Bates, Naomi & family, Norma Plummer, Ronnie, Sheila Townsend, Sharon, Shirley, Mrs Killiki Pitts.

Pray for all victims of war, refugees, asylum seekers, hostages and those assassinated for their political views.

Recently Departed Ann Allford..

Year's Mind: 29th George Newark, Harry Wrate, Alfred Heaseman, Elizabeth Witton. 30th Susan Kelly. Lily Hadlow, Joyce Marjorie Almond. 2nd Winifred Williams, Edith Frost 3rd Leslie Walker, 4th William Clark, Elizabeth Gearey, Charles Cuthbert Nater (Pr)

This Week

Tues 30th Sept. SSC Synod, London.

Wed. 1st Oct. 11am Alderwood Care Home

Thurs. 2nd Oct. 9am Mass at Rolph School.

12.30pm Mass at St James the Great.

Fri. 3rd Oct. 9.00am Year 5 Class Mass

12 Midday Rosary Prayers

Friday 3rd October Funeral of Ann

Dorothy Allford at 1.45pm. Followed by the Committal at **Colchester Crematorium (family only)** 3.15pm. *Requiescat in pace*

Ordination Thanksgiving We give heartfelt thanks to God for the ordination of Father Jeffrey Sheldon Graham, which took place here at St James the Great on Saturday, 27th September. We are especially grateful to the Bishop of Richborough, who, on the occasion of his 50th birthday, chose to spend the day with us, accompanied by his wife. We also thank the Bishop of Colchester, the Archdeacons of Colchester and Stansted, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, the CMD Advisor, and our Society brethren who travelled from near and far—including Staffordshire, East London, and beyond—to share in the joy of this day.

A special word of thanks goes to all who belong to our church family, whose generosity, care, and hard work prepared both the church and the Pilgrim Centre, ensuring everything was ready for such a joyful occasion. We also thank Philip Prior, our Director of Music, for organising the band, the singers, and the organist, and for the composition of new music that enriched this Mass so beautifully. We are also grateful to Catherine Graham and family for their presence and support, and to Father Peter Walker for presiding at Esme Lowery's funeral—a beautiful service in thanksgiving for her life. As a parish, we rejoice in this new chapter of ministry, giving thanks for all that God is doing among us, and we pray that we may continue to proclaim the Gospel afresh in our own generation.

Deanery Day – Saturday 11th October

2025 One day. One church. One Deanery.

On Saturday 11th October the whole Colchester Deanery gathers at St John's Church & Community Centre, Colchester CO4 0HP for a day of inspiration, worship, and fellowship. From 9:30am–3:30pm, it's all free – even the lunch is provided.

Our Mission and Leadership - St James the Great Church is a parish of The Society
 (under the patronage of S. Wilfrid and S. Hilda)

and a member of Forward in Faith, under the pastoral and sacramental care of the Bishop of Richborough. Together, we strive to proclaim the love of Christ, upholding the fullness of the catholic faith and fostering a community where Christian faith, tradition, and prayer flourish.

Bank Account: PCC of St. James & St. Paul Colchester, Account no: 50791466 Sort Code: 20-22-67

SAFEGUARDING Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs. Clare Moles contacted in church or by calling 07751329314

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted by telephoning the duty number 01245 294444

Prayer: Morning at 7.45am. Evening at 6pm

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