



WHAT'S ON? Winter 2025/26

Including a list of all
REMEMBRANCE and **CHRISTMAS** services
and
SOCIAL activities

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Welcome to St James the Great, Manston

A very warm welcome to **St James the Great, Manston**. Whether you are a long-standing member of our congregation, a new face in the community, or simply someone looking for a friendly place to belong, there is a place for you to worship and create friendship over the coming months. We aim to be a place of **welcome, reflection, and joy** for everyone—regardless of age, background, or belief. As we move through the darker months and towards the light of a new year, we hope that you will find comfort, inspiration, and community within these invisible walls.

November – A Time to Remember

November is a month of **remembrance**. Together we pause to honour those who have gone before us, giving thanks for their lives and sacrifices. We will mark **Remembrance Sunday (9th November)**, as we gather in solemn gratitude to remember all who have served and continue to serve in the cause of peace. Later in the month, our **Memorial Service (18th November)** will provide a quiet opportunity to reflect and remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Alongside our services, November also brings a touch of fun with our ever-popular **Quiz Night**—a great chance to test your knowledge, share laughter, and enjoy good company.

December – The Joy of Christmas

December is one of the most joyful times in the church year, and we look forward to celebrating **Christmas** together. Our Christmas services will be filled with warmth, music, and the good news of the birth of Christ. Whether you come to a quiet candlelit service or a family celebration, you will be most welcome. Our **Christmas Meal in church** will also bring the community together in festive spirit. Come and enjoy food, friendship, and fellowship as we share the joy of the season.

January – The Light of Epiphany

As we step into the New Year, we celebrate **Epiphany**, a season of light, revelation, and new beginnings. It is a time to look ahead with hope and faith. To start the year on a lighter note, we'll host a **Movie Evening in January**—a relaxed gathering to enjoy a film and good company as we ease into 2026.

We also welcome everyone to our **Open Church** every **Thursday from 12.30–2.30pm**, a peaceful space to sit quietly, enjoy a chat, and enjoy tea and cake.

All our activities are **free of charge**, though donations are gratefully received to help us cover costs and continue serving the community. At St James the Great, we truly believe that **everyone belongs**. Whatever your story, whatever your stage in life, you will find a warm welcome here.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

ST JAMES THE GREAT



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Safeguarding at St James the Great, Manston

At St James the Great, Manston, safeguarding is at the very heart of who we are as a church family. We believe that every person — regardless of age, gender, background, or circumstance — should feel safe, valued, and respected when they come through our doors. Creating a safe and welcoming environment is central to our calling to follow Jesus and to love one another as He loves us.

Our parish follows the **House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy** set by the **Church of England**, which provides clear guidance to ensure that all our ministries and activities are carried out with the highest standards of care and accountability. This policy underpins everything we do, from our worship and community events to our work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

We are deeply committed to putting these principles into action. **Reverend Daniel Miles** and **Barbara Dunkley** serve as our **Parish Safeguarding Officers**, offering support, advice, and oversight in all safeguarding matters. They ensure that any concerns are handled promptly, sensitively, and in accordance with national and diocesan procedures.

Alongside this, **Caroline Wainwright** is our **Health and Safety Co-ordinator**, ensuring that our church buildings and activities are managed safely for everyone who visits or takes part in church life.

All our **policies and risk assessments** are available to view at the **back of church**, so that everyone can see the standards we uphold and the care we take.

Safeguarding is not just a policy — it reflects our faith in action. At St James the Great, we are committed to being a place where the love of Christ is shown through respect, safety, and care for every individual.

For any safeguarding concerns please email vicar@stjamesthegreat.uk

Our Regular Worship Times

- **Sundays: 8.30am and 9.45am**
- **Wednesdays: 9.15am**
- **Generations: Teddy Praise: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2.00pm**
- **Generations: Family Celebration: 2nd Wednesday at 3.15pm**

St James the Great, Manston – Our Financial Needs for the Remainder of 2025 and for 2026

As we approach the final months of 2025, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported the life and ministry of **St James the Great, Manston** throughout this year. Your generosity—through giving, fundraising, and volunteering—has enabled us to maintain our worship, pastoral care, and community outreach in so many meaningful ways.

At the end of September, our **year-to-date balance stood at -£98**, which is remarkably stable and a testament to the ongoing commitment of our congregation. We are, overall, in a **comfortable financial position**. However, as we enter the colder months, our **utility costs inevitably rise** as we heat both the church and the hall for services, gatherings, and community activities. Our goal is to finish the year **at or close to a zero balance**, as we have successfully managed to do in the past two years.

We are deeply grateful to all who give regularly or contribute when they can—it truly makes a difference. As we look to the rest of 2025, we ask everyone to **review their financial giving** and consider whether they can maintain, increase, or adjust their contributions as their circumstances allow. Every pound given helps us sustain our ministry and our mission to serve the community.

If you are **not currently part of our regular giving scheme**, we warmly invite you to consider joining. Regular giving—no matter how small—helps us to plan ahead with confidence. For example, if each of the **100 people on our electoral roll** were to donate **£1 per week for a full year**, we would raise **£5,200**. If **half of that amount were gift aided**, we could reclaim an additional **£728** from HMRC, bringing the total to **£5,928**. This would cover around **half of our annual utility costs**—a significant contribution towards keeping our church warm and welcoming throughout the year.

Our **parish share** for 2025 is **£53,665**, and by year end we expect to have paid approximately **80%** of that amount. The **parish share for 2026** has now been set at **£54,156**, representing an increase of less than **1%**. In our **Vision Document**, we set a target to increase our payment to **85%** of the share in 2026, which would total **£46,032**—an increase of around **£300** on this year's payment.

This is an achievable and important goal, and with the continued generosity and faithfulness of our congregation, we are confident that we can meet it. We will share more detailed information about our **2026 budget** and the **parish share** early in the new year.

Thank you once again for all that you give—financially, practically, and prayerfully. Together, we can ensure that St James the Great remains a **thriving, welcoming, and sustainable church** at the heart of Manston.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



GENERATIONS: TEDDY PRAISE

An informal service for
pre-school children
and their carers.

Songs, Bible story,
Craft, and snacks

2.00pm in church

November 12th

November 26th

December 10th

January 14th

January 28th

St James the Great



Manston

NOVEMBER 9
9.45AM

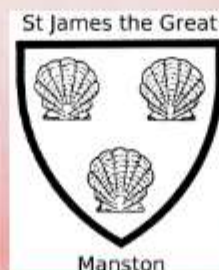
REMEMBRANCE

Sunday

Generations Sunday (All Age Worship)
With an act of Remembrance to honour all
who have served in wars past and present
All welcome to come and worship and
remember

Contact Us

churchoffice@stjamesthegreat.uk



Start ►

Got questions about life and the Christian faith?

If you're looking for answers then maybe it's time to make a Start. Normally run in groups of about 6 to 10 people, each session involves video clips, exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. Each session lasts about an hour and is free to attend.

Beginning on WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Church Hall 7-8.30pm

For more information or to register your interest contact Rev Daniel
vicar@stjamesthegreat.uk



Leading your Church
into Growth





FREE QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 15th November at
7.00pm quiz start at
7.30pm

Donations for supper and drinks welcomed

In St James the Great Church

A warm welcome to all quizers

All Souls Memorial Service

**Tuesday 18th
November
2025
7pm**

A short reflective service to
remember all those we have
loved but have died in recent
years.

Everyone welcome



STJAMES THE GREAT MANSTON

you are cordially invited for

CHRISTMAS DINNER

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DECEMBER 6TH | 6PM
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FOOD, DRINKS, CHRISTMAS
CRACKERS, GAMES

PRICE: Pay as you can
Bookings will open in mid
November



CHRISTMAS

Services 2025



Sunday 14th December

Carols by Candlelight

5pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day Eucharist

9.45am

Wednesday 24th December

Crib Service

4pm and 5.30pm

Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH MANSTON

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 20th December
10am-12noon



Come and support your Local
church. Including a raffle and
tombola

DAY OF PRAYER

14TH JANUARY

8am - 8pm

Prayer stations,
private prayer,
and 1-1 prayer
available
throughout the
day.

Morning
Prayer

8am

Communion

9.15am

Mid Day
Prayer

12noon

Teddy
Praise

2pm

Family
Celebration

3pm

Evening
Prayer

5pm

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7.30pm



Do you have Memory Problems

Join our next
Cognitive Stimulation Therapy
Group

We can help your memory and thinking (cognitive) skills, helping independence and wellbeing for individuals living with mild to moderate dementia

Our 10 week **Fun Group** is run by trained staff and volunteers. A range of **fun** activities, **fun** games with **plenty of laughter**, the course will improve your daily living life

The next CST course will be at The Church Hall. St James the Great. Church Lane, Manston LS15 8JB

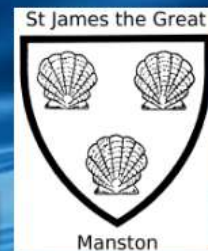
To register for the course or for more information phone 0113 264 5530
or
email churchoffice@stjamesthegreat.uk



£2 per
session



Starts Monday the 12th of January 2026



BAPTISM PARTY



11TH JANUARY 11.30AM-1PM



Come and meet others who have been baptised at St James the Great over the past few years. The whole family are welcome.

There will be food, craft, games, bouncy castle, and plenty of time to play.

If you are interested in being baptised or having a child baptised please drop us an email with the subject BAPTISM to churchoffice@stjamesthegreat.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



17TH JANUARY
5.30PM (FILM@6PM)



FAMILY MOVIE AND PIZZA



FREE ENTRY

**DONATIONS TO COVER THE COST
OF REFRESHMENTS ARE WELCOMED**