

St James Church Fordhouses

Monthly Calendar for January 2026



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A NEW YEAR OF LIFE

As you read this, some of you will be reflecting that you have had a great Christmas and others might want to say 'moving on'... and many of us will be experiencing or anticipating the January blues! All of these responses are part of us just being human, but is there anything that our Christian faith and our Lord can teach us in this new start to another year?

Psalm 90:12 says ***'teach us to 'number your days that we might gain a heart of wisdom.'*** I have since my early days as a Christian understood this phrase to mean three things. **First**, that our lives are a wonderful gift. We can sometimes think that life and or our Maker owe us something rather than thanking the Lord for His mercy and love even if in a season of challenge we have to work harder to remind ourselves of His goodness. **Second**, it means our days are 'numbered'! Goodness does that mean that we can't assume we will live long or even be happy all the time?! I think it does and reminds us of this phrase from Psalm 139: 16 ***'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be'***. **Third**, we must live carefully knowing that one day we will be held to account for how we have lived.

So... how can we respond positively to this challenge? Here is a suggestion. Review 2025 and pray to the Lord that by His Spirit He might help you discern what you should leave behind, what you should celebrate and take with you into 2026 and what might the Lord want to give you in 2026 and what are you asking Him for. Finally, remember this, we are only pilgrims here on earth and we look forward to being with our Lord in paradise! In the mean time may we honour the Lord and say ***'what a wonderful world'***!



For this month....

Sunday 4th January 9:45am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

Reading 2: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Parents with younger children can use the lounge where resources will be provided to use

Monday Afternoon Groups: CAMEO and 3 C's

No meetings scheduled for January. Please see future notices for updates.

Thursday 8th January

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 9th January

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

Sunday 11th January: 9:45am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Reading 2: Matthew 3: 13 - 17

9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

Thursday 15th January

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

7:00pm City Wide Prayer at Life City Church, Westbury Street Wolverhampton WV1 1JD

Friday 16th January

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

Saturday 17th January

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

Sunday 18th January: 9:45am Service of the Word

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

Reading 2: John 1: 29 - 42

9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

Prayers for our Nation 21st - 23rd January

There is a national initiative to pray for our nation. The main aim of this season of prayer is to pray for the Church to be revived, so that lives and society are transformed. We are holding parish prayer meetings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the following places

Wednesday 21st January

The Church of the Good Shepherd

Thursday 22nd January

St Mary's Church

Friday 23rd January

St James Church

Future Events to put in your Diary.....**Saturday 7th February**

10:00am Ladies' Breakfast at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Free of charge, although donations welcome. For details or to book a place please leave your name with the parish office 01902 782226

Thursday 19th February

7:00pm City Wide Prayer at All Nations, Temple Street, Wolverhampton WV2 4AN

Saturday 21st February

10:00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall

Thursday 22nd January

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

7:30pm DCC at St James Church

Friday 23rd January

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)

in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Sunday 25th January: 9:45am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Matthew 19: 27 - 30

Reading 2: Acts 9: 1 - 22

9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

Thursday 29th January

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 30th January

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)

Games Night at St James Church, Fordhouses

**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