



St James the Great, Daisy Hill

8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

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PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

We will now receive Communion kneeling at the rail in a row. Please come up when directed, and take your place along the rail, either kneeling or standing, depending on your preference. The Priest and server will make their way along the line, please then leave back down the organ side of the chancel. Communion will remain the same, if you wish to either take bread only or bread then shared cup, put out one hand. If you then wish to take wine, hold out your hands again as the server with the cup passes.

If you wish to stick with an intinct wafer, then the Priest will have a separate chalice in their hand, and will give you an intinct wafer, please hold both hands out for this option.

Blessing stays the same, hands folded to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Booklet	Light of the world (Here I am to worship)
324	I, the Lord of sea and sky
60	Be still for the presence of the Lord
310	In Christ Alone

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 136:1-9,26

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A reading from Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.
Give thanks to the God over all gods. His love continues forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of all lords. His love continues forever.
Only he can do great miracles. His love continues forever.
With his wisdom he made the skies. His love continues forever.
He spread out the earth on the seas. His love continues forever.
He made the sun and the moon. His love continues forever.
He made the sun to rule the day. His love continues forever.
He made the moon and stars to rule the night. His love continues forever.
Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love continues forever.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Gospel reading - Matthew 6:25-26

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Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

“So I tell you, don’t worry about the food you need to live. And don’t worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds.

Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

The thing you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ

NOTICES

Admittance to Holy Communion before Confirmation

We will be running a course for children who would like to start receiving the bread and wine at a service of Holy Communion. It is for children in Year 3 and up, and will lead to them being admitted to communion on **Mothering Sunday**. If you have someone you would like to be admitted please talk to me/email me and I will let you know what is involved. For older people, year 6 and above, we will have team confirmation Service on **7th June 2026**.

Messy Church Upcoming messy Church dates are: **21st March and 20th June**, from **10.00 until 12.00** with a sandwich lunch at the end, great fun for everyone, please come along and join in.

Church Readers and Intercessors This is a general call to anyone who thinks they might want to have a go at reading or leading intercessions in Church, but a particular call for any children and young people who may wish to read at our Second Sunday Services. We have moved to using the International Children's Bible for our All age Services, and would like to have a pattern where readings at the Second Sunday are mostly or always led by children and young people. If you have a child or young person who is a competent reader, and you feel they could do it, please have a word with me, and we can chat about what it entails, and have a practice run to see how they fair in church. We are probably looking at Year 6 and above, unless someone is a really good reader.

We also always need more people to read as adults, and especially to lead our prayers. It is so much better to have lay led prayers as they speak from the heart of the community. You don't need to be really good at fancy

words; you just need to express what you feel the church community should be speaking to God. We will help you with the general format, and ideas of how to structure prayers, but your authentic voice is so important. Please email Malcolm if you have a child to put forward to read, if you would like to read, or especially if you would like to lead prayers, where we always struggle to find enough people. malcolm@revmw.co.uk

Mayor of Westhoughton's Charity Ball Will be held on **21st February**, **Tickets £45** to include a 3-course meal and Gary Barlow Tribute Act. Money raised will be split between Westhoughton Assist and The Hoggery. Please see poster at back of church for details.

Easy Fundraising Please help to raise funds for our church when shopping online. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjameswesthoughton/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

200 Club Winners Jan £50 J Cotterill, **£25** G Burrows, **£10** W Norris

Wiggle Worship – Wednesdays during term time. For all pre-school children, from babies to school age and their carers. Join Wiggle the bookworm with stories, crafts, songs, play and refreshments – no cost to attend.

Open Doors St. James Church **10 am-12 pm** the **first Saturday of the month**. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like



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At St James Church, Daisy Hill

Every Wednesday's during term time
9am - 10am

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