

St James Church Fordhouses

Monthly Calendar for March 2026



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ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

Though we like to keep it quiet, the truth is that in this life, 'all good things must come to an end', whether it be a much longed-for holiday on the one hand or a long-lived life on the other. Both of these remind us that in life there is always a full stop, and if there is no hope of something better than we are, as Paul put it, 'of all people most to be pitied'. It is then with some irony that the season of Lent is when many Christians reduce their sense of hope by becoming less reliant on what we might term our 'little hopes'! Those things that we look forward to on a daily or regular basis. Why? To make life more difficult?! To earn favour with our Maker?!

Favour may come, yes, by volunteering to abstain from some of our little hopes, but this is not in a transactional or slot-machine way. And what might be our little hopes? Most commonly, these have included fasting in some form. I know it is a little twee that folk say they are going to give up chocolate for Lent, but that is part of my plans for this Lent, but don't tell anyone. For me, this is quite a big deal as I love a cup of tea and some choc.... Will I get withdrawal symptoms?

So we might say in the very season of spring, we are choosing to go back into winter! And the main reason? Surely it is this: that we don't want to rely on or be distracted by those little hopes, or perhaps quite big ones, but we want to wait and be ready to celebrate a Very Big HOPE... as we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead! 'And hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5).

Diary Dates

For this month....

Sunday 1st March 9:45am Service of the Word

Reading 1: John 3: 1-17

Reading 2: Genesis 12: 1-4

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 March. Please see future notices for updates

Thursday 5th March

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 6th March

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

in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 7th March

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

Sunday 8th March 9.45am Holy Communion

Reading 1: John 4: 5-25

Reading 2: Romans 5: 1-11

9.45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge

Following the Service 11am: St James AGM

Thursday 12th March

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

Friday 13th March

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

Sunday 15th March: 9:45am Service of the Word: Mothering Sunday

Reading 1: John 19: 25-27

Reading 2: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28

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

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Facebook page - St. James Church Fordhouses

Monday 16th March

St Mary's Oasis Ladies' Group send an invitation for Monday 16th March at the Church Hall 1.30pm. Kath is the guest speaker, and the topic is 'Goose Grease and Brown Paper'. A fun trip down memory lane to pre-NHS days and the kitchen cabinet remedies inflicted by our nearest and dearest.

Thursday 19th March

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church
7:00pm City Wide Prayer at St Mary's Church

Friday 20th March

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

Sunday 22nd March

Joint Service at St. Mary's

Bishop Tim is visiting St Mary's at 10.30am
There will be food following the Service.
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Worship Centre, Stroud Avenue WV12 4EG 6-8pm

Future events to put in your Diary

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm at St Mary's Church

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday Easter Walk 2.30-4pm Good Shepherd to St Mary's for reflection. Then walk to St James Church for refreshments

Saturday 4th April

Worship and Testimony 1-30-3pm at Queens Square, Wolverhampton

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.45am: Holy Communion Service
This will be Taiwo's final service with us

Thursday 26th March

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church
Parish AGM 8.00pm at St Mary's Church Hall

Friday 27th March

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)
Games Night at St James Church, Fordhouses

Saturday 28th March

10.00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Sunday 29th March 9:45am Service of the Word

Palm Sunday

Reading1: Isaiah 50: 4-9

Reading 2: Matthew 21: 1-11

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

Rev Taiwo's Leaving Service 5pm at St Mary's Church

A time to celebrate with Rev Taiwo and his family as they prepare to leave the parish

Saturday 25th April

Rev Taiwo's Licensing 1pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hill, WS10 9DQ. For an idea of numbers, please let Ian Newman know if you are attending.

Sunday 26th April

Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church 5pm



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