

# St James Church Fordhouses Monthly Calendar for June 2026



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## THE GLORY and THE PAIN

As I write this it is the day after Pentecost Sunday, which surely has to be one of the three most important days in the Christian calendar. The others being Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is sometimes referred to as 'the birthday of the Church', when the followers of Jesus went from zero to hero and were equipped with love, boldness and power to lift up the Name of Jesus and on the first day of the Church three thousand folk came to faith! We read in Acts 2: 47 that there was much joy and the newly born church experienced 'the favour of all the people!' The picture this paints is one of overwhelming victory of light over darkness. Not only are the 12 disciples emboldened, but the 120 who gathered in the upper room would have been as well and now huge swathes of the local Jewish population were either coming to faith or standing in awe of this remarkable world transforming event. So as we have celebrated this wonderful day and have reminded ourselves of the transforming power that the Holy Spirit can bring into our individual lives, our churches and communities may we continue to open our hands and our hearts to receive more of Jesus, more of the Holy Spirit.

All of this is the 'glory' of the church. BUT just as Pentecost was birthed out of the pain of the Cross so when we experience our own little pentecosts in our churches we also experience spiritual opposition and the difficulties of life usually largely remain. The enemy of our souls not only causes some of our trials, but also jumps on the band wagon of our challenges that are common to being human in a fallen world. May we pray for strength to persevere in any challenges and sadnesses we may face so that Jesus can be exalted in our midst in Bushbury Parish.

## Diary Dates **For this month ....**

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

St Mary's Oasis Ladies Group 1-30-3pm at the Church Hall. Free of charge although a small donation would be gratefully received.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

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 7<sup>th</sup> June: 9.45am Service of the Word**

Reading 1: Hosea 5: 15-6: 6

Reading 2: Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18-26

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

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel  
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00am Men's breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury  
**Outreach BBQ** at St Mary's Church Hall 5-7pm. *What does good health look like?* With guest speaker. Free of charge. Please invite your friends

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A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4198/>

Facebook page - St. James Church Fordhouses

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June: 9.45am Holy Communion**

Reading 1: Exodus 19: 2-8

Reading 2: Matthew 9: 35-10:8

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

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary's Oasis Ladies Group 1-30-3pm at the Church Hall. Free of charge although a small donation would be gratefully received

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

City Wide Prayer 7-8pm Christian Life Centre, Sedgley Street WV2 3AJ

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Alpha Day Away at St James Church 9am-3pm.** Please pray for this event. If anyone is available to help with the lunch refreshments and tidying up afterwards, that would be appreciated, please speak to Ian or Nick.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: 9.45am Service of the Word**

Reading 1: Malachi 3: 6-12

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-12

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

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church

St James DCC meeting 7pm

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)

Games Night at St James Church, Fordhouses

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Joanne's Ordination at Lichfield Cathedral 4pm

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: 9.45am Holy Communion**

Reading 1: Matthew 10: 40-42

Reading 2: Genesis 22: 1-14

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

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary's Oasis Ladies Group 1-30-3pm at the Church Hall. Free of charge although a small donation would be gratefully received



## **Future dates to put in your Diary ....**

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Everyone is warmly invited to an Afternoon Tea at St James Church 2-4pm**

Activities and Games available for the children. Bring your friends! Please RSVP St James Church, Bushbury Parish Office 01902 782226 or adbush@hotmail.co.uk

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

Picnic, Games and Fun at Northwood Park 1-3pm

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Deanery Prayer, Fellowship and Food at Church of the Epiphany 6-8pm

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary's Oasis Ladies Group 1-30-3pm at the Church Hall. Free of charge although a small donation would be gratefully received

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

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



If you would like specific prayers for someone either add them to our prayer board in the entrance, speak directly to Ian Newman or Nick Gardner our Wardens, 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

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