

St James Church Fordhouses

Monthly Calendar for October 2026



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A Call to Prayer

In recent weeks I have felt the Lord impress upon me the need for ourselves to seek the Lord more. Speaking to King Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14 the Lord shared with him, what was the 'church of his day' to do in times of national distress. He said:

'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

We live in precarious days and I believe that there is a window of opportunity and grace that we need to grasp. Greater transformation required in ourselves, our churches and community are just not going to happen without prayer. As the Revival journalist George Otis Junior says, we need some 'heavy lifting equipment'.

Of course, there are always potholes in any call to prayer that we would be wise to discern.

Such as: Will this just make us busier, but with no accompanying release of life and power?

Is it something that we feel we ought or have to do or is this of the Lord?

Is this an excuse to sit on our hands and not get out there into the harvest field?

Bushbury Parish has been blessed in the last two years. Is this the best we can hope for or is it a preamble to an outpouring of His Spirit amongst us bringing rescue and change beyond our imagination or ability?

Why not ponder whether the Lord might be calling you to attend one of the prayer meetings that we already have? 9.30am and 9am on Thursdays at St James' and St Mary's respectively.

A Parish prayer meeting 6 - 7pm on Wednesday 21st October at The Good Shepherd.

AND...How about considering whether on some occasions you can attend the weekly Parish/Area prayer meeting on Saturday mornings at 8am called 'Waking The Dawn'! It takes place at The Good Shepherd.



For this month

Tuesday 29th September by Zoom

Lichfield Diocese are running a new online discipleship group for people living with a life-limiting diagnosis. Details on the poster overleaf

Wednesday 30th September

Emergency First Aid at Work Course
Church of the Good Shepherd 09:00 – 16:30
More details overleaf and on the noticeboard

Thursday 1st October

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

Friday 2nd October

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

Saturday 3rd October

Ladies Breakfast 10am at 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

Our celebrated **Cheese and Wine** Evening is returning! The evening is on **3rd October** between 5:30 and 8:00pm, tickets are available now from Nick Gardner (details below), they cost £6 (the same as last year). Looking forward to another great evening of cheese, wine and competitions!

Sunday 4th October: 9.45am Service of the Word Harvest Festival

Reading 1: Galatians 6:9
Reading 2: Luke 13: 6-9

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

website: <https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/st-james-church-fordhouses>

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

Facebook page – St. James Church Fordhouses

We would welcome tinned and packet food items with long use by dates and toiletries to donate to the Well Foodbank

Deanery Prayer, Worship and food at St Stephen's Church 6-8pm

Monday 5th October

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 8th October

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

Friday 9th October

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

Sunday 11th October: 9.45am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Philippians 4: 1-9

Reading 2: Matthew 22: 1-14

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

Thursday 15th October

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

City Wide Prayer at Windmill Community Hub and Church, Henwood Road, Wolverhampton WV6 8PG
7-8pm

Friday 16th October

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

Saturday 17th October

10.00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury - The Book of Revelation

Lichfield Cultural Festival Holy Trinity Church
11am-4pm. Details on the poster in church

Sunday 18th October: 9.45am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Luke 10: 1-9

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17

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

Confirmation Service at St Giles Church 5pm

Monday 19th October

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

Wednesday 21st October

Parish Prayer at The Good Shepherd 6-7pm. Please feel free to miss the odd meal

Thursday 22nd October

9.30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
11:00am Coffee Morning at St James Church
Diocesan Prayer meeting on Zoom 10.30-11am

Friday 23rd October

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

Sunday 25th October: 9.45am: Service of the Word

with Baptism by Immersion for Barney and Amber

Reading 1: Matthew 22: 34-46

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

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

Thursday 29th October

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



Future dates to put in your Diary

St Mary's Oasis Ladies Group

1-30-3pm at the Church Hall 2nd, 16th and 30th November

Saturday 7th November

Ladies Breakfast 10am at 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 November

City Wide Prayer 7-8pm (This is to be confirmed)

Saturday 21st November

10.00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury - The Book of Revelation

Sunday 22nd November

Praying for Gold at St Peter's Hednesford (see poster)

Operation Christmas Child



Are you in a position to help a child in need? Would you like to be part of the story that shares the love of Jesus with them? If so, would you consider filling a shoebox with toys, treats, stationery and hygiene items. Chose the gender of the child you would like to gift your box to and their age range (either 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years). Don't forget to include a letter from you to them inside your box to make it extra special and personal and a £5 donation to help cover the shipping costs.

I am thrilled to confirm that St James will again be a church collection centre for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

National collection week is 9th-16th November. Should you need an empty shoebox to either wrap yourself or would like a pre-wrapped one they are available in the foyer. Or, you may consider donating a shoebox online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online>

Finally, once your box is dropped off or your donation made, please remember to pray for the recipient so that your box is gifted to the right child. You may consider watching this video which supports this year's campaign <https://youtu.be/KOKtonyYIFs>



Cherishing The Balance

A New Discipleship Group
for those with a life limiting diagnosis

TUESDAY 29TH SEPT 2026 |
2.00PM – 3.00PM | VIA ZOOM



A safe and supportive space for honest conversation, prayer, reflection, encouragement, and companionship with others across the Lichfield Diocese on a similar journey.

Not a place to pretend everything is okay. A place for real conversations, real prayer, and real people.

Whether you are newly diagnosed, living with advanced illness, receiving palliative care, or simply looking for others to journey with in this season of life, you are warmly invited.

Facilitated by Bev Dyer (Reader, Bushbury)
Hosted by Helen Emery (Whole Life Discipleship Officer)
Email helen.emery@lichfield.anglican.org for more information and to receive the Zoom link.




Emergency First Aid at Work



Where a workplace first aid risk assessment identifies a need for an Emergency First Aider in the Workplace, this one-day qualification meets the requirements of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.

- The learner will attain knowledge to deal with a range of workplace first aid situations.
- Meets employer's legal obligations Compliant with Resuscitation Council (UK) Guidelines
- A regulated OFQUAL Level 3 Qualification
- 3-year qualification

£120

30th September 2026
09:00 – 16:30

Church of The Good Shepherd
Second Avenue, Low Hill
Wolverhampton WV10 9PE

Sign up via the QR code or contact us via email or phone

More Information:
 enquiries@am-trainingservices.co.uk
 07746 465 121

This course is awarded by First Aid Awards




Praying For Gold

An afternoon of prayer for
Mission and Revival in
the Episcopal area of the
Bishop of
Wolverhampton.

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Sunday 6th Sept St Matthew's Wolverhampton 222 Wilenhall Road WV1 2JQ
 Sunday 22nd Nov St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill WS12 1BD
 Sunday 7th Feb St Gabriel's Walsall Walsley Road WS5 4LZ

Join us for an afternoon of worship,
prayer and silence -from across
different traditions and styles- as we
pray for mission and revival across
the Wolverhampton area!




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