

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

THE WEEKLY NEWS-SHEET FOR ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MALVERN

SUNDAY 10th. May, 2026.

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter.
Rogation Sunday.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th. - 16th. May, 2026.

Please see the attached poster for details of local events. For more information, and to donate (online or otherwise) if you wish, please go to www.christianaid.org.uk

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion
Rev. Becky Elliott.

6.30 pm **Annual Memorial and Thanksgiving Service** for loved ones who are no longer with us.
Rev. Becky Elliott.

Holy Trinity Church

10.30 am Holy Communion.
#(Livestreamed)
www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityandStJamesMalvern

6.30 pm Compline

By Zoom/Phone. Phone: 0330 088 5830
Meeting ID: 831 5452 6968 Passcode: 373520

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY 10th. May, 2026. (contd.)

4.00 pm Malvern United Reformed Church, Worcester Road, Malvern Link. WR14 1SS
UNITED SERVICE for CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.
Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY 14th. May, 2026.

ASCENSION DAY

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.30 am St. James' Church.

A service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day.
Rev. Nicholas Menon.

7.00 pm The Church of the Ascension, Somers Park Avenue.

A service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day for Malvern and Upton Deanery.

FRIDAY 15th. May, 2026.

St. Matthias the Apostle.

SUNDAY 17th. May, 2026.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – the Sunday after Ascension Day.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Morning Worship.
Rev. Becky Elliott.

3.00 pm Orchard Church.

Rev. Becky Elliott.

Becky says: 'People of all ages are most welcome to join us in a simple, informal time of worship, as we explore our faith, and enjoy the great outdoors, with stories, food, refreshments, and time to explore. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. You might like to bring a chair.'

6.00 pm Compline.

Holy Trinity Church.

8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship

#(Livestreamed)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and in the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

TUESDAY 19th May, 2026

7.30 pm The Vicarage.

St. James's Pre-JCC 'Housekeeping' meeting.

A meeting for St. James's JCC representatives, & any other members of the congregation who would be interested in discussing matters relating to the day-to-day life of our Church, which are not appropriate for detailed consideration at JCC meetings. Please let Becky know in advance if possible if you have any items you would like to raise at the meeting.

SATURDAY 23rd. May, 2026.

10.30 am – 12.30 pm **St. James's Church.**

COFFEE MORNING

with Refreshments, Plants, and Bring and Buy Stalls.

You will be most welcome!

People's National Emergency Briefing: Impact of the climate and nature crisis on British life.

Two local screenings for this film have been arranged: Saturday 16th. May. 7.30 pm Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Saturday 13th. June. West Malvern Social Club.

Entry is free, but online booking is essential. For more details, please see the May issue of the Hills Echo, or check with Rosemary H

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

For every aspect of the life & work of our Church of St. James, of Holy Trinity Church & Parish, of the Beacon Elim Church, Regents College, & the Elim International Centre, & for all the Christians of West Malvern:

for the Revd. Becky Elliott, our Vicar, & for Jamie, Hannah & Tom, & their wider family;

for David & Stephen, our Churchwardens, & all who share in the life, worship, ministry & mission of our Church, & for God's help in becoming the Church he wants us to be, in which all who come feel welcome, & where we can share the many & varied gifts he has given us;

for the Pilgrim Path Project, & the Local History Room Project;

for our sister Church of Holy Trinity, & for the Parish in which they serve;

for all those who help to care for our Church buildings & their contents, & for our Churchyards;

for the finances of our Churches, thinking especially of the Ministry Share, & for Sally, our Treasurer & Planned Giving Co-ordinator;

for our CMS Mission Partner Bishop Martin Gordon in his work with the people of Goma in DR Congo;

With Churches Together in Malvern:

for the work of CTiM, & for the leaders & people of all our local Churches;

for the Malvern Hills Foodbank, & local Community Fridges, & for every aspect of the work of the Lyttelton Well;

for the worldwide work of Christian Aid, & for the fundraising events this week;

With the Diocese of Worcester:

for the Church of England & the Anglican Communion, for Archbishop Sarah, Archbishop Stephen, & all the bishops of the Church of England, for Bishop Hugh & Bishop Martin & our own Diocese, for Dean Stephen, & our Cathedral, for our Archdeacons Nikki & Mark, & all our clergy & people, especially those in Kidderminster and Stourport Deanery;

for the Protestant Church of Central Germany ;

For God's children throughout the world, & for peace & healing, justice & reconciliation, & co-operation among the nations;

for King Charles III, for Queen Camilla, the Prince & Princess of Wales, & their children, for Prince Harry & his family, & for all the Royal Family;

for God's wisdom & guidance for our Prime Minister, Cabinet members, & all members of the House of Commons & the House of Lords, & for all the other leaders & people of our nation, especially following the recent local elections;

for the financial anxieties of our country, & of the wider world, & for all who are living in poverty, & in special need of financial help & support;

for the members of our armed forces, & their families, at home & abroad, & for all who work for peace, & help to support people in great need;

for God's wisdom & guidance for the UN, & NATO, & for all the leaders of the European nations, & those of the wider

world, in working together, & in finding the way forward for countries in need of peace;

for President Donald Trump, & for all the leaders & people of the USA;

for President Zelensky, & President Putin, & all the leaders & people of Ukraine, & Russia, & for their Churches;

for the situation in the Middle East, especially in Iran, & Lebanon, & for the leaders & people of Iran, Gaza & the West Bank, & Israel, Lebanon, Yemen, & other Middle Eastern countries affected by the conflict;

for God's help regarding the situation in the Strait of Hormuz;

for refugees in West Malvern, & in the wider Malvern area, & for their hosts, & for all refugees, asylum seekers & immigrants;

for men, women & children throughout the world caught in the midst of conflict, or suffering through disaster, violence, famine, sickness, poverty, persecution, exploitation, or racial injustice;

that people of different races & nations, faiths & cultures, may learn to live in peace & harmony, understanding & mutual respect;

for prisoners, captives, & hostages, & their families, & for those who work in prisons:

for all victims of violent crime, & their families & friends, & for those who commit such crimes;

for wisdom in caring for all God's creation, & in dealing with 'climate change';

For our families & friends & neighbours, for people of all ages in our Village Community, & for all its Organisations:
for our Village School community;

for young people who will be sitting public exams during the next few weeks;

for our Village Shop, & the Sugarloaf Café, for the H2O café at the Wyche, & for the Brewers Arms;

For people who are ill or troubled, particularly in our village, & others known to us, & for their families & all who care for them:

in thanksgiving for the NHS, & for God's help at this very difficult time, & for our local medical & dental surgeries, opticians, hospitals, hospices, nursing & care homes, & for the Emergency Services;

for those who are suffering mental health problems, & for all who are lonely or afraid, or feel that they don't 'belong';

for people who mourn the loss of loved ones, remembering especially the family & friends of Naomi Turner.

May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life. Amen.

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