

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 26th. July, 2026.

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

St. James' Church.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee he saw James and John, and he called to them; and immediately they followed him.

Matthew 4.18,21

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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.

10.30 am **Patronal Festival Service.**

A Benefice Service to celebrate St. James the Apostle, our Patron Saint, led by the Revd. Becky Elliott.

Bishop Hugh Nelson (the Bishop of Worcester) will be taking part in the service, which will be followed by light refreshments.

Holy Trinity Church

Please note that there will be NO 10.30 am service at Holy Trinity, as there is a service for the Benefice at St. James's.

6.30 pm Compline

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

MONDAY 27th. July, 2026.

7.45 pm – 8.45 pm St James' Church.

QUIET CHURCH – a time of quiet prayer and reflection.

You will be most welcome to join us.

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WEDNESDAY 29th. July, 2026.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Companions of our Lord.

God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAY 2nd. August, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Morning Worship, with the theme 'Water'.

Holy Trinity Church.

8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship, with the theme 'Care for Creation'.

*(Livestreamed)

www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityandStJamesMalvern

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

MONDAY 3rd. – THURSDAY 6th. August, 2026.

We look forward to welcoming members of the Church of England Guild of Vergers for their Annual Conference and Retreat, based at the Elim Conference Centre in De Walden Road, and at St. James' Church.

As always, we are invited to join in the Vergers' services in St. James's:

The main ones are as follows:

Monday 3rd. August.

5.00 pm Opening Eucharist with Guild Congregation.

Tuesday 4th. August.

5.00 pm Evensong

Wednesday 5th. August.

7.30 pm Guild Requiem

Thursday 6th. August.

11.00 am Final Eucharist

SATURDAY 19th. and SUNDAY 20th. September, 2026.

An **ARTS and MUSIC FESTIVAL** is being planned for **St. James's Church.**

We should be most grateful for **offers of help** with this special event, for example with stewarding, and serving refreshments. If you would like more information please contact the Vicar.

The next **planning meeting** will take place on Monday 17th August at 2.00 pm in Church. You will be most welcome.

HOLY TRINITY'S 175th. ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 6th September, Holy Trinity will be celebrating their 175th

Anniversary. Everyone in the benefice is invited to an Afternoon Tea Party in the Parish Hall at 3.30pm, followed by a Service in Church at 6.00 pm. Please note this date in your diary!

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK

Updated list: 20-7-26.

Currently, the most-needed items are:

*Tins of: *Sardines, *Mackerel; *Garden Peas, *Carrots, *Potatoes (large), *Spaghetti hoops; *Dry Rice (1kg packets); *Instant mash; *Jars of Jam/Marmalade; *Custard (tins/cartons); *Baby wipes; *Deodorant; * Washing powder / tabs and liquid.*

Thank you so much for your help.

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, 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, for Sarah, our deputy Warden, & 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;

for God's blessing on our Patronal Festival;

for Bishop Hugh, in every aspect of his life & ministry;

for all the members of the Friends of the Parish Church of St. James, West Malvern, & for the work of the Society;

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

for other Churches dedicated to St. James the Apostle, thinking particularly of Callow End, Cradley, Welland, & Colwall;

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

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

for Malvern & Upton Deaney, for our Area Dean, the Revd Gary Crellin, & for the Deanery Synod members, especially Becky, Sarah, Mary, & Vicky, from our Benefice;

With Churches Together in Malvern:

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

for all who organise, care for, & benefit from our local sporting & recreational facilities;

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

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 Redditch & Bromsgrove Deanery;

for the Diocese of Peru;

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 Andy Burnham, our new Prime Minister, Cabinet members, & all members of the House of Commons & the House of Lords, & for all the other leaders & people of our nation;

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

for Sudan, DR Congo, Nigeria, & Afghanistan;

for refugees in West Malvern, & in the wider Malvern area, & for their hosts, & for all refugees, asylum seekers & immigrants, & those who work in the immigration system;

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;

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

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

for all who are badly affected by the current very hot, dry weather;

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

For our families & friends & neighbours, & for all who are part of our Village Community of West Malvern;
for young people awaiting exam results;

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

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.

May God give us grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love. Amen .

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