

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 23rd. August, 2026.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion (CW).

Rev. Nicholas Menon.

Holy Trinity Church

10.30 am Holy Communion, with
Blessing of a Marriage.

6.30 pm Compline.

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

*Almighty and everlasting God, you are
always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or
deserve: pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy, forgiving us
those things of which our conscience is
afraid, and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask, but
through the merits and mediation of 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.*

SATURDAY 22nd. August – MONDAY 31st. August, 2026.

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS ART WEEK

There are many venues in the Malvern
area (and beyond), including one in
West Malvern. (See the Hills Echo.)
For full details, see
www.worcestershireopenstudios.org

MONDAY 24th. August, 2026.

St. Bartholomew the Apostle.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to
your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to
believe and to preach your word: grant
that your Church may love that word which
he believed and may faithfully preach and
receive the same; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

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.
Please contact Rosemary H if you
would like more details. 01684 572497
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FRANCISCAN PEACE PILGRIMAGE

2026 marks 800 years since the death
of St Francis of Assisi.
The pilgrimage, to honour this
milestone, will be making 70 overnight
stops along the route from the Friary in
Alnmouth, Northumberland to the
Friary in Plaistow, London.
On **Friday 28 August**, the pilgrimage
will travel from Upton-upon-Severn to
Tewkesbury, pausing in Bushley for
prayers at St Peter's Church between
1pm-2pm. All are welcome to join. For
more information visit
www.spiritoffrancis.com
or see attachments.
(Please note amendments to route.)

SUNDAY 30th. August, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am 'Hymns and Pimm's':

A Service of Songs of Praise for the
Benefice.

Rev. Becky Elliott

Holy Trinity Church.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP).

NB Please note that there will not be a
10.30 am service at Holy Trinity today

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

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY 2nd. September, 2026.

(First Sunday of the month.)

10.30 am **St James's Church.**

Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Nicholas Menon.

2.00 pm St. James' Church.

PLANNING MEETING for the Arts and
Music Festival in September.

Anyone who would like to come to this
meeting will be most welcome.

7.30 pm The Vicarage.

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

A meeting for St. James's JCC
representatives, and any other
members of the congregation who are
interested in discussing matters
relating to the day-to-day life of our
Church, (eg Church events, 'house-
keeping' matters, caring for the

churchyard) which are not appropriate
for detailed consideration at JCC
meetings. Do come to this meeting if
you can. If you are unable to do so, but
would like to contribute ideas and
suggestions, and/or receive feedback,
please let Becky know.

HOLY TRINITY'S 175th. ANNIVERSARY

On **Sunday 6th September**, Holy Trinity
Church 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, when
the preacher will be the Archdeacon of
Worcester. The Draw for the 'Pews to
People' project raffle will take place
that day - If you would like to buy
tickets (£1 each) for the Raffle, please
contact Rosemary H.

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

St. James' Church ARTS and MUSIC FESTIVAL.

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 asap.

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 guidance & blessing on the plans for the Arts & Music Festival in September;

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 the people suffering from Ebola in the DRC, & for those caring for the sick, & working to contain the outbreak;

With Churches Together in Malvern:

for the work of CTiM, & for the leaders & people of all our local Churches, thinking especially of the Revd. Stephen Sealy, & Little Malvern Priory;

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

for the new Methodist minister for the Malvern area, the Revd. Paul Carter, & for his wife Carol;

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 blessing on the Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage;

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 Prime Minister, the 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 war-torn countries;

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 the many people around the world who are suffering as a result of recent earthquakes;

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, thinking especially of HMP Hewell & HMP Long Lartin, in our Diocese;

for all who are badly affected by the recent hot, dry weather, & wildfires, especially in Worcestershire, & for those who are fighting wild-fires;

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 who are preparing to return to school, especially those going to new schools, & for all who are making future plans following recent 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 & organisations;

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 the God of peace fill us with all joy and hope in believing. Amen.

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