

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 2nd. August, 2026.

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Morning Worship, with the theme 'Water', led by David and Sue Matthews.

Holy Trinity Church

8.00 am Holy Communion.

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

#(Livestreamed)

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Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

WELCOME!

This week, we welcome members of the **Church of England Guild of Vergers**, who will be attending their Annual Training Conference and Retreat in West Malvern from 3rd.- 6th. August. The participants will stay at the Elim Conference Centre, and use St. James's Church for many of their services. As always, we are warmly invited to join them at their services in Church. More information about the Guild, and the role of vergers, can be found on their website: cofegv.org.uk

MONDAY 3rd. August, 2026.

8.00 am St James' Church.

Morning Prayer. (Guild of Vergers.)

5.00 pm St. James' Church.

Opening Eucharist with Guild Congregation.

(Guild of Vergers.)

(Rehearsal from 4.00 pm-4.30 pm.)

TUESDAY 4th. August, 2026.

7.45 am St. James' Church.

Morning Prayer and Eucharist.

(Guild of Vergers.)

5.00 pm St. James' Church.

Evening Prayer.

(Guild of Vergers.)

WEDNESDAY 5th. August, 2026.

St. Oswald. King of Northumbria. Martyr. 642.

8.00 am St James' Church.

Morning Prayer (Guild of Vergers.)

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

(First Wednesday of the month.)

Rev. Nicholas Menon.

11.00 am – 11.30 am A VIGIL in the grounds of Great Malvern Priory, remembering the nuclear devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

11.30 am Great Malvern Priory.

Holy Communion.

All are welcome.

7.30 pm St. James' Church.

Guild Requiem Eucharist.

(Guild of Vergers.)

THURSDAY 6th. August, 2026.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord.

8.00 am St. James' Church.

Morning Prayer. (Guild of Vergers.)

11.00 am St. James' Church.

Final Eucharist.

(Guild of Vergers.)

(Rehearsal for the service from 10.00 am.)

The Guild Prayer

Almighty Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, who has called us into the fellowship of your Church, grant, we pray, that in all our churches we may fulfil the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual home. And on those who offer themselves for service as vergers in the house of God bestow the fullness of your grace, that, united in love to you and to one another, we may show forth your glory and hasten the coming of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

10.30 am – 12 noon West Malvern Village Hall.

Social **COFFEE MORNING** (First Thursday in the month).

Everyone is welcome.

12 noon-1.15 pm **Holy Trinity Church Upper Parish Hall.**

'First Thursday' Community Lunch, with sausage casserole (including vegetarian option), followed by a fruit sponge pudding with custard, and tea/coffee. £7 (payable at the door.)

All are welcome.

SATURDAY 8th. August, 2026.

2.30 pm – 5.00 pm **FAMILY FUN DAY**

in the grounds of Great Malvern Priory, celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union.

Games, craft activities, refreshments, and much more. All are welcome.

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm **QUIZ NIGHT** in support of the 'Well' Counselling Service, at the **LYTTELTON ROOMS** in Church Street.

Everyone is welcome – teams and individuals. The cost is £3.00 per head plus a contribution for light refreshments.

SUNDAY 9th. August, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion (CW).

Rev. Canon Peter Nokes.

Holy Trinity Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion.

6.30 pm Compline.

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

THANK YOU

to everyone who helped to make our Patronal Festival last Sunday such a special and memorable occasion!

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. Please pick up an invitation, and note this date in your diary!

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 the Church of England Guild of Vergers Training Conference & Retreat in West Malvern;

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 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;

for the members of the Society of Mary & Martha, at the Sheldon Retreat Centre in Devon;

With Churches Together in Malvern:

for the work of CTiM, & for the leaders & people of all our local Churches, thinking especially of the Berrow & Longdon Benefices of nine churches;

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 Morogoro, in Tanzania;

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 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 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 & 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 Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with us and guide us on our way at every change and turn. Amen.

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