

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 16th. August, 2026.

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Morning Worship.

Rev. Becky Elliott.

3.00 pm Orchard Church.

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All Ages! All weathers!

A simple, informal time of outdoor worship in St James's Orchard, where the main work on the Pilgrim Path and Nay's pond has now been completed. Do join us if you can.

6.00 pm Compline

Holy Trinity Church

8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship.

##(Livestreamed)

www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityandStJamesMalvern

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

MONDAY 17th. August, 2026.

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.

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

SUNDAY 23rd. August, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion.

Rev. Nicholas Menon.

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

6.30 pm

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience & courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY 24th. August, 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.

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

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('Quiet Church' generally takes place on the fourth Monday of each month.)

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 the detailed route, visit

www.spiritoffrancis.com

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.

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.

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.

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK

Updated list: 28-7-26.

Currently, the most-needed items are:

*Tins of: **Soup (Meaty, Vegetable, Tomato), **Meat (curry/chilli), **Carrots, **Garden Peas, **Potatoes (large), **Spaghetti hoops; **Jars of Curry sauce for Rice; **Packet pasta sauce; **Instant mash; Tins of: **Rice pudding, **Apricots, **Pears, **Jars of Jam/Marmalade; **Custard (tins/cartons); **Teabags (80/40); **Baby wipes; **Toothbrushes (adult & children); **Toothpaste (adult); **Deodorant; **Razors; **Washing powder/tablets/liquid.*

Thank you so much for your help.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Valerie & Eric Knowles, as they celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary;

for the Pilgrim Path Project, in thanksgiving for the progress made with the path & Nay's pond;

for the Local History Room Project;

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 St Leonard's Church & the Beauchamp Community at Newland;

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 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 current very hot, dry weather, & wild-fires, 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 everyone affected by the recent tragedy at Cambridge University;

For our families & friends & neighbours, & for all who are part of our Village Community of West Malvern:

for young people awaiting public exam results this week, & for their future plans;

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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