

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 30th. August, 2026.

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.
John Bunyan. Spiritual writer. 1688.*

St. James' Church.

10.30 am 'Hymns and Pimm's':
A Service of Songs of Praise for the
Benefice.

Revd. Becky Elliott.

The Service will include the
commissioning of the JCC, and the
admission of David Matthews as
churchwarden.

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

*Almighty God, who called your Church to
bear witness that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself: help us to
proclaim the good news of your love, that
all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

*God of peace, who called your servant John
Bunyan to be valiant for truth: grant that
as strangers and pilgrims we may at the
last rejoice with all Christian people in your
heavenly city; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

MONDAY 31st. August, 2026.

*St. Aidan. Bishop of Lindisfarne.
Missionary. 651.*

*Everlasting God, you sent the gentle Bishop
Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land:
grant us to live as he taught in simplicity,
humility and love for the poor; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY 2nd. September, 2026.

(First Sunday of the month.)

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

Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd. 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.

THURSDAY 3rd. September, 2026.

*St. Gregory the Great. Bishop of Rome.
Teacher of the Faith. 604.*

Please note that the **Village Hall Coffee
Morning**, usually held on the 'First
Thursday', has been **cancelled** this
month, owing to illness.

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

'First Thursday' Community Lunch,
with Pulled pork (or veggie alternative)
served with new potatoes, coleslaw
and salad, followed by treacle tart, and
tea/coffee. £7 payable on the door.
All are welcome, no need to book.

SATURDAY 5th. September, 2026.

St. James' Church.

3.00 pm A service of thanksgiving for
the life of Dr. Lindsay Williams Turner.
(Daughter of the late Ellis and Audrey
Turner of West Malvern.)

SUNDAY 6th. September, 2026.

St. James' Church.

NB Please note that there will be NO
10.30 am service at St. James's today,
as we shall be joining Holy Trinity
Church for their 175th birthday
celebrations, to which everyone is
welcome. (See below.)

Holy Trinity Church-175th Anniversary.

8.00 am Holy Communion.

3.30 pm Afternoon tea in the Parish
Hall.

*Enjoy an afternoon of music, garden
games, face painting, and crafts.*

4.30 pm Cutting of the Anniversary
Cake.

6.00 pm 175th Anniversary Service in
Church.

Preacher: The Ven. Mark Badger,
Archdeacon of Worcester.

LOOKING AHEAD

TUESDAY 8th. September, 2026

2.00 pm St. James' Church.

AGM of the Friends of St. James's
Church, followed by a meeting of the
Society's Committee.

TUESDAY 15th. September, 2026.

Explore Life, Faith and Meaning with Alpha:

Revd. James (from Malvern Link with
Cowleigh) and Revd. Becky will be
leading an **Alpha Course** together.

The course starts on **Tuesday 15
September** at 6.30pm at St Peter's
Church, Cowleigh Bank.

Please speak to Becky to ask any
questions and register your interest.

More information can be found on
Holy Trinity's website.

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. Please let the Vicar
know asap if you can help. For more
information, please see the St James's
'A Church Near You' site, or the
Facebook page.

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, for the JCC members, & 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;

for our local newspapers & radio stations, & for church & community newsletter & magazine editors & distributors;

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 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 floods & 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;

for all who are badly affected by the current extreme weather, with fires & floods, especially in Worcestershire;

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 our village Primary School, & other local schools, as the new term begins

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, remembering especially the family & friends of Lindsay Williams Turner.

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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