

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 20th. September, 2026.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

St. James' Church.

ARTS and MUSIC FESTIVAL.

10.30 am Exhibition opens.

(Please note that there will be no morning service.)

The new village LOCAL HISTORY ROOM in the former lower vestry in Church will be open from 10.30 am – 4.00 pm during the Festival,

2.00 pm **Jacob Plumtree-Jones** at the **PIANO**. The music of Sir Arthur Sullivan

3.00 pm ORCHARD CHURCH.

A simple, informal time of outdoor worship in St James's Orchard.

3.30 pm. **VIOLIN MUSIC**, Gypsy Jazz style, with **James Burnham**.

4.30 pm Exhibition closes.

6.30 pm **FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG** with the Choir from ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, EDGBASTON.

Holy Trinity Church

8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship.

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O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you: and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 21st. September, 2026.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

International Day of Peace

12 noon A vigil of prayer and reflection (30 minutes) at the Peace Pole, Malvern Quaker Meeting House, 1 Orchard Road, Malvern, organized by Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group.

'Invest in Peace'.

TUESDAY 22nd. September, 2026.

6.30pm St Peter's Church, Cowleigh Bank.

ALPHA COURSE meeting

Explore Life, Faith and Meaning with Alpha:

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

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

THURSDAY 24th. September, 2026.

7.30 pm Holy Trinity Lower Church Hall. An **Open Meeting** of HTW – the meeting place for women at Trinity.

'All Things Well': Ali Reakes-Williams, the Volunteer Co-ordinator at the Lyttelton Well, will give an update on all that is happening at the 'Well'.

All are welcome.

SUNDAY 27th. September, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am A Service of Holy Communion, according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Revd. Nicholas Menon.

Holy Trinity Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion.

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6.30 pm Compline.

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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY 28th. September, 2026.

7.45 pm – 8.45 pm St James' Church.

QUIET CHURCH – a time of quiet prayer and led 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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WEDNESDAY 30th. September, 2026.

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm Holy Trinity Lower Parish Hall.

The Revd. Becky and the Benefice Eco-Group invite you to a THANK YOU event.

Do come and find out more about what being an Eco Church means, catch up on our progress to date, share ideas for future initiatives, and enjoy refreshments together.

RSVP to Cathy Millar. 07546 957892

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Benefice Eco-Group on their prizes from the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

SUNDAY 4th. October, 2026.

10.30 am St James' Church.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Harvest offerings of tinned or packaged food for the Foodbank will be much appreciated.

THURSDAY 15th. October, 2026.

From 7.00 pm. St. Andrew's Church, Churchdown Road, Poolbrook.

An **open meeting** of Malvern and Upton Deanery Synod, with Bishop Hugh Nelson. (Bishop of Worcester.)

Everyone is welcome.

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 for the Arts & Music Festival;

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 Malvern Quaker Meeting, Orchard Road;

In this Fair Trade fortnight, for all businesses & organisations promoting Fairly Traded goods;

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 the Greater Dudley Deanery;

for God's blessing on this week's Diocesan Conference for Clergy, & Ministers for children, young people & families;

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 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 all who work for peace;

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;

that people of different races & nations, faiths & cultures, may learn to live in peace & harmony, understanding & mutual respect;

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

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

for the whole community of our village Primary School: the children & their families, the Headteachers & Staff, the Governors, the PTA, & all who care for the well-being of the school;

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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