

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 6th. September, 2026.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

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 for their 175th Birthday celebrations.

Holy Trinity Church

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP).

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.

#(Livestreamed)

www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityandStJamesMalvern

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

TUESDAY 8th. September, 2026.

Festival of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2.00 pm St. James' Church.

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

SUNDAY 13th. September, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion.

Revd. Becky Elliott.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 15th. 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.**

An exciting programme is planned over this weekend in St. James's Church, with displays by many artists, refreshments, and a variety of music each day, including a concert by the JENNY LIND SINGERS at 7.30 pm on Saturday 19th, and CHORAL EVENSONG with musicians from ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, EDGBASTON, at 6.30 pm on Sunday 20th.

No tickets are required (though any donations will be greatly appreciated.)

The new village LOCAL HISTORY ROOM in the former lower vestry in Church will be open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm during the Festival, and Catrin and Jen will be there to show you around it, and tell you about future plans.

Do drop in and join us during this very special weekend – we look forward very much to seeing you.

More details about the programme can be found on the St James's 'A Church Near You' site, or the Facebook page, and information will also be sent out by email later this week .

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We should be most grateful for offers of help with making CAKES for the refreshments during the weekend, and further help with stewarding, and serving refreshments would also be appreciated. If you need more details, please contact the Vicar or Rosemary H

SUNDAY 27th. September, 2026.

10.30 am St. James' Church.

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

Revd. Nicholas Menon.

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.

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

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK

Updated list: 4-9-26.

Currently, the most-needed items are:

*Tins of: **Soup, **Curry, **Carrots, **Peas; **Instant mash; **Pasta packets (Microwavable); **Cooking sauce in jars; **Rice sachets (Microwavable); **Cup-a-soup; Tins of: **Rice pudding, **Fruit; **Porridge oats; **Tea-bags; **Toothbrushes; **Shower gel; **Bars of soap; **Deodorant; **Razors for shaving; **Toilet rolls; **Washing powder.*
Thank you so much for your help.

REDUNDANT LIGHT BULBS

The light bulbs in the chandeliers in the nave at St James's have recently been updated. The old halogen 'candle' bulbs are in boxes on the cupboard next to the organ. If you can find a use for any of them, please collect some 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, 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 as we prepare for the Arts & Music Festival;

for our sister Church of Holy Trinity, as they celebrate their 175th Anniversary, & 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, remembering especially the Revd. Paul Carter, & Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church;

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 Evangelische Kirche in Mitteldeutschland;

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;

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 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 the whole community of our village Primary 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, remembering especially the family & friends of Lindsay Williams Turner.

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

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