

THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 4th. October, 2026.

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
St Francis of Assisi.*

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
Revd. Rosemary Herbert and Revd. Nicholas Menon.

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

6.00 pm Compline.

Holy Trinity Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Harvest Festival Service.

#(Livestreamed)
 www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityandStJamesMalvern

 Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need, and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY 7th. October, 2026.

William Tyndale. Translator of the Scriptures. Reformation Martyr. 1536.

6.30pm St Peter's Church, Cowleigh Bank.

ALPHA COURSE meeting

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

WEDNESDAY 7th. October, 2026.

(First Wednesday of the month.)

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

Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd. Nicholas Menon.

NB The October service will be the last one for this year. Services will begin again on Ash Wednesday. 10th February, 2027

SATURDAY 10th. October, 2026.

10.30 am – 3.30 pm **St. James' Church.**

PARISH GIVING DAY:

A time for GIVING THANKS TO GOD, and for exploring a variety of ways of GIVING in support of our Village Church, for our own, and for future generations.

Do call in at church sometime during the day – we should love to see you.

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 11th. October, 2026.

St. James' Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion.

Revd. Becky Elliott.

Holy Trinity Church.

10.30 am Holy Communion

#(Livestreamed)

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6.30 pm Compline.

By Zoom/Phone. Phone: 0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 831 5452 6968 Passcode: 373520

 Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

SATURDAY 17th. October, 2026.

11.00 am St. James' Church.

Wedding.

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK

Updated list: 30-9-26.

More information can be found on the Foodbank Website.

Currently, the most-needed items are:

*Tins of: *Soup, * Meat, *Curry, *Carrots, *Potatoes; *Instant mash; *Pasta packets (Microwaveable); *Cooking sauce in jars; *Rice sachets (Microwavable); *Cup-a-soup; Tins of: *Rice pudding, *Fruit; *Porridge oats; *Tea-bags; *Shampoo; *Shower gel; *Bars of soap; *Deodorant; *Razors for shaving; *Toilet rolls; *Washing powder; *Washing-up liquid.*

Thank you so much for your help.

PICTURES FROM THE ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

There are lots of pictures from the Arts and Music Festival on the St James's Facebook page. You can also access a YouTube recording of Jacob Plumtree-Jones's piano recital celebrating the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan – one of the highlights of the weekend.

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 farmers, especially those in our village, & in the wider Malvern area, & for all who work on the land, & who are feeling the effects of these past difficult months;

for those involved with the harvest of the sea, & for all who work to provide us with the necessities of life;

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

for God's blessing on the Parish Giving Day this Saturday;

for our sister Church of Holy Trinity, & for the Parish in which they serve;

for our Benefice Eco-Group;

for the finances of our Churches, thinking especially of the Ministry Share;

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 Pastor Trudi Smyth, & the Beacon Elim 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 the Greater

Dudley Deanery;

for the Evangelische Kirche in Mitteldeutschland;

for God's guidance for everyone involved in the present General Synod elections – lay & ordained candidates, & all who are eligible to vote;

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 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, thinking especially of HMP Hewell & HMP Long Lartin, in our Diocese;

for prisoners who are being released early, & for people who are anxious about this;

for the Probation services;

for people who are homeless, & for those

who work to help and support them;

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 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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