THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 15th. November, 2026.
The Second Sunday before Advent.

St. James' Church.
10.30 am Morning Worship.
Revd. Becky Elliott.

3.00 pm Orchard Church
Revd. Becky Elliott.
All Ages! All weathers!
Join us for a simple, informal time of outdoor worship in St James's Orchard. A place to listen, notice and discover God in the world around us.

6.00 pm Compline

Holy Trinity Church.
8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship.
#(Livestreamed)
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Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil, and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
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THURSDAY 19th. November, 2026.
St. Hilda of Whitby.
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Eternal God, who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land and through her holiness and leadership blessed your Church with new life and unity: help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ and to reconcile those who are divided; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
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SUNDAY 22nd. November, 2026.
St. James' Church.
10.30 am Holy Communion.
Revd. Nicholas Menon.

Holy Trinity Church.
10.30 am. Holy Communion.
#(Livestreamed)
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3.00 pm Creative Church.

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

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Almighty God, you search us and you know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY 23rd. November, 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 rosemary.herbert@outlook.com

ADVENT COURSE

Mary Constable is hosting an Advent Course based on the book "Waiting on the Word" by Malcolm Guite. This collection of poetry has been chosen to cover Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. It is widely available online (new or second-hand).
The course will run on **Tuesday mornings from 24 Nov to 15 Dec** at 10:30am at Mary and David's house - 199 West Malvern Road, WR14 4BB. Please contact Mary if you'd like to attend - 01684 572437 or dmconstable@gmail.com

TUESDAY 24th. November, 2026.
6.00 pm Holy Trinity Lower Church Hall.
Meeting of the Benefice Joint Church Council.

SATURDAY 28th. November, 2026.
11.00 am – 2.00 pm St. James's Church
CHRISTMAS SALE
A great selection of gifts with Christmas in mind.
Refreshments will be served – tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.
Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY 29th. November, 2026.
Advent Sunday.
10.30 am Holy Trinity Church.
A service for the Benefice.
Please note that there will be NO 10.30 am service at St James's.

*** CALLING ALL SINGERS!***

This year's **Carol Service at St. James's** will be on **Sunday 20th. December at 6.30pm.**
Rehearsals for the volunteer choir are planned for Friday 11th. December and Friday 18th. December (both at 7.00 pm in church) and on Sunday 20th. December at 2.00 pm (ahead of the service at 6.30pm).
Do join us if you can – you will be most welcome.
Please let John Raine know if you are planning to come, or if you would like more details, or an early copy of the music. (j.w.raine@bham.ac.uk 01684 565052).

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

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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.
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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 regarding future plans for the Elim buildings in West Malvern;

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

for the General Synod of the Church of England, & for Becky, our Vicar, as she attends her first Synod meeting this week;

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, & in other countries, & for those caring for the sick, & working to contain the outbreaks;

With Churches Together in Malvern:
for the work of CTiM, & for the leaders & people of all our local Churches,

for Anna Chaplains & Anna Friends, working with older people in Care Homes or their own homes, & leading Messy Vintage Services;

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 Diocesan Safeguarding team, & for Sue Fox, our Benefice Safeguarding Officer;

For God's children throughout the world, & for peace & healing, justice & reconciliation, & co-operation among the nations;
for King Charles III, for Queen Camilla, for 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, & help to support people in great need;

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 Zelensky, & President Putin, & all the leaders & people of Ukraine, & Russia, & for their Churches;

for President Donald Trump, & for all the leaders & people of the USA;

for the leaders & people of Iran, Gaza & the West Bank, & Israel, Lebanon, Yemen, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, & 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 storms, fires, floods, earthquakes, & air pollution;

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

for COP31, the UN Climate Change Conference, in Turkey this month;

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 people who are homeless, & fot 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, remembering especially the family & friends of Margaret Rockingham-Gill (nee Baron).

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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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