THE WEST MALVERN CHURCH DIARY

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

SUNDAY 1st. November, 2026.
All Saints' Day.

St. James' Church.
10.30 am Morning Worship, arranged by David Matthews.

6.00 pm Compline.

Holy Trinity Church.
8.00 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship.
#(Livestreamed)
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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.
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SUNDAY 25th. October to SUNDAY 8th. November, 2026.
All Souls Remembrance Tree
at the Clock Tower, North Malvern Road, WR14 4LX

MONDAY 2nd. November, 2026.
All Souls' Day.
11.00 am The Clock Tower, North Malvern Road.
Blessing of the Well (dressed for this season of Remembrance.)
Revd. Becky Elliott.

WEDNESDAY 4th. November, 2026.
NB Please note that there will NOT be a service of Holy Communion at St. James's today. (First Wednesday.)

THURSDAY 5th. November, 2026.
10.30 am – 12 noon West Malvern Village Hall.
Social **COFFEE MORNING.** (First Thursday in the month).
Everyone is welcome.

12 noon-1.15 pm **Holy Trinity Church Upper Parish Hall.**
'First Thursday' Community Lunch, with Chilli (including vegetarian) served with baked potatoes, followed by trifle, and tea/coffee.
£7 payable on the door.
All are welcome, no need to book.

SUNDAY 8th. November, 2026.
Remembrance Sunday.
10.30 am St James' Church.
Remembrance Service.
Revd. Nicholas Menon.

Holy Trinity Church.
10.00 am Service of Remembrance.
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6.30 pm Compline.
By Zoom/Phone. Phone: 0330 088 5830
Meeting ID: *831 5452 6968* Passcode: *373520*

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Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY 9th. November, 2026.
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.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A message from the LYTTELTON WELL.
The 'Well' is a collection point for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. Please take your boxes into The Well Cafe between Mon 9 and Fri 13 November. For more details about how to pack a shoebox, please call in and pick up a leaflet or refer to the Samaritans Purse website.

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 finances of our Churches, thinking especially of the Ministry Share, & for Sally, our Benefice treasurer;

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 the Malvern Hills Foodbank, & local Community Fridges, & for every aspect of the work of the Lyttelton Well;

for the work of Bible translators, & for all who help to make the Bible more accessible to all people;

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, with which our Diocese is linked;

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;

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 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;

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

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 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 all who are involved in the preparation & distribution of the Hills Echo magazine;

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.

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May God give us grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love Amen.

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