

Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Community Praise

Leading: Rev John Sephton

Preaching: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Acts 8: 26-end John 15: 1-8

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Passcode 242424

Collect for Today

“Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen”

Tuesday 30 April
6.45pm-7.15pm

Prayer in the Evening

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There will be no meeting on Tuesday 7 May

Please see separate note

Also

Tuesday 30 April
7.30pm-8.45pm

LIFE Group meeting

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ESOL Class
Every Thursday
5.00pm-6.00pm

Improvers

Saturday 4 May
10.00am to Noon

Coffee and Chat. Also Church Gardening Group. Please see separate note.
All welcome

Next Sunday 5 May
10.30am

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Communion

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Also JAFFA

**SUNDAY 28 April 2024 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter
KNOWING JESUS**

Daily Bread Readings for w/c 28 April 2024:

Sun	28	Psalm 134	Thurs	2	1 Cor. 12: 12-20
Mon	29	1 Cor. 11: 2-16	Fri	3	1 Cor. 12: 21-31a
Tue	30	1 Cor. 11: 17-34	Sat	4	1 Cor. 12: 31b-13:13
Wed	1	1 Cor. 12: 1-11			

Prayer Requests

People who are not well:

Mo Fletcher, Sharon Goth, Russell Tague, Heather Lyon, Laura Duran-Smith, Simon Horsfall, Kath Torres, Bill Evans, Bella Preston, Lucy Marie Knight, Dave Johnston, Sharon Cusick, Margaret Williams, Nicola Mead, Ray Quinn, Grantham Fidler, Alan Bell, Ali Buckley, Jean Dutton, Brenda Taylor, Derek Williams, Terry Beesley, Peter Thorn, Marjie Tutte, Pam Walker and Alyson Melling (the daughter of Rev David and Brenda Towler).

Please also pray for the bereaved families of **Alasdair Maciver**, and **Eric Holcroft** (Brenda Taylor's brother).

Prayers for the Parish and beyond:

1. To give thanks for Christ's Forgiving Love
2. For the Power of God's Spirit in our lives
3. Praise God the Father
4. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
5. For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Blaguegate Lane and Dicketts Lane.
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, LIFE, ALPHA, Community Praise, Westhead Village Hall and our Music Group.
7. For the children, their families and their spiritual development
8. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
9. For outreach and growth in numbers
10. For the Under 18s leadership team
11. Street Pastors and School Pastors
12. Special prayers for our Children and Family Saturday Fun, Food and Fellowship
13. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
14. We pray for refugees from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, and those arriving across the English Channel. Also for those from Ukraine, those who have arrived in our Community, awaiting Visas and for travel arrangements within the UK, along with their sponsors and supporters who are working hard to help them as they seek safety and refuge here in West Lancashire.

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MAKING HIM KNOWN**

1. **Church Electoral Roll:** The new roll is available to be viewed at the back of Church.
2. **Prayer in the Evening:** on Zoom. It would be good if more people would join in this important aspect of the ministry of this Church.
3. **LIFE (Bible Study):** on Zoom. This term the group have been looking at the book of Romans, This course comes via the Bible Society and Andrew Ollerton who led the excellent 'Bible Course'. On the 30 April, this session will be devoted to a review of the whole course.
4. **Home Communions:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev John.
5. **A Prayer focussing on our Vision Statement:** Lord Jesus, we ask that you help, enable and equip us in sharing the Good News of Jesus amongst those who are close to us in our Church family, and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.
6. **School PTA:** If you feel like you could help on the Committee or attend one of their functions then please speak to either Dr Terry Fellows or Mr Giles Hooker, who are Governors from St James.
7. **Prayer Board:** This will be available each week for your prayers in the Outer Porch Area of Church. There will be Notelets for you to write your prayers on as you come to Church. These will be prayed for in Church the following Sunday. Urgent prayers that cannot wait please speak to Rev John or a Warden.
8. **Our Music Group:** There is an open invitation to anyone who would like to listen to this group practising. It might be that after a while you might like to join them. For information, or to discuss further, please would you speak to Mr Ernie Pallas. Thank you.
9. **Our new Website:** This was launched on 1 December 2023, with new Church branding. The link is: www.stjameswesthead.org.uk

Contacts:

For all Pastoral Matters:

Rev John Sephton

minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

(Friday is Rev John's rest day)

Matters concerning the Church Building or Graveyard

Jayne Illingworth or Barbara Westhead

churchwarden@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Church Telephone: 01695 580725

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NOTICES**

1. United Benefice Pastoral Measure: Currently St James Westhead is in a group ministry with Ormskirk Parish Church, Lathom Park Chapel, and Christ Church Newburgh and also in a United Benefice with Christ Church, Newburgh. A notice concerning a proposal for the termination of the group ministry and the dissolution of the United Benefice is attached to the front door of Church. This is required so that the whole Parish is aware of the proposal and is given a chance to make your opinions known. Comments in writing or by email should be submitted by Tuesday 7th May. The notice gives details of that process. All members of the PCC have copies of the Draft Scheme.

2. Ormskirk Debt Advice: Are looking for more Advisors, ideally Ladies, but Men would also be welcome, training is free and provided. You do not need to be an Accountant. If you feel this is something that you can do, and would like to know more, please speak to Rev John.

3. Edward McCarthy Support Services (EMSS) provides support staff on a one to one basis and for a charity organisation supporting adults with learning difficulties. Would you like to make a difference and come and work for us and help our Clients have an enjoyable experience? Daytime, evening work and/or Saturdays, salary of £11.44 per hour. In addition, they also work closely with a local Charity in West Lancashire called Sporting Challenge. Sporting Challenge provides sporting and social activities to encourage adults with learning difficulties to keep fit and healthy and to provide opportunities to socialise and develop friendships and self-confidence. This work is in the evening during the week. Having experience in similar work is essential. For more information and contact details, please see the sheet on the Notice Board.

4. Anchorhold Prayer: You are invited to join other people at Church House (by Ormskirk Parish Church), Monday to Friday 8.00am – 9.00am. Come and go as is convenient with you. To pray for the Town Council, Area, Edge Hill University, World. An explanatory leaflet about 'Anchorhold' is on the Notice Board in the Fellowship Area. Updated copies of the Daily Prayer Themes are also available in the Fellowship Area. Please feel free to take a copy.

5. FLOWER ROTA: A calendar for the year is available in the Fellowship Area for those who would like to put flowers on the Communion Table. Alternatively, we can arrange to have the flowers arranged for you. The flower fund is open to financial contributions. Further details please speak to Jayne Illingworth.

6. Birthdays or Anniversaries and loved ones not here. For those who have a birthday or anniversary this week, we send our congratulations and our prayers.

7. A Memory Kept. This is a new business. Ian will maintain individual graves. An advert is attached to this Bulletin. Anyone interested in the services being offered, please contact Ian on the phone number or email address provided.

8. Bulletin Notices: to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

9. Weekly Bulletin: is only available by email. Please let Heather have your email address: heather.doyle@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to our current distribution list.

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NOTICES: Future Dates:

- 1. CAMEO Wednesday 1 May 1.00pm-3.00pm in the Village Hall.** Photographs of a visit to Austria and Oberammergau and the Passion Play in 2022 will be shown. All welcome.
- 2. Dying Awareness Week: Tuesday 7 May 7.00pm-9.00pm at Christ Church Ministry Centre.** This meeting is open to all. At 7.20pm Clare Finnegan will speak from Queenscourt Hospice, also there will be two Funeral Directors present, as well as a G.P. Marie Currie, Macmillan, and a Solicitor. There will be light refreshments, Tea, Coffee, and Cake. This is a Cluster event. Further info from Rev John.
- 3. Half Night Of Prayer: Sunday 12 May 5.30pm – Midnight, at Christ Church Ministry Centre.** 5.30pm – 6.30pm Bring and Share meal. 6.30pm – 7.30pm 'Nite Life' CCA Youth Band, speaker Sue Williams from Ormskirk Christian Fellowship. Prayer in various rooms until Midnight for 'Thy Kingdom Come' and 'Our Cluster' and the future.
- 4. Pentecost Celebration: Sunday 19 May 11.00am – 2.00pm on the Parish Field in Bickerstaffe.** The Churches of St Michael's Aughton, Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, Christ Church Aughton, St Mark's Scarisbrick and St James Westhead will join together to celebrate **Pentecost. The service will be 11am** and following the service we'll enjoy a picnic. There will be a craft tent for the children and other activities. Please put the date in your diary and invite friends and family. This is a Cluster event.
- 5. Churchyard Gardening. Next two months – 4 May and 1 June.** Anytime between 10.00-12.00. If you've got a couple of hours free on this first Saturday of each month, why not come along for a bit of fresh air, Church gardening and the chance to grab a hot drink and a snack? Please come and join us in our lovely Westhead Churchyard. No fabulous knowledge of plants is necessary but you'll need old clothes, boots or wellies and a bit of energy. More info, Sue and Roger: 07512 732241 (and of course gardening is cheaper than going to the gym and it's in the fresh air).
- 6. Keswick 2024:** It would be great if more people from St James could go to this Conference, which caters for all ages and is free of charge. There will be an opportunity to donate to their costs. 2,000 to 3,000 people regularly attend. This is a good opportunity to meet with others from the wider Christian Church and to hear where the wider Church is today. We wondered if you would like to try this for a day on Wednesday 17 July? To arrive for the Bible Study for 11.00am, have the day free, go to the evening Celebration and if possible stay for an extra hour for a Concert from EMU who will be leading the Worship for all of that week. This whole day will finish at 10.30pm for those who are able to stay. For further info please speak to Heather, Janette or John. Thank you.