

**Activities at St James, during the coming week:**

10.30am

Praise and Worship

Leading: Mrs Sue Swailes

Preaching: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6      Mark 6: 30-34 and 53-end

Collect for Today

“Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.” Amen

Tuesday

6.45pm-7.15pm

**Prayer in the Evening. This group has now closed until September**

Tuesday

7.30pm-8.45pm

**LIFE Group meeting. This group has now closed until September**

ESOL Class

Every Thursday

5.00pm-6.00pm

**Improvers**

Saturday 27 July

10.00am to 12.00 Noon

**Coffee and Chat in Church. All welcome**

Next Sunday 28 July

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10.30am

**Community Praise**

It is hoped that in the future our Sunday morning Service will be live streamed and once that is a possibility we will let you know.

**A recording of this Sunday's Service will be available from 2.00pm on Sunday**

**Access will be via Youtube - type in: @stjameswesthead**

**SUNDAY 21 July 2024 – The Eighth Sunday of Trinity**

## **KNOWING JESUS**

Daily Bread Readings for w/c 21 July 2024

Sun	21	Psalm 145	Thurs	25	Genesis 18: 16-33
Mon	22	Genesis 17: 1-16	Fri	26	Genesis 19 1-14
Tue	23	Genesis 17: 17-27	Sat	27	Genesis 19: 15 -29
Wed	24	Genesis 18: 1-15			

## **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 **Sheila** (Derek Williams' sister), **Norma** (Viv Balmer's sister)

### **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 Vicarage Lane and Varlian Close.
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.
15. **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.

**SUNDAY 21 July 2024 – The Eighth Sunday of Trinity  
MAKING HIM KNOWN**

- 1. Confirmation 2024:** If you would like to talk about this, please speak to Rev John.
- 2. “Marians Breakfast” Saturday 20 July 9.30am-11.00am St Mark’s Parish Hall, Scarisbrick:** further details on the Church notice Board. This is to be held every second month. If you would like to go, please email: [reveileenheaney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:reveileenheaney@hotmail.co.uk)
- 3. Charities that St James Supports:** For the last 4 years these are: Mission Aviation Fellowship (supporting with light Aircraft those in remote areas) and 57:Fourteen (supporting Ex-offenders on release). It is time to reselect two Mission Partners for the next 3 years. To nominate a Christian charity to be considered by the Standing Committee, please email [admin@stjameswesthead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjameswesthead.org.uk) **by 23rd June**. Including a link to their website and any personal reason for the nomination would be useful. Our tithing policy is to gift 10% of planned giving and Sunday service giving to use for God’s mission beyond our Community and in the wider world - a third each to our Mission Partners and a third is used for matched donations of ad hoc collections or for special requests received during the year. As a Church, we are always dependent on God’s provision but historically our experience has shown that when we are committed to this policy we are indeed blessed.
- 4. Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary:** Pam feels that the time is right to step down from the role of Treasurer, and Derek who has not been well, feels the same, regarding Gift Aid Secretary. If you or someone that you know, would like to be considered for either of these roles, please speak to our Wardens or Rev John. Full handover and support will be offered.
- 5. ORMSKIRK PRAYER ANCHORHOLD** - all are very welcome to join in person as we pray “Thy Will Be Done” for all the local Churches, for our Town and local life and for our University. Held every weekday Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in New Church House. An extra ‘Anchorhold’ will be held in Ormskirk Parish Church 12 Noon to 12.45pm each Thursday. You are welcome to come and stay for as long as you are able. If you prefer you could pray along with us at home. One of the attachments with this Bulletin identifies some of the topics that we aim to pray for each day, these are also available in the Fellowship Area in Church. 5, to 10, people usually attend from about six local Churches. St Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT – wrote, ‘Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus’.
- 6. Home Communions:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev John.
- 7. 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.
- 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](http://www.stjameswesthead.org.uk)

**Contacts:**

For all Pastoral Matters:

Rev John Sephton

[minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:churchwarden@stjameswesthead.org.uk)

Church Telephone: 01695 580725

**SUNDAY 21 July 2024 – The Eighth Sunday of Trinity  
NOTICES**

1. Get Danny Home appeal: The School have used Church for 'Godly Plays'. One of the Leaders comes from Freckleton and is running in her first Half Marathon this Sunday, with the Mother of Danny. They belong to the same running Club who are supporting the tragic case of Danny. A 13 year old boy whose life was dramatically changed over 4 days in 2022. Danny is now totally dependent on life support. Click onto the link below to read the whole harrowing story. If you are able to contribute, that would be really helpful. The family need £100,000, to date £20,000 has been donated. Thank you for reading this, if you are able or would like to donate, please send what you can to help this family. Rev John  
[https://www.gofundme.com/f/DanielFlemen?lang=en\\_GB&utm\\_campaign=fp\\_sharesheet&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=copy\\_link](https://www.gofundme.com/f/DanielFlemen?lang=en_GB&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)
2. Bedding or Single Duvets Request: Should you have any spare, not necessarily new, please contact Derek Williams, 01695 581365 who has an urgent request, via 'Lions'. Thank You.
3. 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.
4. Dying Matters: A variety of leaflets are available at the back of Church for your information and to take and use at home.
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. Our Daily Bread Bible reading notes: There is a copy of these notes for June to August available in the Fellowship Area, together with a sample copy, as a way of introducing you to ODB. If when you have had a look at this season's edition you would like to have a copy on a regular basis, please have a word with Janette. These are free of charge. The readings/stories set for each day are very helpful and relevant to today's situations.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Bulletin Notices: to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email:  
[minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk](mailto:minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk)
10. Weekly Bulletin: is only available by email. Please let Heather have your email address:  
[heather.doyle@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.doyle@btinternet.com) if you would like to be added to our current distribution list.

**NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities.**

- 1. Network of Kindness:** This is a Diocesan/Deanery initiative. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to be part of a Deanery working Party of some three sessions. The first one is scheduled for early July. This is about encouraging how we as Church connect and support other people. If this is you, do please speak to Rev John.
- 2. CAMEO September outing to Lytham Hall.** There are still 6 seats available on the Coach. The cost of the fare is £10. The entry to the gardens is free. If you would like to go, please speak to Val Newby on 01695 571144. Thank you.
- 3. Slavery and Repentance Exhibition, St Cuthbert's, Halsall 15th to 29th September:** These people are offering the opportunity for KS2 classes to come and visit the exhibition with prayer stations and a chance for a short reflective service at the end of the visit. Visits will last about 90minutes. The exhibition will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon to the general public. They will also be showing the film after the flood on Saturday 21 September at 7.00pm
- 4. 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. 2,000 to 3,000 people regularly attend. Information leaflets are available in Church. For further info please speak to Heather, Janette or John. Thank you.
- 5. Manchester Baroque upcoming Concerts:** We have received this global Church email inviting you to two Concerts in **Manchester Cathedral** at reduced rates for those who would like to go. On **20 July 2024**. The Summer Vivaldi concert includes Vivaldi's Gloria. As a gesture of goodwill, we are offering your parishioners a special offer of 50% off concert tickets, apart from the premium tickets the links to this are:  
**Summer Vivaldi:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/706669376127/?discount=NWChurchesoffer](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/706669376127/?discount=NWChurchesoffer)