

Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Holy Communion

Leading: Mrs Barbara Westhead

Preaching and Celebrating: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Numbers: 4-6, 10-16 Mark 9: 38-end

Collect for Today

“Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**

Tuesday 1 October
7.00pm-7.30pm

Prayer in the Evening on Zoom:

ID: 401 570 3435

Passcode: 24 24 24

Tuesday
7.30pm-8.45pm

LIFE Group meeting. This group is closed until 29 October 2024

Wednesday 2 October
7.30pm

Ministry Centre – LYCIG team meeting

Saturday 5 October
10.00 to 12 noon

Coffee and Chat. Also the **Church Gardening Group** meet.
All Welcome

Sunday 6 October
10.30am

Nineteenth SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion

Also JAFFA

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

Access will be via Youtube - type in: @stjameswesthead

KNOWING JESUS

Daily Bread Readings for w/c 29 September 2024

Sun	29	Psalm 6	Thurs	3	Philippians
Mon	30	Philippians 2: 12-18	Fri	4	Philippians
Tue	1	Philippians 2:	Sat	5	Philippians
Wed	2	Philippians			

October readings were not available when we went to print.

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, Ray Quinn, Grantham Fidler, Alan Bell, Ali Buckley, Jean Dutton, Brenda Taylor, Derek Williams, Terry Beesley, Peter Thorn, John Fisher, Alyson Melling (the daughter of Rev David and Brenda Towler), Karen (Bob's Daughter), Martin Duerden, Marion Langton, also Marion's Grand-Daughter Olivia, Tish Davis, Zoe Simpkin, and also those affected by the Southport Dance School atrocities.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: **Evan Meadows, Kathleen Holland, Kevin Westhead, Deborah Hutton, Stephen Lowe, and Hannah Needham.**

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 Wigan Road and Crosshall Brow.
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, LIFE, 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, Street Pastors and School Pastors
11. Special prayers for our Children and Family Saturday Fun, Food and Fellowship
12. Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University as they start a new term.
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, Ukraine, and those arriving across the English Channel.
15. **Prayer Board:** This will be available each week for your prayers in the Outer Porch Area of Church. These will be prayed for in Church the following Sunday. Urgent prayers that cannot wait please speak to Rev John or a Warden.
16. Please would you continue to pray that people's hearts would focus on God and not be persuaded into the evil that we so often see displayed in life today

MAKING HIM KNOWN

- 1. Confirmation 2024: The date has now been sorted. Tuesday 19 November at St Mark's Church, Scarisbrick, starting at 7.00pm.** If you would like to talk about Confirmation, please speak to Rev John.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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. **Anchorhold Prayer will be held every weekday Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in Ormskirk Parish Church. 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'.
- 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. 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.
- 7. 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

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Church Telephone: 01695 580725

NOTICES

- 1. Open Doors: In Africa:** Should you feel able to sign the petition which is at the back of Church, to hopefully help persecuted Christians, that would be good. A full explanation of the petition is at the top of the form.
- 2. Church Cleaning:** We are very grateful to Catherine and her team of loyal helpers who faithfully keep our Church looking so beautiful. Thank you all very much. We are **2-4 people short**. Would anyone be able to offer to go on the cleaning rota? If you would, or would like to find out what is actually involved, please speak to **Our Cleaning Co-Ordinator Catherine Spencer**.
- 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. For further details please speak to Jayne Illingworth.
- 6. Our Daily Bread Bible reading notes:** There is a sample copy of these notes available in the Fellowship Area, as a way of introducing you to ODB. If when you have had a look at these notes you would like to have a copy on a regular basis, please have a word with Janette. The ODB Bible reading notes 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. Congratulations:** To Colin and Aileen on your 50th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 3 October 2024.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk
- 11. 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.

NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities.

- 1. Harvest Festival Celebrations at St James 2024: Sunday 13 October 10.30am.** The School will be with us for the morning service.
- 2. Gifts and Donations:** As in previous years we are asking that all gifts are either non perishable goods or monetary. All non perishable goods will be divided between **Ormskirk Foodbank** and **The Liberty Centre**. Monetary gifts will be donated to **Global Care**. **Ormskirk Foodbank** have asked for: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, UHT Milk, Tea, Rice Puddings, Sponge Puddings, Custard, Toothpaste, Deodorants, Pet Food – Dogs and Cats. **The Liberty Centre:** Food, Long Life Milk, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel.
- 3. Decorating the Church:** Will take place from **Monday 7 October**, or at a day to suit you (please speak to one of our Wardens). Please can you let us have non perishable goods by **Sunday 6 October**. Thank you.
- 4. Harvest Sunday Afternoon Tea: 13 October 2.30pm-4.00pm.** £5.00 per person. All proceeds will go to Ormskirk Foodbank. Please book in advance by completing the booking form which is attached to this Bulletin. Please give the completed form to Jayne, Barbara or Sue.
- 5. De-Robing of the Church:** Will take place on **Wednesday 16 October**.
- 6. CAMEO, Wednesday 2 October 1.00pm-3.00pm in Village Hall:** Speaker, a representative from Midstream Café and Garden Centre, Skelmersdale.
- 7. Keswick 2024:** Access to the talks are available via your smart phone app, or via Keswick Ministries youtube channel. Going on to any of the above would give a flavour of what Keswick is about.
- 8. 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 four sessions. The first meeting has been arranged for Tuesday **19 November 10.00am Venue to be confirmed**. This is about encouraging how, we as a Church, connect and support other people. If you would like to find out what this is about, please speak to Rev John.
- 9. Slavery and Repentance Exhibition, St Cuthbert's, Halsall, 15 to 29 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 90 minutes. 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
- 10. Church Gardening Group:** All welcome to join us on Saturdays, 5 October, 2 November, any time between 10.00am–12.00pm. More info
Sue or Roger 07512 732241.



- 11. Alms House Lathom :** One is available. Should this be of interest to you please speak to Rev John.

**SUNDAY 29 September 2024 – The Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity
CLUSTER ACTIVITIES**

1. **Christianity Explored, St Michael's Church Hall, Church Lane, Aughton, 4.00pm for 1.5 hours: Sundays;** 29 September, 13, 27 October, 3, 17 November, 1 December.
2. **The Sanctuary Course, at Christ Church, Aughton, in the Ministry Centre 7.00pm for 2 hours: Mondays;** 30 September, 7, 14, 21, 28 October, 4, 11, November. This Course has had a good reputation, it is about understanding more about faith and mental health. There are only a few of the 12 places available, booking is essential. Further info speak to Rev John.
3. **Men's and Women's Breakfasts**
Starting in September in the Cluster, Men's and Women's Breakfasts will alternate bi-monthly on **Saturday mornings at 9.30am**. The Women's Breakfast, 'Marian's Mornings' will meet at St Mark's Scarisbrick Church Hall and the Men's Breakfasts will meet at St Michael's Church Hall. Following each breakfast there will be a speaker. If you would like to help with either then please get in touch. To help with catering, please speak to Rev John.
 - (a) **Marian's Mornings at St Mark's**
30 November, 22 February, 26 April, 28 June.
 - (b) **Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**
26 October, 25 January, 29 March, 31 May, 26 July.

If you would like to go, please let Rev John know so dietary requirements and numbers can be forwarded. Thank you.
4. **Come and Meet Him. St Mark's, Scarisbrick Church Hall, starting 23 October 7.00pm- 9.00pm:** This is for all who would like to look at Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Relationship. We at St James will be using this as our **Confirmation preparation**. Poster in the Fellowship Area, any further enquiries, please speak to Rev John.
5. **Confirmation 2024: Tuesday 19 November at St Mark's Church, Scarisbrick, starting at 7.00pm.** If you would like to talk about Confirmation, please speak to Rev John.
6. **Local Cycling Club:** Should you be interested in joining, please contact Graham from St Michael's, on, luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com