

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

10.30am

**Morning Prayer - Book Service**

Leading: Rev Martin Duerden

Preaching: Rev Martin Duerden

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5                      John 2: 1-11

Also JAFFA

Collect for Today

“Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

12.30pm–2.30pm

**Confirmation preparation in Church**

3.00pm

**Three Baptisms in Church**

Tuesday 21 January

7.00pm-7.25 pm

**Evening Prayer on Zoom**

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Tuesday

7.30pm-8.45pm

**LIFE Group meeting**

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Thursday 23 January

5.00pm-6.00pm

**E.S.O.L. For Improvers**

Saturday 25 January

10.00am–12.00

**Coffee and Chat. All welcome**

Sunday 26 January

10.30am

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

Community Praise: Led by the School

The above Services: Our aim will be to live stream the 10.30am service, and the recording will be available on YouTube from 2.00pm. @stjameswesthead

**KNOWING JESUS**

**DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 19 JANUARY 2025**

Sun	19	Psalm 22	Thurs	23	Genesis 25: 19-34
Mon	20	Genesis 24: 29-51	Fri	24	Genesis 26: 34-27:29
Tues	21	Genesis 24: 52-67	Sat	25	Genesis 27: 30-28:9
Wed	22	Genesis 25: 1-18			

**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, Karen (Bob's Daughter), Martin Duerden, Marion Langton, also Marion's Grand-Daughter Olivia, Zoe Simpkin, Dave Gee, and Jade Carter.

**Please also pray** for the bereaved families of: **David Blair** (Dawn's Brother), **Muriel Doyle** (Heather's Mum), **Tish Davis**, **Kay Nevis** (Dave Westhead's Sister).

**Prayers for the Parish and beyond:**

- To give thanks for Christ's Forgiving Love
- For the Power of God's Spirit in our lives
- Praise God the Father
- For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
- For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Meadow Close, Forge Close and Plough Lane.
- Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, Westhead Village Hall and our Music Group.
- For the children, their families and their spiritual development
- For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
- For outreach and growth in numbers
- For the Under 18s leadership team, Street Pastors and School Pastors
- Special prayers for our Children and Family Saturday Fun, Food and Fellowship
- Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University. All are welcome to worship with us.
- Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
- We pray for refugees from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and those arriving across the English Channel.
- Please pray that these wars will come to a negotiated conclusion.
- 16. 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.
- 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.
- Please commit to our Father the issues within the C of E, all current appointments, that the residents within the UK would look to God for His intervention to current wickedness.

## **MAKING HIM KNOWN**

- 1. Confirmation 2025: St James' Westhead on the 16 February 2025 with Bishop John at 10.30am. Preparation will be in Church on the 19 January at 12.30pm, 2 and 9 February.** Anyone else who would like to discuss Confirmation or Baptism, 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 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.** 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. A list of suggested topics to pray for each day, are available in the Fellowship Area in Church.
- 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. St James' Website:** The link is: [www.stjameswesthead.org.uk](http://www.stjameswesthead.org.uk)

### **Contacts:**

For all Pastoral Matters:

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(Friday is Rev John's rest day)

Matters concerning the Church Building or Graveyard

Jayne Illingworth or Barbara Westhead

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## NOTICES

- 1. Questionnaire:** Thank you to those who have completed and returned these, any other completed forms, could you please return them to Church no later than Sunday the 19 January.
- 2.** We send love and congratulations to **Kath Peacock** who will be 50 this Saturday (18th) To mark the occasion, Kath is having a party at the **Wardens Club** in Skelmersdale and is inviting everyone to join her and celebrate her special Birthday. Please feel free to come along on Saturday 18 January, from 7.30pm. If anyone needs directions or more details, please have a word with Kath or the Wardens about it. Hope you have a great time, Kath.
- 3. 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**.
- 4. 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.
- 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. 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. **Alms House, Lathom:** One is available. If this is of interest, speak to Rev John.
2. **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 **21 January 10.00am. Venue: Four Lane Ends Mission.** This is about encouraging how we as a Church connect and support other people (Social Justice). If you would like to find out what this is about, please speak to Rev John.
3. **Confirmation Preparation: Sunday 19 January 12.30pm – 2.30pm in Church. Also on 2 February and 9 February, times to be agreed.**
4. **A two week Sermon series on Generosity:** Rev John will be speaking on **2 February** on 'Generously pressed down' and on **9 February** on 'A Generous God' in the morning services.
5. **Sunday 9 February:** We will welcome the Faith, Community and Chaplaincy Co-ordinator from Edge Hill University, Andrew Hunter, who we will interview.
6. **Sunday 16 February 10.30am:** Confirmation with Bishop John, Bishop of Liverpool.

## **CLUSTER ACTIVITIES**

### **1. The Sanctuary Course: Do you want to learn and understand more about *faith and mental health*?**

**The Sanctuary Course** is an 8-week educational course designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local Churches regarding mental health. Your group might include:

- People with questions about mental health
- Mental health professionals with a wealth of knowledge to share
- Leaders who want to engage their community in mental health conversations
- People supporting loved ones with mental health challenges

· People living with mental health challenges **The Sanctuary Course** is for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health. It requires no previous training or expertise - just a willingness to engage in dialogue with other believers. The next course starts on **Monday 24 February 2025, 7-9pm** in Christ Church Aughton Ministry Centre. Places are limited so booking is essential. For further information please email Victoria and Graeme at [vicbee99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vicbee99@hotmail.co.uk)

### **2. Men's and Women's Breakfasts**

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**

22 February, 26 April, 28 June.

#### **(b) Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**

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.

- 3. Local Cycling Club:** Should you be interested in joining, please contact Graham from St Michael's, on [luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com](mailto:luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com)
- 4. Rugby Six Nations Match: Saturday 1 February Starting at 4.45pm,** St Michael's Church Hall, Aughton. **England v Ireland.**
- 5. Rugby Six Nations Match: Saturday 22 February 4.45pm,** St Michael's Church Hall, Aughton. **England v Scotland.**
- 6. Rugby Six Nations Match: Saturday 15 March 4.45pm,** St Michael's Church Hall, Aughton. **England v Wales.**
- 7. All the above Events:** The Hall will be open from 4.00pm, Hot pies will be sold for £5.00, bring your own drinks.
- 8. Pentecost 2025: Sunday 8 June 11.00am;** Open Air Pentecost Service at Bickerstaffe with Bishop John.