

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

10.30am

**Confirmation Service with Bishop Rt. Rev. Geoff Pearson**

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Collect for Today

“Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

2.00 pm

**Baptism of Matilda Rose Haygarth**

Tuesday 18 February  
7.00-7.25 pm

**No Prayer in the Evening this week, for half term break.**

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Tuesday 18 February  
7.30-8.45pm

**No LIFE Group meeting this week, for half term break.** Please see No 3, under Future dates and Activities.

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Thursday 20 February  
5.00-6.00pm

**ESOL For Improvers**

Saturday 22 February  
10.00–12.00

**Coffee and Chat.** All welcome

Sunday 23 February  
10.30am

**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT  
Morning Prayer – Book Service**

**Also JAFFA**

The 10.30am Services on the 16 and 23 February will be live streamed and recorded. If you do not want to be recorded please inform the Wardens. Viewing on YouTube will be available from 2.00pm @westheadchurch

**DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 16 FEBRUARY 2025**

Sun	16	Psalm 26	Thurs	20	1 Samuel 29: 1-11
Mon	17	1 Samuel 25: 23-44	Fri	21	1 Samuel 30: 1-25
Tues	18	1 Samuel 26: 1-25	Sat	22	1 Samuel 31: 1-13
Wed	19	1 Samuel 27: 1-28:2			

**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, Martin Duerden, Marion Langton, also Marion's Grand-Daughter Olivia, Zoe Simpkin, Dave Gee, Shannon Gee-Fulham, Ray and Barbara Burke, and David and Brenda Towler.

**Please also pray** for the bereaved families of: **Kay Nevis** (Dave Westhead's Sister), **John Fisher** and **Peter Thorn**

**Prayers for the Parish and beyond:**

1. Liverpool Diocese, Bishop John, his family, All Clergy, Bishop's Interim appointment, for honesty and transparency.
2. To give thanks for Christ's forgiving love
3. For the Power of God's Spirit in our lives
4. Praise God the Father
5. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
6. For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Blaguegate Lane and Dicketts Lane.
7. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, Westhead Village Hall and our Music Group.and to get a new leader
8. For the children, their families and their spiritual development
9. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
10. For outreach and growth in numbers
11. For the Under 18s leadership team, Street Pastors and School Pastors
12. Special prayers for our Children and Family Saturday Fun, Food and Fellowship
13. Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University. All are welcome to worship with us
14. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
15. We pray for refugees from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and those arriving across the English Channel
16. Please pray that these wars will come to a negotiated conclusion
17. 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.
17. 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
18. Please commit to our Father the issues within the C of E, all current appointments, and that the residents within the UK would look to God for His intervention to current wickedness.

## **MAKING HIM KNOWN**

- 1. Prayer for individuals after Sunday Service:** We are looking for 4 people who would be willing to pray with others for specific needs, on a rotational basis. It is thought that this would take place in the Upper Room for 15 minutes? after Morning Worship. If you would like to be involved please speak to either of our Wardens or 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

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## NOTICES

- 1. Electoral Roll 2025:** In 2025 a New Church Electoral Roll has to be created, that means that all people need to complete a new application. No names are carried across from 2024. An Application form is attached to this email for you to download and print. Copies of the application form will also be available at the back of Church, and also available on the website, go to the section ABOUT, the drop down menu lists Electoral Roll, the form can be downloaded here. Please complete the application form as soon as possible, final deadline Saturday 22nd March 2025.
- 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. 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.
- 5. '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.
- 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. Approval from PCC to continue.
- 8. Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: [minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk](mailto:minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk) also [marjietutte@hotmail.com](mailto:marjietutte@hotmail.com)
- 9. 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. Talent Time Again:** As we approach Lent and going to the end of June, we are again offering you £10.00 to help get you started so you can develop your entrepreneurial skills. All proceeds will be given to the Church Mission society (CMS). For further information, please speak to either John or Janette.
- 2. Marmalade:** This is available for sale, Seville Oranges, no unwanted additions or trace elements, handcut rind, £3.00 per jar. This is part of talents above. Enquiries please speak to Janette or John.
- 3. LIFE:** Tuesday Evenings: We will be working through the book of Mark, one Chapter per week for most weeks. Week 3, Chapter 3. If you have not been before, why not give it a go? You will be most welcome. Half Term Holiday this week
- 4. 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 second meeting has been arranged for **25 March 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.
- 5. Sunday 16 February 10.30am:** Confirmation in Church.
- 6. Saturday 1 March: 4.00 – 6.00 pm Family Fun and Food** in the Village Hall. Offers of cakes towards the refreshments would be gratefully received. Please speak to either Moira or Janette.
- 7. Wednesday 5 March: CAMEO** in the Village Hall 1.00pm – 3.00pm. Speaker: Mr Martin Smith on Beekeeping.
- 8. Friday 7 March: 2.00 pm World Day of Prayer Service** at Emmanuel Church, Ormskirk. This year's Service has been prepared by the Christian Women from the Cook Islands. The theme of the Service is "I Made You Wonderful". Refreshments will be available after the Service.
- 9. Monday 31 March: 3.30pm – 4.30pm Church in the Hall.**

## 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.

- **Marian's Mornings at St Mark's**  
22 February, 26 April, 28 June.
- **Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**  
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 22 February 4.45pm,** St Michael's Church Hall, Aughton. **England v Scotland.** [Please indicate on the list in the Fellowship Area if you would like to go and your choice of pie.](#)
- 5. Rugby Six Nations Match: Saturday 15 March 4.45pm,** St Michael's Church Hall, Aughton. **England v Wales.**
- 6. All the above Events:** The Hall will be open from 4.00pm, Hot pies will be sold for £5.00, bring your own drinks.
- 7. Pentecost 2025: Sunday 8 June 11.00am;** Open Air Pentecost Service at Bickerstaffe.