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Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Holy Communion

Leading: Mrs Barbara Westhead

Preaching and Celebrating: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8

Also JAFFA

12 noon

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All are invited.

Collect for Today

“Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Monday 7 April
6.00pm

Meeting to agree pebble positioning

Tuesday 8 April
7.00pm – 7.25pm

Prayer in the Evening

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Tuesday 8 April
7.30pm - 8.45pm

LIFE Group meeting. Studying Mark Chapter 16. Please see No 7, under Future dates and Activities.

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Thursday 10 April
5.00pm - 6.00pm

ESOL For Improvers

Thursday 10 April
7.00pm

Proclaim training

Saturday 12 April
10.00am – 12.00

Coffee and Chat. All are welcome

Saturday 12 April
11.00am

Burial of ashes: Doris Riley

Sunday 13 April
10.30am

**PALM SUNDAY – with Jennie the Donkey outside of Church.
Praise and Worship**

Also JAFFA

2.30pm – 4.00 pm

Afternoon Tea (please see 11 under Future Dates and Activities)

The 10.30am Services 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 on Sunday @westheadchurch

KNOWING JESUS

DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 6 APRIL 2025

Sun	6	Psalm 33	Thurs	10	Mark 14: 32-42
Mon	7	Mark 14: 1-11	Fri	11	Mark 14: 43-52
Tues	8	Mark 14: 12-26	Sat	12	Mark 14: 53-65
Wed	9	Mark 14: 27-31			

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, Denise Shortell, Ray and Barbara Burke, David and Brenda Towler, Doreen Shaw, Mark Houlton, and Hazel Davies.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: **Peter Thorn and Jane Dewhurst.**

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 Whiteleys Lane and Ruff 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 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. Easter Card Parish distribution:** bundles are available at the back of Church. Can you please make sure that these are distributed, before Holy Week starts. Also, should your bundle have too many or be short please record on the distribution sheet that is with the Easter Cards. It is advisable to take a few extra out of the spare pile, so you have enough whilst you are delivering. Thank you very much.
- 2. Painting Pebbles:** It is hoped that these pebbles will be an outreach to Church, Community and School. It is hoped that the finished pebbles will be in a more prominent position outside of Church. A record of those involved in the project is to be created for future reference. We are grateful to Dave Savage, and to all of you who helped in School over these last two weeks.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Home Communions:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev John.
- 6. 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.
- 7. St James’ Website:** The link is: www.stjameswesthead.org.uk

Contacts:

For all Pastoral Matters:

Rev John Sephton

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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. **Electoral Roll 2025:** The new roll is available at the back of Church for you to view.
2. **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (A.P.C.M.):** We need 3 new members for the PCC, should you desire to talk about this, please speak to either our Wardens or Rev John.
3. **School Ofsted:** We send our congratulations to Miss Clarke and all at School for the recent result of **Outstanding**. We understand that ours is the only School in this area to have received this prestigious award. Well done to all of you.
4. **House for Rent:** We are looking for a three bedroom house for rent in the Westhead or Ormskirk area. Should you know of any such property, please would you get in touch with Rev John.
5. **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**.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **‘Our Daily Bread’ Bible reading notes:** There is a 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.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email:
minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk also marjietutte@hotmail.com
12. **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. **Talent Time Again:** During Lent and going to the end of June, we are again offering you £10 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. **Talents:** Margaret Dickinson has created **various jewellery items**, each one at £3 each, they are beautiful. Please support Margaret's skills.
3. **Talents: Easter cards** £1 each, **Macrame Pot Holders** £5 each, **Macrame Key Rings** £1 each, all made by Imogen and Phoebe. Please would you generously support their talented efforts? All profits will go to CMS.
4. **Talents: Cakes:** Val is making cakes to order, please speak to Val, again all profits will go to CMS.
5. **Talents: Air fresheners:** Heather is making air fresheners, made from very high quality essential oils and water, and nothing else, no nasties. Available in mint or citrus fragrances. £5 a bottle. See attached leaflet for more info. All profits will go to CMS.
6. **Talents: Raspberry and Strawberry Jam** made by Jean Dutton, £3 a jar or two for £5
7. **LIFE:** Tuesday Evenings: We are working through the book of Mark, one Chapter per week for most weeks. This Tuesday, **Chapter 16**. If you have not been before, why not give it a go? You will be most welcome.
8. **Church Gardening Dates: Spring 2025 10.00am to Noon:** Saturday 5 April, Saturday 3 May.
9. **APCM 6 April - Noon in Church:** After Morning Service. All are invited.
10. **Sunday 13 April: Palm Sunday: 10.30am Praise and Worship Service, with Jennie the Donkey outside of Church. Also, Afternoon Tea 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Church:** Tickets £6.00 each, on sale from Sunday 23 March. Seating limited to 40, so please book in advance.
11. **Monday 14 April 7.30pm St Bede's School, Artless Theatre Company, presents 'Centurion' tickets are £5.00 each.** Poster and information sheet, is available in Church and as an email attachment with this bulletin. **To book:** On your search engine put in eventbrite/centurion. It is very easy to book and pay.
12. **Thursday 17 April: 'Maundy Thursday', 7.00pm Holy Communion and optional feet washing.**
13. **Friday 18 April 'Good Friday': 10.00am Reflective Service in Church.**
14. **Friday 18 April 'Good Friday': 12 Noon Service at the Clock Tower in Ormskirk,** preceded by a walk of witness from St Anne's Social Centre at 11.30am and followed by refreshments at Church House Ormskirk.
15. **Saturday 19 April 'Easter Saturday' 10.00am to 4.00pm.** Extended opening of Coffee and Chat. Further details from Heather Doyle.
16. **Sunday 20 April 'Easter Sunday': Holy Communion 10.30am in Church, Easter Eggs.**

1. 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 Breakfasts, '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**
26 April, 28 June
- **Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**
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:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Graham from St Michael's, on luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com
- 4. Pentecost 2025: Sunday 8 June 11.00am;** Open Air Pentecost Service at Bickerstaffe.