

Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Morning Prayer

Leading and Preaching: Rev Richard Gibbs

Bible Reading: Amos 8: 1-12 Luke 10: 38-end

Also: JAFFA - This is the last Session until 14 September

Collect for Today

“Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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

Monday 21 July

Foodbank AGM at Christ Church Ministry Centre

Tuesdays

Prayer in the Evening and L.I.F.E. Both of these groups are not meeting until September 2025

Thursdays

ESOL for Improvers (this is not meeting until September 2025)

Saturday 26 July
10.00am – 12Noon

Coffee and Chat. All welcome.

**There will be no Coffee and Chat during August.
It will re-open again on Saturday 6 September.**

Sunday 27 July
10.30 am

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY.
Community Praise**

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 20 JULY 2025

Sun	20	Psalm 47	Thur	24	Romans 13: 8-14
Mon	21	Romans 12: 1-8	Fri	25	Romans 14: 1-12
Tues	22	Romans 12: 9-21	Sat	26	Romans 14: 13-23
Wed	23	Romans 13: 1-7			

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, Marion Langton, also Marion's Grand-Daughter Olivia, Zoe Simpkin, Dave Gee, Shannon Gee-Fulham, Denise Shortell, Ray and Barbara Burke, Doreen Shaw, Mark Houlton, Caroline Bradley, Gordon Fielding, Joan Fielding, Irene Case, Hazel Davies, Robert Carmichael, Siobhan Carmichael, Jane Duxsbury and Ian Fisher.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Brian Smith, Marie Shepherd, Joyce Lennie, June Evans, Maureen Venables, Patricia Parr, and Frances Woods.

Prayers for the Parish and beyond:

1. The right person to be appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury, Priests; Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Newburgh, Westhead
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 Charlesbye Avenue, Delph Top, Lathom Lane, Sandy Lane, Dark Lane.
7. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, the Village Hall, Music Group & 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 all refugees, especially from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine
16. Please pray that these wars will cease and peace will be achieved
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.
18. 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. Gift Day:** This will be left open until the end of July 2025. Should sufficient money be received we would love to: **1. Provide Pew Cushions, 2. Decorate the Fellowship Area. 3. Purchase two Terracotta Pots** for the outside of the front door. **4. Change the Baby Changing Table** in the disabled toilet. **5.** Any further money would go into **the Church General Fund**. Thank you for your generosity. Blessings to all of you.
Rev John.
- 2. Following on from Gift Day:** Bird boxes £10, Small Bird Feeders, £10, Large Bird Feeders £20, will be available in Church, this week and next week, Please see Wardens or Sue Swailes.
- 3. Hymns / Songs to sing in Church:** There is a box at the back of Church for you to tell us what you would like us to sing on a Sunday. Do let us know.
- 4. Prayer for individuals after Sunday Service:** We are looking for 2 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.
- 5. 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 New Church House.** 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.
- 6. Home Communion:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, or in the pew at church, please contact Rev John Sephton or Wardens
- 7. 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 still short of **4 people**. 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**.
- 8. 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.
- 9. St James’ Website:** The link is: 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. **Photographs to create a montage:** Geoff Wright is willing to create a powerpoint presentation of photographs of plants/ flowers and vegetables, to be shown in Church at a time in the future. If you can, please set your camera to 16:9. Please forward all photographs onto Geoff Wright. Email: geoffreywright459@btinternet.com Thank you.
2. **Flymo leaf blower.** Free, or, if able, a donation to Church. Please speak to Rev John.
3. **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.
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 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. **More Painted Pebbles needed. Can you help?** Sessions for the next 2 weeks at Saturday’s Coffee and Chat, and after the Sunday Services. Thank you
9. **Keswick Convention 2025:** All the meetings for the next 2 weeks can be accessed via the Keswick 2025 app on your smart phone. Most sessions are available live.
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.

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities

1. **Lathom Park Chapel Garden Party: Saturday 19 July 1.00pm to 4.00pm** Please see Poster, on the Notice Board.
2. **St James Gardening Group, 10.00am - Noon:** Future dates; 2 August.

CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

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.

2. **Marian's Mornings at St Mark's**

3. **Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**

30 August:

The speaker will be Chris Lennie, who has walked a number of pilgrimage routes and will this year walk the Via Francigena to Rome.

Please sign up on the list in Church.

25 October:

If you would like to go, numbers are required by the previous Thursday. Please let Rev John know so dietary requirements and numbers can be forwarded. Thank you.

4, **Local Cycling Club:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Graham from

St Michael's, on luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com