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Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Holy Communion:

Leading and Preaching: Rev John Sephton.

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Collect for Today

“O God, you declare your mighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 1 September
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Standing Committee on Zoom:

I.D: 401 570 3435 Passcode: 242424

Tuesday 2 September
8.00am – 9.00am

Cluster Prayer Meeting

2.00pm- 3.00pm

Planning meeting for next LIFE at 37 Brighthouse Close

Wednesday 3 September
1.00pm – 3.00pm

CAMEO re-starts in the Village Hall, with a Birthday Lunch. We look forward to seeing you

Thursday 4 September
6.00pm – 7.00pm

ESOL for Improvers

7.15pm – 9.30pm

Last LYCIG Training at CCA Ministry Centre

Saturday 6 September
10.00 – 12 noon

Coffee and Chat, and Church Gardening Group. We look forward to seeing you

Sunday 7 September
10.30 am

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion with Dedication and Commissioning of Church Groups and Safeguarding

12.30pm

Interment of ashes: Arthur Berkley

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 31ST AUGUST 2025

Sun	31	Psalm 53	Thurs	4	Hosea 6: 1-7: 2
Mon	1	Hosea 1: 1-2:1	Fri	5	Hosea 11: 1-11
Tues	2	Hosea 2: 2-23	Sat	6	Hosea 14: 1-9
Wed	3	Hosea 3: 1-5			

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's granddaughter Olivia, Dave Gee, Shannon Gee-Fulham, Denise Shortell, Ray and Barbara Burke, Doreen Shaw, Mark Houlton, Gordon Fielding, Joan Fielding, Irene Case, Hazel Davies, Robert Carmichael, Siobhan Carmichael, Jane Duxbury, Tracy Webb, Ian Fisher, Francine Causer, Maria Keating Dumbell, Zoe Simpkin, Ian Cleverdon and John Mallinson.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Joyce Lennie, Maureen Venables, Arthur Berkley, Marion Langton 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 Meadow Close, Forge Close and Plough 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. **Following on from Gift Day:** Bird boxes £10, Small Bird Feeders, £10, Large Bird Feeders £20, are available in Church. Please see Wardens or Sue Swailes.
2. **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.
3. **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.
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 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.
5. **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.
6. **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**.
7. **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.
8. **St James’ Website:** 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

churchwarden@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Church Telephone: 01695 580725

NOTICES

1. **Church Gardening dates: Saturdays, 6 September, 4 October and 1 November. All who are able are welcome. Thank you.**
2. **Handmade Cards.** There is a selection of these in the Fellowship Area. Please have a look. They are free, but if you wish to make a donation, this will go to the person who made them. There is a box available for this purpose. Thank you.
3. **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.
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.
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. **Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk
9. **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. Wednesday 3rd September, CAMEO 1.00pm – 3.00pm: Re-starts in the Village Hall with a Birthday Lunch. We look forward to seeing you.

2. St James, Sunday 7 September: At this Service we aim to dedicate the leaders of our Young People. This year we plan on Commissioning and recognising those involved in other Groups: Wardens, PCC, Coffee and Chat, Church Cleaning, Music Group, P.A. Team, Gardening Group, Sunday, Leaders, Readers, and Prayers, Flower Arrangers, Sunday Refreshments, CAMEO. It would be good if you were all able to be present. Should I have missed anyone out, do please let me know. There will also be a section devoted to **Safeguarding**. Thank you. Rev John.

3. Churches Together In Ormskirk: Friday 12 September 7.00pm – 9.00pm at The Ministry Centre: Worship and Prayer starting with refreshments. Music will be provided by C.C.A. and O.C.F. **You are all invited to come and support this event.**

4. CTO Open Air Service by the Clock Tower in Ormskirk, Sunday 5 October 1.00pm: All are invited to attend.

5. Harvest Festival with School in Church on Sunday 12 October at 10.30am

6. Family Weekend at Keswick 2026. Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April 2026. There is a notice on the board in the Fellowship area, with the following details.

- **‘United In Christ’**
- **Bible Teaching: Ray Ortlund**
- **Full Children’s programme for ages 4-18’s**
- **Choice of Seminar tracks**
- **All age afternoon Concert**
- **Evening Celebrations and sung worship with EMU Music**
- **The weekend will be held in the Keswick Ministries Pencil Factory in the heart of beautiful Keswick**
- **Cost is Adults £25.00: Children 4-18’s £10**
- **Under 4’s free**
- **Accommodation and meals are not included**
- **Further information, please speak to John or Janette**
- **Booking is now open, I have sent details to a number of you, should anyone else require further information or the booking link, please speak to John or Janette. It would be good if a number of you were able to be part of this Church fellowship weekend in the Lake District.**

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**
27 September 9.30am to 11.00am with a guest speaker
- 3. Men's Breakfast's at St Michael's**
30 August 9.30 am.
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