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10.30am

Activities at St James, during the coming week:

Harvest Festival/Community Praise with the School

Leading: Rev John Sephton and the School

Preaching: Rev John Sephton and Dave Savage

Bible Readings: Psalm 100

Collect for Today

“Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Tuesday 14 October
7.00pm – 7.25pm

‘Prayer In The Evening’ in Church

Tuesday 14 October
7.30pm – 8.45pm

LIFE Group in Church

Studying the Gospel of Luke. Chapter 7

Thursday 16 October
6.00pm – 7.00pm

ESOL for Improvers in Church

Saturday 18 October
10.00 to 12 noon

Coffee and Chat, We look forward to seeing you

Sunday 19 October
10.30 am

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Morning Prayer**

Also JAFFA

This Sunday: 12 October the 10.30am Service will not be live-streamed or recorded. If on other occasions you do not want to be recorded please inform the Wardens. Viewing of other services on YouTube will be available from 2.00pm on Sunday: @stjameswesthead

KNOWING JESUS

DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 12 OCTOBER 2025

Sun	12	Psalm 59	Thurs	16	2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Mon	13	2 Samuel 22: 1-16	Fri	17	2 Samuel 24: 1-17
Tues	14	2 Samuel 22: 17-30	Sat	18	2 Samuel 24: 18-25
Wed	15	2 Samuel 22: 31-51			

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, 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 Duxsbury, Tracy Webb, Ian Fisher, Francine Causer, Maria Keating Dumbell, Zoe Simpkin, Ian Cleverdon, Stan Dutton, Liselore Woltering (the late Tish Davis' daughter) and Marjie Tutte.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Joyce Lennie, Arthur Berkley, Ron Wilson, Marion Langton and Malcolm Johnson.

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 Blaguegate Lane and Dicketts 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. **Stewardship Team: Saturday 11 October 10.30 am**, you are invited to come and hear more about stewardship at St James. Find out if there is any area where you may be able to support this important work. It would be helpful for Pam, Barbara or Jayne to know in advance if you are coming along but is not essential. Please continue to pray for this ministry.
2. **Youthscape Essentials Course, St John's Church, Burscough starting 13 October 7.00pm – 9.00pm**: This course is for established and potentially new leaders who would be interested in working with young people at St James. The course is once a month, over a time line of 9 months, and has a weekend away. There is no charge. This looks an exciting course. We are aware how busy you all are, but should your interest be in helping, teaching, supporting our young people and you would like to know more, please speak to Rev John, or sign up directly using the following link: Register/Youthscape with the course code 1859261. There will be an attachment with this Bulletin, explaining more.
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**s: 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 the 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:
Rev John Sephton

(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. **Midstream Fridays in the Village Hall from 10.00am-11.45am:** The weekly Coffee Mornings are run by Midstream staff and students, do come along and support them. All welcome, the cakes are delicious!
2. **Church Gardening dates: Saturday 1 November. All who are able are welcome. Thank you.**
3. **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.
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. **Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk
8. **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. **Coffee Morning, Village Hall Saturday 11 October 10.30am – 3.00pm:** All money raised will go towards specialised treatment to help Liselore. Further info, please speak to Moira, and/or, see information on the Notice Board in Church.
2. **Harvest Festival with School in Church on Sunday 12 October at 10.30am:** Gifts of non perishable food will be divided between 'The Liberty Centre' who are asking for: **food and toiletries**, and 'Ormskirk Food Bank', who are asking for: **Tinned Tomatoes and Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Sponge Puddings, Tea, Jams and Spreads, Chocolates and Sweets, Toiletries, especially, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, and Shaving Foam. Monetary contributions:** will be given to Water Aid.
3. **Harvest Songs of Praise, St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, 12 October 4.00pm:** Choirs from different Churches. All welcome.
4. **Church in the Hall: Monday 20 October in the Hall, 3.30pm - 4.30pm** Can you please encourage younger children to come straight from School for one hour with their Parents or Carers, for soft drinks and snacks. Games, Activities, Music, Informal, All Free.
5. **Cottage Lane Mission Sunday 2 November 4.00pm:** Commissioning of Matt Bentley as their new leader. You are welcome to join their fellowship.
6. **CAMEO: Wednesday 5 November 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the Village Hall: Quiz Afternoon,** We look forward to seeing you.
7. **Family Fun and Food: Saturday 8 November 3.30pm -5.30pm. Crazy Colour Tea Party,** Games, Activities, Bible Stories, Prize for the brightest different coloured outfit (Parents/ Carers included) Further info from, Janette Sephton, at johnsephton1@yahoo.com
8. **Ormskirk lights switch on Sunday 23 November. Negotiations regarding the Churches having a 20 minute slot are ongoing.**
9. **Ormskirk Parish Church:** Hosting a possible **Dickensian Christmas feel event.** They are asking for volunteers, good readers more than actors, and costumes. For further details, please speak to Rev John.
10. **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 Ortland

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, Keswick

Cost: 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.

11. CTO Open Air Service by the Clock Tower in Ormskirk, Sunday 14 December 1.00pm

12. Edge Hill University, Carol Service at OPC. Thursday 11 December, time TBC

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 Breakfasts at St Michael's
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. The Big Quiz Night Christ Church Aughton, Saturday 15 November 7.00pm: £5 at the door, bring your own drinks and nibbles. All profits go to towards **TEAR Fund's Transforming Communities**, helping people to lift themselves out of poverty.

5. Local Cycling Club: If you are interested in joining, please contact Graham from St Michael's, on luke14.23cyclingclub@gmail.com