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Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Holy Communion

Leading: Mrs Barbara Westhead

Celebrating: Rev John Sephton

Reading: the story of Gabriel

Also JAFFA

Collect for Today

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Tuesday 2 December
7.00pm – 7.25pm

‘Prayer In The Evening’ on Zoom:

I.D: 401 570 3435

Passcode: 242424

Tuesday 2 December
7.30pm – 8.45pm

LIFE Group on Zoom:

This week’s Study of the Gospel of Luke is Chapter 2 Birth and Childhood of Jesus

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Wednesday 3 December
1.00pm – 3.00pm

Christmas CAMEO, in the Village Hall. See item 2 under Notices

Thursday 4 December
6.00pm – 7.00pm

ESOL for Improvers

Friday 5 December
8.30am – 11.30am

School in Church rehearsing for Sunday

Saturday 6 December
10.00am to 12 noon

Coffee and Chat. We look forward to seeing you

Sunday 7 December
10.30am

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

School Nativity and Gift Service

The 10.30am Service will be live-streamed and recorded. If you do not want to be recorded please inform the Wardens. Viewing via YouTube will be available from 2.00pm each Sunday at: @stjameswesthead

Due to staff sickness it may not be possible to Live stream or record December Services. We will as and when we can.

KNOWING JESUS

DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 30 NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	30	Psalm 66	Thurs	4	Habakkuk 3:1-19
Mon	1	Habakkuk 1:1-11	Fri	5	Obadiah 1-14
Tues	2	Habakkuk 1:12-2:1	Sat	6	Obadiah 15-21
Wed	3	Habakkuk 2: 2-20			

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, 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, 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, Dave Savage, Liselore Woltering (the late Tish Davis' daughter) Marjie Tutte and Harry Blackburn.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Malcolm Johnson and Margaret Williams.

Prayers for the Parish and beyond:

1. 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. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
5. For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Vicarage Lane and Varlian Close.
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, the Village Hall, Music Group & Leader
7. For the children, their families and their spiritual development
8. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
9. For outreach and growth in numbers
10. For the Under 18s leadership team, Street Pastors and School Pastors
11. Special prayers for our Children and Family Fun, Food and Fellowship
12. Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University. All are welcome to worship with us
13. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
14. We pray for all refugees, especially from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine
15. Please pray that these wars will cease and peace will be achieved
16. 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.

MAKING HIM KNOWN

1. **‘Youthscape Essentials Course’, St John’s Church, Burscough, the next session is on Monday 1 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm:** This course is for established and potential 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.
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 the 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 Christmas Invitation Cards:** Are available at the back of Church can you please aim to have these all delivered by the 7 December. Please indicate on the distribution sheet your name and whether you had enough or were short for your particular delivery round. We see this as an important part of our connecting with the local community. Thank you.
2. **CAMEO next meets on Wednesday 3 December, in the Village Hall, 1.00pm – 3.00pm.** The usual mince pies, cakes, drinks, and as we are near to Christmas the opportunity to sing Carols. The children from the Village School will be visiting us. **After the meeting, for those who would like to stay behind, there will be the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you.**
3. **Father Christmas in the Village Hall, Sunday 30 November 2.00pm to 4.00pm:** The Committee would be very grateful for any contributions of cakes, mince pies, toiletries etc.
4. **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!
5. **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.**
6. **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.
7. **‘Our Daily Bread’ and ‘UCB’ Bible reading notes:** Are available for you to take and read. Copies of these notes are available in the Fellowship Area There is no charge. 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 readings/stories set for each day are very helpful and relevant to today’s situations.
8. **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.
9. **Bulletin Notices:** to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk
10. **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

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE OVER THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT STJAMES.

Reverse Advent Calendar: Food items and toiletries will be shared between Ormskirk Food Bank and the Liberty Centre.

School Nativity and Gift Service on 7 December: Please bring a gift for a needy Child, All gifts will go to the Liberty Centre.

Monetary Gifts in the Special Box: Will be donated to the Whitechapel Centre.

Memory Tree Baubles: Details below.

Church Christmas Cards: Details below.

Christingle on Christmas Eve at 2.30pm: Envelopes for contributions to the Children's Society will be available in the pews from 14 December.

- Donations towards Ormskirk Foodbank and Liberty Centre:** These Charities need donations as early in December as possible to make sure they can be distributed in good time for Christmas. To help them do this we will begin accepting donations of food/toiletries/luxury Christmas items (as suggested below) from **THIS coming Sunday, 30 November until Sunday 7 December (inclusive)**. Donations can be left in Church, at Coffee and Chat on Saturday mornings or brought to Sunday services. If this isn't convenient, please contact Jayne or Barbara. **Donations after 7 December will still be gratefully accepted and passed on but may not reach needy families before Christmas.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Suggested items needed for Christmas. Tins of Ham/ Salmon or similar, **Boxes of Biscuits/Chocolates Cakes/Mince Pies Christmas Puddings PLEASE, NO ALCOHOL OR FOOD CONTAINING IT.** Other items particularly needed **Tinned Tomatoes/Potatoes, Sponge Puddings, Custard, Jam. Toiletries, especially Shampoo, Deodorant etc,** are always needed.

- Christmas Memory Tree:** If you would like to remember a loved one with a memorial bauble for the tree this Christmas, there are forms and envelopes at the back of complete and hand in with your donation to Church. You more than one bauble, which is fine! After Christmas you baubles(s) as a souvenir of Christmas 2025. If you need please speak to Sue (Swales) or text 07512732241. Many


Church for you to may of course need may take home your more information thanks, Sue.
- Christmas Card for St James' Church Family:** There will be an appropriate place for you to leave your cards at the back of Church. Any donations will go towards Church Funds.

NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities – Continued:

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 21 December 4.00pm Carol Service with Haydock Brass Band

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve 2.30pm Christingle and Crib Service

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve 9.00pm Holy Communion

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion

1. **Sunday 30 November St Thomas, Lydiate 4.00pm:** 'Darkness to light', Advent Service, local Churches are invited.
2. **Sunday 30 November St Luke's Church, Crosby, 71 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE, 6.00pm:** 'Tongues of Fire' Advent Live, a Service of Praise and Reflection. Mike Anderson, the leader of this group came to St James a few Sunday's ago to lead our Music Group in their singing. He is excellent. The service is expected to last for about one hour.
3. **Ormskirk Parish Church, Christmas Tree Festival: 23 November until Sunday 4 January 2026.** Further details are available on the Notice Board in Church
4. **Edge Hill University, Carol Service at OPC. Thursday 11 December, at 5.00pm**
5. **CTO Open Air Service** by the Clock Tower in Ormskirk, Sunday 14 December 1.00pm
6. **Christ Church Aughton, Ministry Centre Friday 9 January CTO 'Prayer and Worship' 7.00pm to 9.00pm** starting with refreshments.
7. **Family Weekend at Keswick 2026.** Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April 2026. There is a notice on the board in the Fellowship area.