

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Activities at St James, during the coming week:
Praise and Worship**

10.30am

Leading and Preaching: Mr David Barker

Readings: Acts 17: 22-31 John 14: 15-21

Also JAFFA

Collect for Today

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 7.00pm – 7.25pm Prayer in the Evening in Church and on Zoom. The next meeting will be 19 May.

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Tuesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm LIFE Group in Church and on Zoom. The next meeting will be on 19 May. Studying the Gospel of Luke. Chapter 21.

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**Thursday
6.00pm – 7.00pm**

ESOL for beginners will commence on the 21 May

**Saturday 16 May
10.00am to 12 Noon**

Coffee and Chat. We look forward to seeing you.

**Sunday 17 May
10.30 am**

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Morning Prayer**

Also JAFFA

The 10.30 am 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 on the Service day at: @stjameswesthead

175th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

UP COMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday 14th June 10.30am Bishop Ruth will preach and Celebrate**
- **Wednesday 10 June in School: Portrait sitting in School, further info at No3 under 'Future Dates and Activities'.**
- **Monday 29th June School setting up Art Exhibition**
- **Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th July, Community and School Art Exhibition**
- **Sunday 5th July 2.30pm-4.00pm Afternoon tea**
- **Wednesday 8th July Rev John has been Ordained 25 years**
- **Sunday 12th July Past Vicar returning: Rev David Towler will preach**
- **Saturday 25th July Feast of St James**
- **19th August 1851 St James was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester**
- **August and September: History Exhibition**
- **20 September: Parish Meal**
- **11 October Harvest Sunday: 10.30am School Service in Church**
- **Afternoon – Songs of Praise and Bring and Share Meal**
- **8 November: Remembrance Sunday**
- **29 November: Reverse Advent Calendar**
- **6 December 10.30am Trees Service with the School**
- **Advent Afternoon Tea and or Christmas Festival**
- **2027:**
- **End of the Month: Memorial Service.**
- **26 to 28 March Easter Flower Festival.**

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KNOWING JESUS**

DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 10 MAY 2026

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| Sun | 10 | Psalms 85 | Thurs | 14 | Jeremiah 26 |
| Mon | 11 | Jeremiah 20 | Fri | 15 | Jeremiah 29: 1-14 |
| Tues | 12 | Jeremiah 23: 1-8 | Sat | 16 | Jeremiah 30 |
| Wed | 13 | Jeremiah 23: 9-32 | | | |

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 Fiddler, 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, Siobhan Carmichael, Jane Duxsbury, Tracy Webb, Ian Fisher, Maria Keating Dumbell, Zoe Simpkin, Dave Savage, Sue Oliver, Liselore Woltering (the late Tish Davis' daughter), Richard Kitt, Vi Clough, Dorothy Rawsthorne, Murdoch Sadeghin and Harry Blackburn.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Ronald Rowles.

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 Castle Lane and Halton Chase.
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. Your prayers are asked for the continuing wars in Ukraine, Iran and Lebanon
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.

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MAKING HIM KNOWN

- 1. NIV Complete Bibles are available FOC:** These are to be given to people, or for your own use, please help yourself. This is an excellent quality gift.
- 2. Talent Time Again:** This will continue until the end of June, we are again offering you £10.00 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.
- 3. Phoebe Gibbons' sponsor info:** I am swimming 175 lengths to celebrate 175 years of St James' Church. The money I raise will go towards the 175th Anniversary Fund. Please sponsor me if you can. A Sponsor Form is available at the back of Church.
- 4. Imogen and Phoebe Church Shopping bags:** A photo is being sent with this email. £5.00 each, ideal for Christmas or other presents. Do please support them.
- 5. Refills for Air Fresheners:** Refills are available at £4.00 per bottle and Air fresheners at £5.00 each. Please contact Heather Doyle, 07989 899157
- 6. Tomatoes are now sold out:** Thank you to all who placed orders.
- 7. Marmalade:** Receipts from the sales came to £300.85 thank you to all who helped in any way.
- 8. 'Youthscape Essentials Course', St John's Church, Burscough, the next session is over the weekend, Friday 12 to Saturday 13 June 2026.** This course is for established and potential new leaders who would be interested in working with young people at St James. There will be an attachment with this Bulletin, explaining more.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.**
- 14. 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.

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. **'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.
3. **Birthdays or Anniversaries.** For those who have a birthday or anniversary this week, we send our Congratulations and our Prayers.

Contacts for St James:

St James' Website: The link is: www.stjameswesthead.org.uk

Church 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

Bulletin Notices: Further information please send to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Weekly Bulletin: is mainly 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. A few hard copies are available in the Fellowship Area.

NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities

1. **Church in the Hall: 3.30-4.30pm on Monday 18 May. Mums and Dads, Carers and Children, Come and join us in the Village Hall, Westhead. Games, Activities, Stories, Music. All free. Very Informal. Invite friends and neighbours. Cuppa, soft drinks and snacks available.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!

Are you free on **Wednesday 10 June from 2.15 – 3.00 pm?**

Our school would like to invite 6 to 7 volunteers to sit for portraits.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The Wise Owls hope to draw members of our Church Community as part of their work for the 175th Anniversary Year Summer Art Exhibition to be held in church.

If volunteers are unable to stay for the full session, staff will be able to take photographs on iPads to support the completion of the artwork.

If anyone is interested please speak to Sue, John, or one of the Wardens.