



Weekly Parish News

16 August 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Activities at St James This Week:

Special Prayer for This Week:

"O God, you declare your almighty 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.

Sunday 16 August:

10.30am Morning Prayer
Leading: Mr Lee Sullivan
Preaching: Mr David Barker

Tuesdays:

No 'Prayer in the Evening' or LIFE Bible Study until September/October

Thursday 20 August

6.00pm-7.00pm ESOL in Church

Saturday 22 August

10.00am-2.00pm Coffee and Chat, all welcome

Sunday 23 August

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Praise and Worship

The 10.30am Service will be live-streamed and recorded. If you do not want to be recorded, please inform the Wardens. Viewing of the recording is available via YouTube @stjameswesthead from 2.00pm.

New This Week:

Celebration Meal: 20th September, 4.00pm:

If you wish to join us for the meal at Briars Hall Hotel, please ensure your name is on our list BEFORE 31st AUGUST. If you are intending to join us, please would you pay a £10 deposit before the same date. If you are on the list but now cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible. Please pay your deposit to Anne Freestone or see Jayne, Barbara, Sue or Judith. Thank you

New This Week:

Young Peoples Groups:

For Parents and Children that they will respond to the invitations to **JAFFA, Church in the Hall** and **Family Fun and Food**, when these groups start in Sept and Oct.

Proposed start of a Youth Group: For 11 to 16 year olds, leaders and Safeguarding procedures

175th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Historical Exhibition: Church will be open:

Sunday	16 August	until 2pm
Wednesday	19 August	10am - 12 Noon 2pm - 4pm
Thursday	20 August	2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm
Saturday	22 August	10am - 2pm
Sunday	23 August	until 2pm

Concluding on 20 September

Tuesday 19 August 1851

St James was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester

Future Dates and Activities:

'What If' Wednesday, starting 16 September
7.00pm to 9.00pm at 'Lost and Found' Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2BY

Organised in conjunction with Christ Church Aughton. A course over 5 weeks. Handbills for you to distribute are in the Fellowship Area. Would you be willing to take a friend? Further information on the Church inside Notice Board, together with a sign in Sheet.

Saturdays 19 September and 7 November

9.30am to 11.00am Men's Morning Breakfast, St Michael's Church, Aughton.

Birthdays or Anniversaries:

For those who have a birthday or anniversary this week, we send our Congratulations and our Prayers.

Knowing Jesus:

Daily Bread Readings for this week

Sunday	16	Psalm 99
Monday	17	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Tuesday	18	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5
Wednesday	19	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Thursday	20	2 Corinthians 10
Friday	21	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Saturday	22	2 Corinthians 11:16-33

‘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 **John/Janette**. The readings/stories set for each day are very helpful and relevant to today’s situations.

Hymns /Songs to sing in Church:

There is a box at the back of Church for you to tell us your favourite song.

Please pray for the following sick people:

Mo Fletcher, Sharon Goth, Russell Tague, Heather Lyon, Laura Duran-Smith, Simon Horsfall, Kath Torres, Bella Preston, Dave Johnston, Ray Quinn, Jean Dutton, Brenda Taylor, Derek Williams, Marion Langton’s Granddaughter Olivia, Shannon Gee-Fulham, Ray and Barbara Burke, Irene Case, Siobhan Carmichael, Jane Duxsbury, Tracy Webb, Liselore Woltering (the late Tish Davis’ daughter), Vi Clough, Dorothy Rawsthorne, Olive Foyine, Sam Illingworth, Harry Blackburn, Anne Wright, and Faye Hankin.

Please pray for the bereaved family of:

Peter Hugo, and Patricia Mills.

Other Prayers:

‘What if’: Please pray that people will respond, and be able to go to this new course, (that is for St James).

Keswick Weekend Easter 2027. In 2026 it sold out in 2 days, so there is an urgency to be making a decision. This is a good opportunity to spend some time in a Christian setting. Details and sign in sheet are available on the Notice Board in the Fellowship Area.

Other Prayers:

Faye Hankin: Is having trouble breathing, and is due to have an operation on Monday (she is the wife of Richard our grass cutter)

Knowing Jesus:

Home Communions:

Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev John or the Wardens.

Ormskirk Prayer Anchorhold:

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 9.00am in Ormskirk New Church House.

All are welcome to join in person as we pray “Thy Will Be Done” for all the local Churches, Town, and Edge Hill. You are welcome to come and stay for as long as you are able.

Contacts Regarding This Parish News:

Additions or changes please to Janette or John Sephton by **Monday evening**.
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