



ST JAMES' CHURCH
TROWBRIDGE

May 2025

Newsletter

We had so much fun at last year's holiday club we are going to do it all again this year!



Welcome to the May edition of our monthly newsletter.

This month we see the return of our popular Holiday Club during May half-term, Wednesday 28th until Friday 30th, more details inside.

If you are new to our church please do introduce yourself to our welcoming team and pick up a Connect Card from our welcome desk.

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Rector's Reflection



As we prepare for our Annual Church Meeting, I've been reflecting on the many signs of God's grace among us this past year – in growing ministries with children and families, deepening discipleship, faithful pastoral care, and a renewed sense of worship and welcome. As you know, I've also been reading **The Quiet Revival**, a recent report showing how churches across the country are quietly but steadily growing – especially when they focus on God, Holy Scripture, committed relationships, and community outreach. It's a timely encouragement for us at St James'. God is at work here, and I believe He is calling us to lift our eyes and look ahead with faith and hope.

That's why I want to invite you warmly to this year's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm. I'll be sharing a vision for the next ten years – a prayerful, practical picture of how we might continue growing in Christ and being rooted in our community. Before the meeting, we'll eat together over fish and chips at 6.30pm (please sign up in advance). Whether you've been coming for years or have just joined us recently, your presence matters. Come, be encouraged, and let's look to the future together.

Jake



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You can download and read The Quiet Revival report on the Bible Society website: biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival

Services in May

** indicates livestreamed service*

Friday 2nd May 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th May

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Sunday Worship*

Readings Acts 9:1-20 John 21:1-19

4.30pm: Adult Sunday School

Sunday 11th May

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings Acts 9:36-end John 10:22-30

4.30pm Family Fellowship

Friday 16th May 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May

10.45am Sunday Worship*

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35

4.30pm: Adult Sunday School

Sunday 25th May

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings: Acts 16:9-15 John 5:1-9

We pray for: Bob Hughes, Margaret Gilbert, Audrey Griffiths, Anne-Marie Glenn, Jeannette Worth, the Hamilton-Browns, Jan Shrapnell, Mary Brooks and Joanna Danak.
Please let Clair know of names to be added or removed.



St James' May Diary



For all the latest updates go to www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk/whats-on

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| Sat 3rd | 9.30am | Band Practice in Church |
| Sun 4th | 12noon | Quarter Peal Attempt |
| Tues 6th | 10.30am | Fellowship and Crafts (Pat Doel's house) |
| Wed 7th | 2.30pm | Mothers' Union in the Church Hall |
| | 2.30pm | Wednesday Home Group |
| Thurs 8th | 6.30pm | Ringing for VE Day 80th Anniversary |
| | 6.30pm | Soup Run Duty |
| Sat 10th | 5.00pm | Trowbridge Town Singers Spring Concert |
| Mon 12th | 2.15pm | Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue |
| Tues 13th | 2.00pm | Service at Goodson Lodge, Trowbridge |
| | 7.30pm | Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church |
| Wed 14th | 2.30pm | Wednesday Home Group in Church |
| Thurs 15th | 6.30pm | Soup Run Duty |
| Sat 17th | 7.00pm | SDGR Devizes Branch Bellringing Practice |
| Mon 19th | 7.00pm | Monday Home Group in Church |
| Tues 20th | 10.30am | Raleigh Court Service at Raleigh Court |
| | 7.30pm | PCC Meeting in Church |
| Wed 21st | 10.15am | Mothers' Union Prayers in Church |
| Thur 22nd | 2.00pm | Service at Goodson Lodge |
| Sat 24th | 9.00am | Church Prayer Meeting |
| | 10.00am | Church Spring/Summer Clean |
| Sun 25th | 12noon | 10/12 Bell Quarter Peal |
| Mon 26th | 2.15pm | Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue |
| Wed 28th | 2.30pm | Wednesday Home Group in the Lansdown Room |



**Coffee Corner is open throughout the month:
Mon, Wed & Sat 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

We currently have various gaps on the rota, so do please have a look at this which is in the coffee corner and add your name if you can help. Keeping the coffee corner open is an integral part of St James' ministry and outreach to our wider community. *Thank you - Richard & John*

Mothers' Union will meet on Wednesday 7th May in the Church Hall for an afternoon celebrating the anniversary of VE day with tea. All welcome.

St James' Youth



Fun ☺ Faith + Fellowship!

This year's YF Fundraiser is a Summer Fete in the church at 10am on Saturday 28th June. We will be raising funds for St James's church and the youth ministry. We will be having a teddy zip line from the church roof, stalls, cakes, refreshments, games and more. Please save the date and come along to support this event. If you are able to help out in any way either on the day or before please let Nicola or Clair know.

Care for the Church Building

Join us for a joyful morning of sprucing up our beautiful church building! Whether you're a whizz with a Hoover, a dab hand with a duster, or just happy to lend a hand, we'd love your help. It's a great opportunity to care for the space we worship in—and enjoy some fellowship along the way (with tea, coffee, and biscuits, of course!).

Come along at **10am on 24 May** and let's give St James' a Spring/Summer shine!



BELL NEWS:

- Quarter Peals are planned for May 4th and May 25th after morning service.
- We plan to ring for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day at 18.30 on May 8th.
- The Guild AGM takes place on May 10th at Canford Magna where Brian Coward HLM is due his 50 year membership certificate and Robert Quartley Honorary Life Membership.
- The Devizes Branch practices recommence at 7pm on May 17th after the Easter break.



Bell Ringing practice takes place every Wednesday, 7pm until 9pm



St James PCC Would you consider standing for the church PCC (Parochial Church Council)? Serving on the PCC is a valuable opportunity to help shape the vision and mission of our church. Your voice and ideas can make a meaningful difference! Speak to Jake if you'd like to explore it further.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

You are invited: Tuesday 13th May, 7.30pm with fish and chip supper from 6.30pm. For more information and to sign up please go to the website.



The local Christian Aid Committee will be holding its Annual Fundraising Coffee morning on Saturday 17th May from 10 until 12.30 in the Church Hall. There will be a variety of stalls. Please come and support Christian Aid



Frances (Landeryou) would be grateful to receive cakes for the cake stall and items suitable for Raffle Prizes

Storehouse Foodbank



Thank you for your continued and generous support of the food bank; I am amazed each week by the number and variety of donations that have been left in the box.

There are a variety of items that are particularly needed at the

moment, which include: toiletries particularly shower gel and combined shampoo/conditioner, sugar, coffee, tea, tinned meats e.g. ham, luncheon meat, corned beef etc. Also, biscuits, cereal bars and savoury snacks such as crisps, cheese flavoured crackers.

Please continue to pray for the work of the food bank, particularly the volunteers and the people that they support.

Ann Cook



OUR CHARITY FOCUS FOR MAY

Bible Society has very recently published a document entitled "The Quiet Revival", which Jake referred to in his sermon on Sunday 13th April and in his Rectors Reflection. The report states that "in churches across society something amazing is happening, challenging long-held predictions about the future of Christianity in the twenty-first century. Where once we saw aging congregations and a steady decline in attendance, we see dramatic growth, led by the young. Where once we saw apathy or even hostility to Christianity and the Bible we see increased openness, again among the young".

What is the evidence for this Quiet Revival?

The report says that "For the first time, this is not just anecdotal, but is demonstrated in the latest results of a large, robust and nationally representative population study that has tracked the religious attitudes and behaviours of England and Wales since 2018. Bible Society

found that the Church is in a period of rapid growth, driven by young adults and in particular young men. Along with this, the Church demonstrates greater ethnic diversity than ever before. Both within and outside the Church, young adults are more spiritually engaged than any other living generation, with Bible reading and belief in God on the rise.

This report which gives hope for individual people, communities and nations can be downloaded for free from Bible Society's website. It's a good read.

The Trowbridge Action Group Committee's purpose is to raise funds to support Bible Society's work both nationally and internationally. Bible Society is still working in Ukraine where the church continues to grow, and people, especially soldiers on the front line want Bibles, as well as children's resources and humanitarian aid.

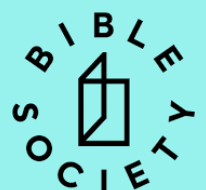
PRAYER POINT:

- (i) For churches to be welcoming and encouraging to young people seeking spiritual engagement.
- (ii) For protection of Bible Society workers in both Ukraine and Gaza.

Saturday 17th May: Sponsored Stroll 10am, meet at 9 Somerset Way, Semington

Saturday June 14th: A churchyard sale in St James', from 10-12 midday.

All welcome at all events. *Barbara King, Len & Emie Haysom*



Children & Families



HOLIDAY CLUB - 3, 2, 1, Go!

Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May

Bookings are open for this year's Holiday Club! There are still spaces so if you have any family or friends with primary school aged children who may like to join us, please take a flyer from the welcome desk at church, or direct them to our website.

HOLIDAY CLUB CELEBRATION SERVICE AND BBQ will take place on Sunday 1st June

- There will be a Prayer and Planning Meeting in church on Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm
- Holiday Club Art session will be on Saturday 10th May in the Church Hall from 11.30am - 3pm. All church family are welcome. No art skills required and it's a great way to feel you are contributing to the week even if you can't be there for the week itself.
- Set up date is Tuesday 27th May from 9am until 12.30pm, in Church. Again, all are welcome to help with this.

If you would like be involved in Holiday Club in any capacity please contact Nick, nick@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk.



St James' Tots will be taking a break on 28th for May Half Term

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Saturday 10th May
9.30 - 11am

St James' Parish Church Hall

Toys for the Kids | Tea,
Coffee + Great Food
Meet other Dads

*Second Saturday
of each month*



**B, R, I
GO!!**

St James' Church
Holiday Club

May Half Term

Fun, creative activities
& Bible stories

Contenders, are you ready?

Join us for another week of fun, friendship and finding out more about Jesus, at our annual church holiday club, for Primary school aged children.

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th May

9.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 1st June

10.45am Finale followed by family BBQ

£15 for first child, £10 for siblings

To book, scan the QR code below, or go to the church website

www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk

For more info contact Nick Lambert, Children & Families Ministry Leader

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St James' Youth



Fun ☺ Faith ✦ Fellowship!

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 28th June 10 am, St James' Church, Trowbridge



GUITAR SILENT AUCTION

2024 Gold Stratocaster Guitar

- Hard Rock Maple Neck with Alder Body
- All Gold Hardware
- Wilkinson Pickups & Electric Controls
- Tortoiseshell Pickguard & Backplate
- Tremelo Bridge System (Gold)
- Padded Gig Bag
- Value £250

You can enter a bid for this amazing guitar by filling out the form at the back of the church or email your bid to yf@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk

**THE WINNING BID WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 12NOON
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE DURING THE SUMMER FETE**

*Parts Caster by Bobby Dee of Rooster Guitars Trowbridge
Full Set-up & Tuning by West Wilts Guitars*



In aid of



St James' Youth



Fun ☺ Faith ✦ Fellowship!

Save the Date!

CHURCH CRICKET

St James' Church

v

Melksham Church

Sunday 15th June

St Barnabas, Beanacre, SN12 7PT



St James' & St Leonard's

Church Away Day



Saturday 12th July 2025

at St Barnabas Church, Beanacre

Plus a Fellowship Lunch together on Sunday 13th

Look out for more details coming soon!

St Leonard's Keevil



Sunday 4th May

9.15am Sunday Worship, Bun Service

Readings: Acts 9:1-20 John 21:1-19

Sunday 11th May

3.30pm 80th Anniversary Commemoration of VE Day

Service Followed by tea and cake

Sunday 18th May

9.15am Sunday Worship (MP)

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35

Sunday 25th May

9.15am Sunday Worship (HC)

Readings: Acts 16:9-15 John 5:1-9

Coming up this month at St Leonard's

Our APCM is on May 19th in the church starting with a fish and chip supper at 6.30pm. Cost for fish and chips is £8.50 per head please place your order with Gill Gosling by no later than Friday 16th May.

The formal meetings commence at 7.00pm

For further details please see the Keevil Parish Magazine or the Keevil page of the St James' Website.

A date for your diary: 'A Midsummer Day in Keevil' on June 21st 11am until 4pm. This is an Open Gardens event with refreshments and other attractions including stalls, history tours and tower talks. Raising funds for St Leonard's Church.