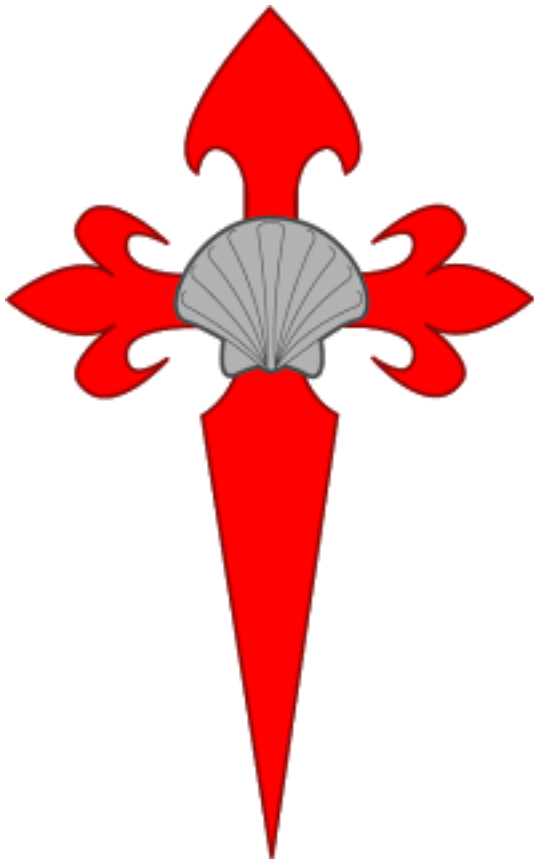


# ST JAMES

## TERM CARD



## Autumn 2023

September to All Souls

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## **Regular Services and Activities at St James**

### **Sunday**

**8.30am – Traditional Said Holy Communion** (short half hour service)

**10.00am – Parish Family Eucharist** (60-70 minute service with Choir and coffee served afterwards. Although liturgical and formal this is a relaxed service and children and dogs are both warmly welcomed!)

**6.30pm – Sung Evensong** (traditional language prayer service and beautiful sung choral music - service length 50-60 minutes)

### **Monday**

**10.30am - Morning Prayer Common Worship**

**5pm - Facebook Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday**

**First Tuesday in the month Evening Communion with the Mothers Union at 7.30pm - all welcome.**

### **Wednesday**

**10.30am - Celtic Morning Prayer**

**10.45- 11.45am - Book Club**

**12 noon – Celtic Communion led by Mthr Katie every week (15 minute service) in church, followed by lunch and an opportunity for chat or private prayer. You are welcome to bring your own lunch and eat in church or we have a menu you can order from. If you are**

experiencing financial hardship please ask for 'the Vicar's special' and order for free.

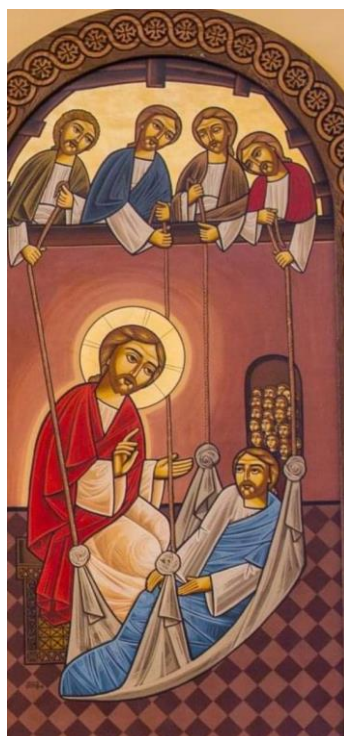
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**Friday**

7.00pm – Parish Choir Practice – admission by audition

**Saturday**

**6.30pm - \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Healing Communion Service starting on 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Do come along and try it and tell your friends. Set within the context of a Communion Service - there is opportunity for anointing with oil and the laying on of hands for healing. You do not need to be sick or require healing in order to attend - it is suitable as a weekly communion service too. We do ask if you have a contagious disease you do not attend (Mthr Katie can do home visits) but otherwise all welcome - the service will last approximately one hour.



## **DATES FOR DIARY - SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday 3rd September** – The choir returns and choir medals awarded. Those who want to join the Mothers Union formerly admitted. Please pray for the choir and MU as they begin another year of service in our parish.

**Monday 4th September - Altar Servers Cheese and Wine Evening 7.30-9pm.** If you are interested in becoming a server do join us at this mainly social event but with some teaching and prayer.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Gardening Group meets 10-12** with a break for refreshments. The group meets once a month (weather dependent - usually the first Tuesday of each month) to volunteer just turn up!

**Saturday 9th September – Parish Autumn Fair** 12noon to 2.30pm. Do come along for lovely food, plenty of bargains and a lunchtime of fellowship and fundraising.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - PCC in church at 7pm** (you need to be a member of the PCC to attend but if you want to observe a PCC meeting do ask Mthr Katie and this can be arranged.)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - and every Wednesday following - 10.45-11.45am the start of book club for this term** - new members very welcome - we will be reading **Murder at Evensong by Richard Coles**. A light read but with profound observations on the church and faith. If you want to join but can't afford the book please speak to Mthr Katie who can provide you with a copy.

**Saturday 16th September – A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tour of St James** explore the history and theology of the building. 2.30-3.30pm – this enjoyable and informative event will be led by Mthr Katie and Trevor Deadman - all welcome.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – a joint special birthday morning service at 10.30am (please note the time change)** - followed by lunch in the hall (sandwiches and cake - all provided free of charge). Do come along and bring a friend. In the Evening we have Festal Evensong at 6.30pm with an extended choir and some superb music prepared. Don't miss out!



**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Wardens and Welcomers Cheese and Wine evening.** 7.30pm-9pm in church. If you are interested in joining the team we invite you to attend too.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Parish Harvest Supper 6.30pm** - family gathering of all ages with the promise of apple pie! Sign up required.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Festival with Church Parade** please bring gifts to be presented at the altar and then given to the Food Bank (long life and toiletries only please - no fresh food). 6.30pm Harvest Evensong - gifts may be brought to this service too.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Grave Talk 1.45-2.45pm.** Set to run after the weekly community lunch this is a talking and listening group led by Mthr Shavaun covering the big topics of life and death. Mthr Shavaun has test driven this on the PCC and we greatly enjoyed it. Do come along - no preparation needed.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October - St James Players Autumn Show** 'At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin' a murder mystery by Norman Robbins. Always popular - buy your tickets now!

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - PCC meeting in church 7pm.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Celtic Quiet Afternoon 2.30-5pm.** Sign up needed - we start at 2.30 with coffee and cake - 3pm the afternoon begins with a talk followed by activities designed to give you a deeper understanding of Celtic Christianity and to ask questions about Mthr Katie's sabbatical and studies. No previous knowledge of Celtic Christianity required.



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - All Saints and All Souls.** All Saints will be celebrated at both 8.30am and 10.00am. Then a very special service for All Souls at 6.30pm including an opportunity to light candles and reading the names of all those who have died in recent years.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - PCC working lunch looking at our new Mission Action Plan 11.15-1.30pm - Church Hall.**

For further information about any of these services or events please contact Mthr Katie on 07464 960345 or send an email to [vicar@stjamesmalden.org](mailto:vicar@stjamesmalden.org)