

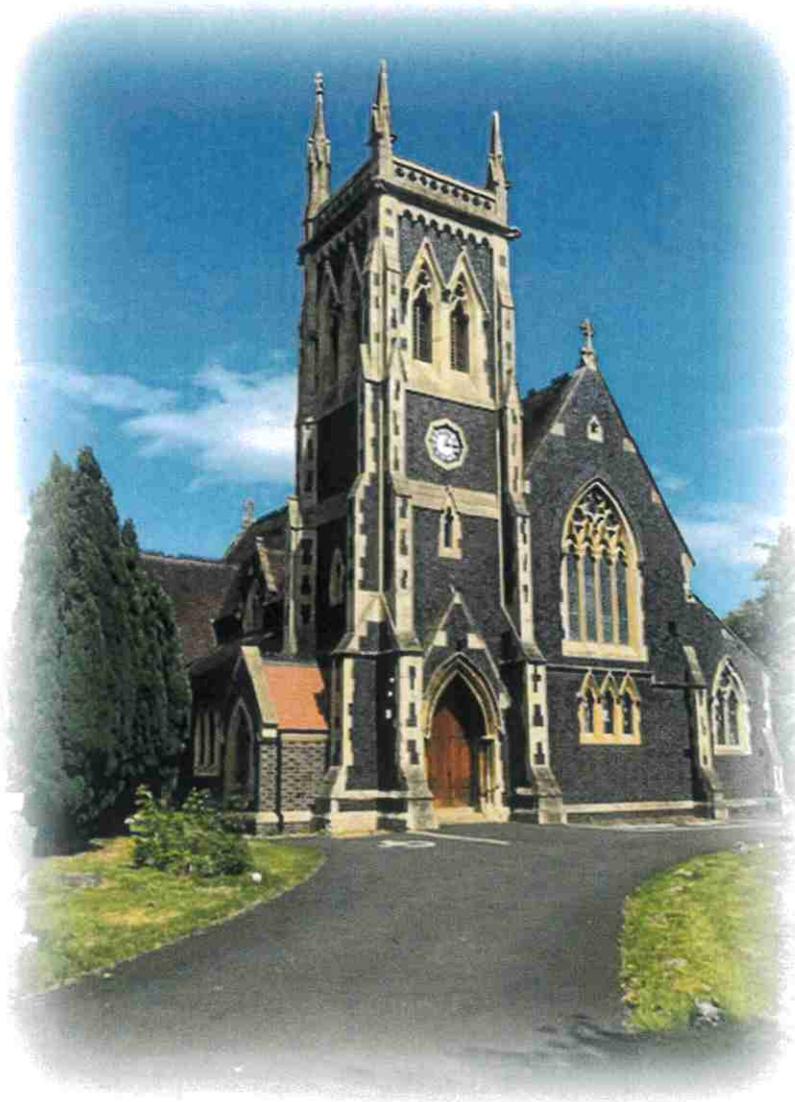


# ST. JAMES' CHURCH WOLLASTON



March 2026

60p



## St James's Church

Vicar Rev Diana Farmer: Work mobile: 07950716409 Tel: 01384 441277  
email [stjamesw@googlemail.com](mailto:stjamesw@googlemail.com)

### Associate Priest Rev Carol Weston

PARISH OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed,  
(9.30-1.30pm)

Mrs Lisa Wiggins Tel: 01384 441277

Email: [stjamesw@googlemail.com](mailto:stjamesw@googlemail.com)

CHURCHWARDENS

Mr Richard Green: Tel: 07966 005681

Mr Naso Yordanov Tel: 07715 384969

LICENSED LAY MINISTER

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS

Mr Richard Green (worship)

Miss Wendy Burford (Pastoral)

Mr John Nicholson (Children & Youth)

ORGANIST

Mr Dan Campbell

VERGERS

Rotational

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Mr Chris Baker Tel 07828 969695

HON TREASURER

Mr John Nicholson

HON. SECRETARY (Minute taking)

Miss Linda Button

CHURCH WEBSITE

**To Book or Hire The Church Hall and Meeting Rooms  
Please contact the Parish Office**

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The parish of St James' is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer, PSO Mr Chris Baker Tel 07828 969695. The Diocese of Worcester's safeguarding pages LINK contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, DST, who advise PSOs. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm, please contact the DST. Telephone 01905 732800 If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services.

Child line 0800 1111 Parent Line + now known as Family Lives,  
(free & confidential helpline) 0808 800 2222

**Holy communion Wednesday mornings 10am**

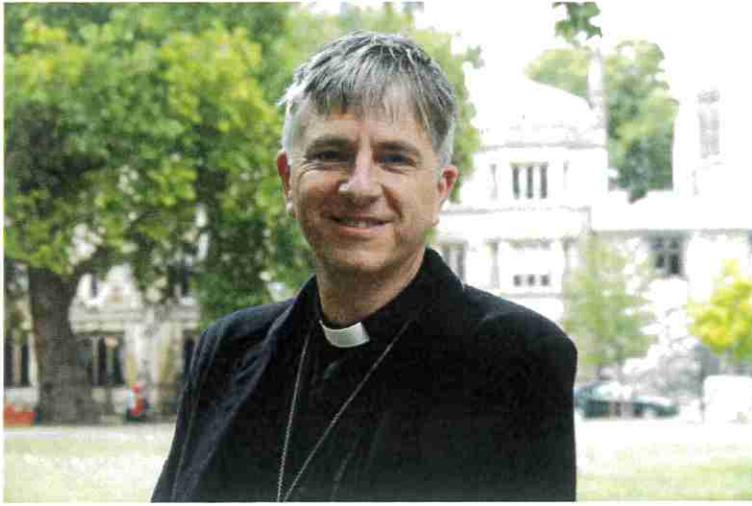
**Weekday Evening Prayer online at 5pm**

**For information on how to join the service on Zoom please contact the parish office.**

**Weekly Sunday services at 10am**

**The Service Rotas on the following pages may be subject to alteration  
depending on the availability of Clergy & changing situations**

Any articles for the April magazine to be sent to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March  
please to [wendy.burford87@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.burford87@btinternet.com)



A warm welcome Bishop Hugh has written this letter to be included in March editions of parish magazines.

Dear friends

It has been 3 weeks since my installation service at the

Cathedral, and I have been blown away by the warmth and generosity of the welcome that you have all shown me. From rural church communities and meals in the local pub; to worship in the oldest church building in Worcester, where children told us how to live 'in heaven on earth'; to visits to primary and secondary schools, where I was asked questions as diverse as 'What is your favourite Tesco's meal deal?' and 'What is the place of religion in politics?'. I've had a morning spent with clergy and LLMs on our response to the climate crisis; a lunch with our wonderful, retired clergy; an evening with ordinands training for ministry; and important conversations about how we build a diocese that puts children and young people at the centre of everything.

All of this (and that's just a few of the highlights!) has given me so many opportunities to listen and learn, and to start to get to know this wonderful diocese.

And there's still so much for me still to discover; so many people to meet, churches to join for worship and hopes and worries for me to hear. If you'd like to see what I'm discovering as I get out and about, I'm putting out a brief video every week or so, and you can find it on Facebook or Instagram.

In all of this, the thing that has struck me most, is the deep faithfulness of the church across the Diocese. In all the joys, and in the midst of challenges too – and I'm hearing about them as well – there are people serving their schools, churches, workplaces and communities with astonishing generosity and commitment.

It has been such a privilege to start getting to know you all. I look forward to meeting many more people, churches and communities in the months to come – and do please invite me along.

Please keep praying for me, as I continue to pray for you.

God bless

Hugh    Published: 8th February 2026

## Prayer Diary. In March

### We Pray For ...

- 1<sup>st</sup> On St David's Day, The Prince of Wales and his family
- Baptism of Niccolo Moses Tarpeh Seitua
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Staff and volunteers at Mary Stevens Hospice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peace throughout the world
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rev Diana and her family
- 5<sup>th</sup> The welcome team
- 6<sup>th</sup> All who prepare intersessions
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wendy and all who help with the parish magazine
- 8<sup>th</sup> King Charles and his family
- 9<sup>th</sup> On Commonwealth Day we pray for unity within member nations
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rev Carol and her family
- 11<sup>th</sup> All who are preparing for marriage this year
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lisa & Laura in the parish office
- 13<sup>th</sup> The staff and pupils of St James's Primary School
- 14<sup>th</sup> All young people struggling with mental health problems
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday. All those in a caring role
  
- 16<sup>th</sup> The staff at our local hospitals
- 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day –all involved in Missionary work across the world
- 18<sup>th</sup> For happiness for everyone
- 19<sup>th</sup> Our PCC
- 20<sup>th</sup> On the first day of Spring we pray for all those involved in producing our food
- 21<sup>st</sup> Victims of domestic abuse
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Archdeacon Nikki
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The people of Wollaston
- 24<sup>th</sup> All who work for the emergency services
- 25<sup>th</sup> Naso and Richard, our church wardens
- 26<sup>th</sup> Our bishop, Martin
- 27<sup>th</sup> Churches Together and Street Pastors In Stourbridge
- 28<sup>th</sup> Dan our organist  
Marriage of Nathan Portman & Amie Williams
- 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday **Remember to put your clocks one hour forward**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Bishop Hugh as he settles into his new role as Bishop of Worcester
- 31<sup>st</sup> Our armed forces

## Congratulations to Ann Nock who recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Ann says." I would like to thank all my friends for the lovely cards and the beautiful flowers received for my 80th birthday. I was really overwhelmed. God bless you all. "Ann

## Black Country Food Bank weekly shortages

TINNED SPAGHETTI  
TINNED SOUP  
CUP A SOUPS  
TINNED FRUIT IN JUICE  
TINNED CUSTARD  
BISCUITS  
TINNED MACARONI CHEESE  
TINNED VEGETABLE CHILLI  
LONG LIFE MILK  
SHAMPOO  
SHOWER GEL  
TOILET ROLL  
BARS OF SOAP

## **Introducing Dame Sarah Mullally – the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury**

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral.

Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?

1. She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.
2. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London
3. She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.
4. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.
5. She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.
6. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".
7. In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.
8. On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.
9. Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."

10. She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.
11. As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.
12. She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.
13. As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.
14. This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.
15. Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.
16. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.
17. Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.
18. She is Chair of Christian Aid.
19. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.
20. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

### **Prayer – of thanks for Candlemas and the Presentation at the Temple**

Dear Lord,

The shortest month, the snowdrop month! February brings those beautiful, hopeful little flowers, also called Candlemas Bells. Thank You, Lord, for the beauty and the hope.

Thank You for the reminder of when Jesus was presented at the Temple as a baby. Thank You, for Simeon recognising in that vulnerable baby the promised Saviour of all the world.

Oh Lord, how this world needs to hear afresh that message of salvation. Open eyes to see You and to know You.

Open ears to hear Your message of hope and reconciliation.

Open hearts to receive Your love and to share it, for the sake of all the suffering people of the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

Day/date	Time	Service	
Sun 1 March	10.00	Holy Communion	
Lent 2	12.00	Baptism	
Wed 4 March	10.00	Holy Communion	
Sun 8 March			
Lent 3	10.00	Family Communion	
Wed 11 March	10.00	Holy Communion	
Sun 15 March	10.00	Parade	Breakfast from 9.15
Lent 4			
Mothering Sunday	16.00	Holy Communion	
Wed 18 March	10.00	Holy Communion	
Thurs 19 March	14.00	Messy Vintage	
Sun 22 March			
Lent 5			
Passion Sunday	10.00	Family Communion	
Wed 25 March			
Annunciation	10.00	Holy Communion	
Sat 28 March	13.00	Wedding	
Sun 29 March			
Palm Sunday	10.00	Family Communion with palm procession	
Mon 30 March			
Monday of Holy Week	18.00	Holy Week Meditation	
Tues 31 March			
Tuesday of Holy Week	18.00	Holy Week Meditation	
Wed 1 Apr	10.00	Holy Communion	
Wednesday of Holy Week	18.00	Holy Week Meditation	
Thurs 2 April			
Maundy Thursday	18.00	Holy Communion with foot washing Followed by stripping the church and Vigil	
Fri 3 April			
Good Friday	14.00	An Hour at the Cross	
Sat 4 April			
Easter Eve		Easter trail in churchyard	Time tbc
Sun 5 April	05.30	Sunrise Service	Bring and share breakfast after service
Easter Day	10.00	Family Communion	(No breakfast)

### March Services 2026



## Readers & Intercessors - March 2026

### St James Readers Rotas March 2026

#### Readers & Prayer Leaders

#### Intercessions

##### 1st March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion	Genesis 12.1-4a	Mr John Nicholson	Rev Diana Farmer
Gospel	John 3.1-17	Mrs Val Nicholson	

12 Noon Baptism

##### 8<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10am Family Communion	Exodus 17.1-7	Mrs Anne Price	Mr Brian Dudley
Gospel	John 4.5-42	Mrs Janet Tribbel	

##### 15<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

9.15am Breakfast

10am Family Service

4pm Holy Communion

##### 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

10am Family Communion	Exekiel 37.1-14	Mr Josh Wardle	Mr Richard Green
Gospel	John 11.1-45	Miss Linda Button	

##### 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

10am Family communion	Story of the passion	Miss Linda Button	
-----------------------	----------------------	-------------------	--

#### HOLY WEEK

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Holy Week Meditation

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 6pm Holy Week Meditation

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6pm Holy Week Meditation

##### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Maundy Thursday

6pm Holy Communion with foot washing followed by stripping of the church & Vigil

##### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday - 14.00

An hour At the Cross

##### 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day

5.30am Sunrise service

10am Family Communion	Acts 10. 34-43	Naso Yordanov	Richard Green
	Matthew 28.1-10	Rev Carol Weston	

#### Chalice Assistants

1 <sup>st</sup> March 10am	Mrs Val Nicholson
8 <sup>th</sup> March 10am	Mr Brian Dudley
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 10am	Mr John Nicholson
29 <sup>th</sup> March 10am	Mr Richard Green
5 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Mr Naso Yordanov & Mrs Geri Yordanova

## Sides Persons

1<sup>st</sup> March 10am Mrs Ann Nock  
8<sup>th</sup> March 10am John Nicholson  
15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Betty Noke  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am Linda Button  
29<sup>th</sup> March 10am Barbara Sawyer  
5<sup>th</sup> April 10am Pam Dudley

## Coffee Rota

Mrs Barbara Sawyer  
Miss Linda Button  
B/fast group  
John Nicholson  
Pam Dudley  
Barbara Sawyer

## Prayer for March 2026

(based on Jn3:21, Jn 14:6, Jn 8:12, Jn 16:33, Heb 13:5)

Lord,

In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives.

But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

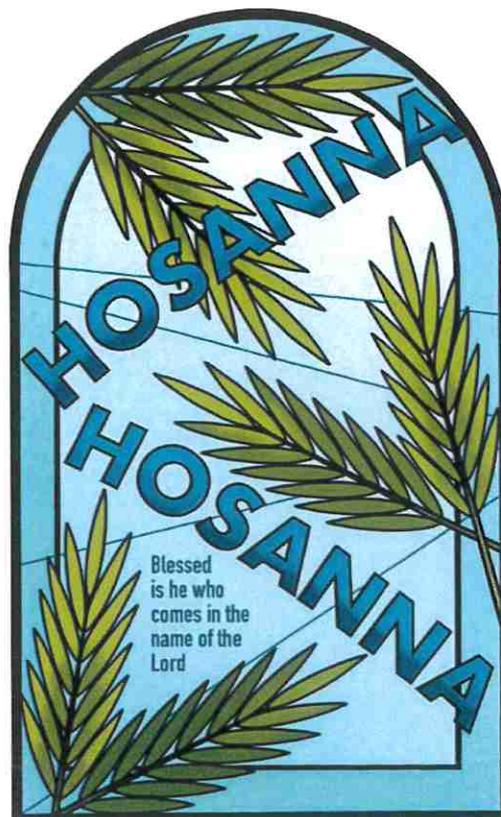
Lord, your word tells us that, *whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.*

Jesus says He is *the Truth*. He also says He is the *Light of the world*. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much.

In Jesus name. Amen.

by Daphne Kitching



## Temptation

No need to journey through a wilderness,  
We meet temptation in our everyday;  
A Christian faith should help us not transgress,  
This trust renewed each evening when we pray.

Our modern life sets us some high demands,  
Not just a choice of if we steal or kill;  
Sometimes we complicate the Lord's commands,  
When really it is simply good or ill.

The modern nature of societies,  
Means much we do can soon be put on show;  
People are quick to judge proprieties,  
Assumptions made when they don't really know.

God give us grace that we should understand,  
The battles others find so hard to win;  
To make allowance and to lend a hand,  
Always aware He died to save our sin.

By Alan Millichip



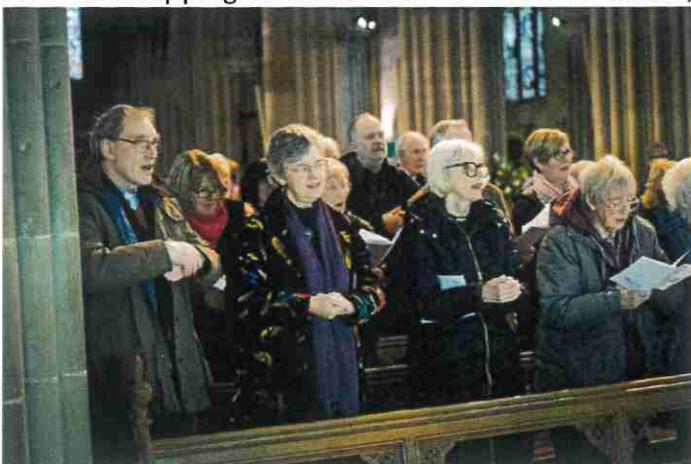
## ALMs celebration service held at Worcester Cathedral



A service of celebration for Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) was held at the Cathedral on Saturday 24 January. 29 people from across the Diocese received a certificate from Bishop Martin to mark the completion of their courses, which equip them for specific roles in their parishes.

This year's ALMs have been trained to become children and youth work ministers, worship leaders or New Worshipping Community (NWC) ministers through the Myriad pathway. As ALMs they will work alongside ordained clergy and licensed lay ministers as part of the ministry teams in their individual parishes.

Representatives from each cohort took part in this joyous service including members of two New Worshipping Communities. Members of Create, a NWC



at St Mary's, Kempsey which uses the Arts as a way of bringing people together, led the prayers, while the leaders of Activity church from St John's, Greenlands in Redditch which brings families to God through crafts, stories and music, taught the congregation one of the songs they sing there, with its associated actions.

Archdeacon Nikki Groarke gave the sermon at the service. She said:

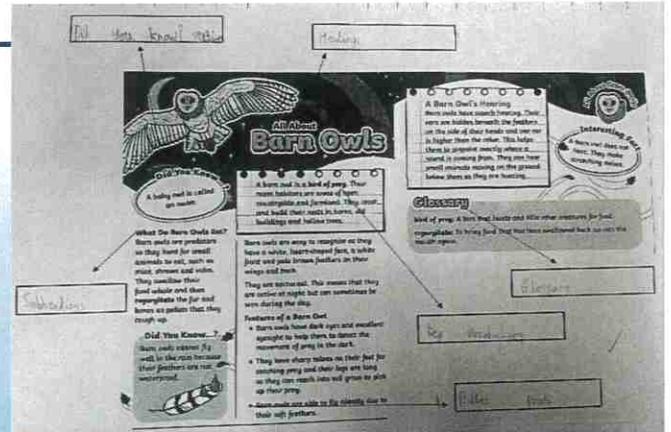
*"As I look out at you all this afternoon, I see an abundance of potential. In this cathedral there are masses of gifts... In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul makes it clear that the role of those with clearly*



# Information Texts about Barn Owls

## Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about information texts this half term. We have looked at the features of an information text, how an information text is non-fiction, and created our own about barn owls.



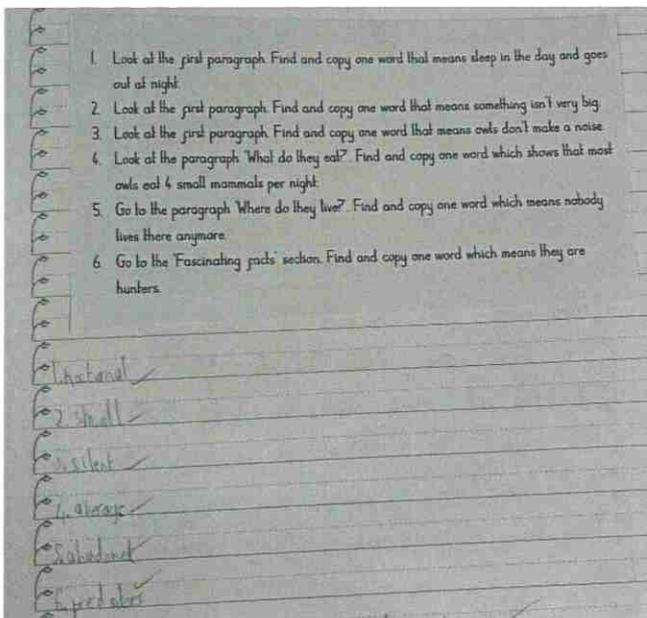
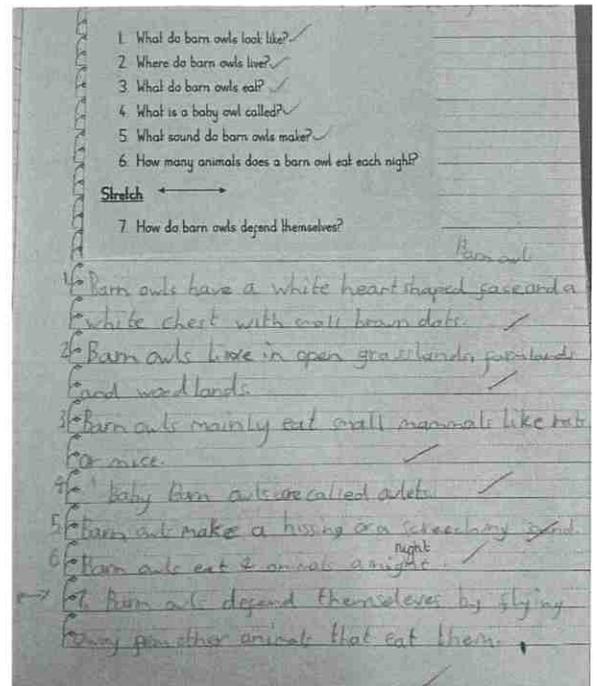
We are currently reading the text, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and therefore created our information texts about barn owls. In our lessons, we have looked at what barn owls eat, how they defend themselves and what they look like.



Barn owls  
What they look like?  
Barn owls have a fluffy white heart shaped face.  
They have small brown coloured spots on their fluffy back. Barn owls have wings (around 1 metre).  
They are a similar size to a small cat.

What do they eat?  
Barn owls eat on average 4 small mammals per night. They eat small birds, insects and frogs.  
They could eat rats and mice if they can catch them. They fly carefully in the sky so they don't scare their prey.

We carried out our own research on barn owls, planned our own information texts and created them. We made sure that we included a heading, subheadings, a picture with a caption and a 'Did you know?' section.



Once we drafted our information texts, we edited them by looking at success criteria. We all tried to include adverbs, conjunctions and contractions. Finally, after half term, we will publish our information texts and work on our kinetic letters.



We hope you enjoy reading about our learning journey on barn owls!

## 74. He Gives Us Grace

### Romans 3:24-26 AMP

[All] are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus,

Whom God put forward [before the eyes of all] as a mercy seat and propitiation by His blood [the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, to be received] through faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over and ignored former sins without punishment.

It was to demonstrate and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has [true] faith in Jesus.

### Romans 5:2 AMP

Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God.

### Romans 12:6-8 NLT

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

W	Y	L	E	E	R	F	S	H	O	W	T	S	H	
Y	L	M	R	I	F	G	L	A	D	L	Y	E	M	T
O	U	T	L	O	D	A	Y	E	D	E	R	U	L	G
O	D	I	R	E	B	S	D	E	N	V	C	U	S	G
R	F	M	S	I	E	I	T	I	H	X	A	C	E	
E	E	S	L	H	V	I	R	N	D	E	V	O	R	P
R	A	I	P	O	R	A	G	E	N	I	V	I	D	
P	T	O	R	E	N	T	I	W	A	C	C	E	S	S
Y	R	P	M	C	N	F	O	R	W	A	R	D	T	H
P	E	N	E	E	I	S	T	P	E	C	C	A	R	E
W	U	O	S	T	U	T	N	E	M	E	N	O	T	A
L	D	E	S	F	A	V	O	R	Y	D	O	U	B	E
N	R	U	Z	K	T	S	E	R	I	O	U	S	L	Y
P	J	Y	L	E	F	A	S	N	Y	C	R	E	M	K
U	P	R	I	G	H	T	G	I	G	N	O	R	E	D

Copyright 2009 © GIL PUBLICATIONS, www.BibleWordSearchPuzzles.com

## 74. He Gives Us Grace

ABILITY	FORWARD	PROPHECY
ACCEPTS	FREELY	PROVE
ACCESS	GLADLY	PROVIDED
ATONEMENT	IGNORED	SAFELY
DIVINE	JUSTIFIED	SERIOUSLY
ENTRANCE	LIFE	SERVING
EXULT	MERCY	SHOW
FAVOR	MUCH	STANDING
FIRMLY	PASSED	UNMERITED
FORMER	PRESENT	UPRIGHT

# Vegetable and corned beef patties with root veg chips

## Ingredients

- 500g potatoes
- 3 medium carrots
- 5 Brussel sprouts chopped (or similar in a green veg such as cabbage)
- 1 tin corned beef mashed
- 2 medium onions chopped
- 100g grated cheese (mature is best)
- 1 egg beaten
- Seasoning to taste
- Flour to dust
- Oil to cook
- 700 g in total of of swede or parsnip (for chips)

## Method

### Patties :-

1. Boil potatoes, carrots and sprouts and mash together
2. Add corned beef, onions, cheese, egg. Seasoning and mash all together
3. Roll into burger or sausage shapes and dust with flour
4. Brush with oil and bake in preheated oven at 200°C (gas mark 6) for 15 mins
5. For a vegetarian option omit the corned beef.

### Chips

1. Peel swede or parsnip and cut into chips (approximately 1cm)
2. Toss in oil and seasoning.
3. Bake in oven at 200°C for 10-15 minutes turn then bake for a further 10 to 15 mins.

### Options are:-

- use beetroot, sweet potatoes or celeriac.
- For crisps not chips cut thinly sliced (using a peeler or mandolin) dry on a tea towel and leave to dry further, then toss in oil and seasoning and put in oven for 15 mins at 190°C

## **Smile lines**

### **Present**

For the elderly minister's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, saying: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

### **Naughty mummy**

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and so he smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy.

## **Letter from St James the Least of All**

### **On how to run a church council meeting**

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Clearly, the sight of your vicar running out of the room halfway through your last church council meeting, saying he should have stayed as a traffic warden, where he was universally liked, has unnerved you. It would have unnerved me too, since a universally popular traffic warden is an exceptional creature.

But perhaps it is necessary to give you some advice for the day when you do have to chair your first church council meeting.

1. Consider every agenda issue carefully beforehand and decide what you would like to do. Then, at the meeting, consult widely, listen to every opinion, weigh all the arguments, and then do precisely what you had decided before the meeting ever took place.
2. Never, ever, let council members discuss hymns, which avoids getting blood on the carpets.
3. Arrange the seating in rows, all facing the front, so that everyone must respond directly to you. The last thing you want is for council members to be able to discuss matters freely with one another.
4. Start smoking a pipe. At those times when you are faced with an issue when you really are unsure of how to respond, taking out your pipe, dismantling it, searching for a pipe cleaner, squinting down the stem to see if it is clean, mopping out the goo in the bowl, searching for your tobacco pouch, filling the pipe, tamping it down, asking if you can borrow matches and attempting to light it several times over, will give you more than sufficient time to formulate a reply. Once you have perfected the routine, the silence will have been so protracted, that most of the committee will have long forgotten what the question was anyway.
5. If someone is talking too long, consult your diary, noisily and obsessively, about next month's appointments, or write a note to a committee member who is at the back of the room and get it passed to him. The speaker should soon get the message.

These are the simpler techniques of committee management. The advanced procedures must wait until you are strong enough to bear them.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## Dates for your diary....

# Messy Vintage

from The Bible Reading Fellowship 

19<sup>th</sup> March

16<sup>th</sup> April

21<sup>st</sup> May

St James Church Hall, Wollaston

If you like friendship, fun, discussions about faith,  
singing traditional hymns, crafts and cake.

Feel welcome to come and join us



## Knitting & Craft or tea and a chat!

### St JAMES' CRAFT GROUP

If you Knit, Crochet, Quilt, Embroider, Cross stitch or would  
just like to see what we do and have a cup of tea/coffee and  
a chat

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS GROUP?

In the past we have met in St James' Church Hall (room upstairs). Lift is available. Or in  
church

First Wednesday of the month at 2pm

Next meeting:

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

refreshments (tea/coffee, biscuits) are available.

All Welcome, no charge. Please contact the parish office if you are interested

Daphne Darlington leads this group

Tel 01384 353038

### WOLLASTON RETIREMENT GROUP

We meet at St. James's church hall in the upstairs meeting room (lift available) twice a  
month on a Tuesday morning at 10am, weekly fee £3.

**Our next meetings are:**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April**