

St James Church Fordhouses Monthly Calendar for May 2025



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Have you been adopted?!

What a strange question. Of course, there will be some reading these few words who will say yes, I was adopted, and you may know the age at which this took place. It might also be true of you that your adopted parents were the best you could have hoped for and perhaps even better than your biological parents might have turned out to be. Though for most of us we will say I haven't been adopted, and I trust for many of us we will be proud of our parents and the upbringing they provided for us.

But I still want to ask you the question 'have you been adopted'? Perhaps it is obvious that I'm not referring to whether your carers were your parents or guardians, but I'm referring to a more profound and necessary form of adoption that is vital for meaningful human existence and flourishing both here and in eternity.

1 Corinthians 5:15 says '***And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.***'

Who you live for is a sign of whether or not you have been adopted by your Heavenly Father. Sure He has made you and given you the gift of life, but that doesn't mean you are His adopted child. You need to be adopted by your heavenly Father, since that is what Jesus came from heaven to earth to achieve. As long as you live for yourself then you will be bound by the affections you have for your nearest and dearest, whether they are living or not. Of course the Lord wants you to honour your nearest and dearest, BUT Jesus needs to be your **chief nearest and dearest**, for this sets us up to be secure in all other relationships and sustains us through whatever loss we experience.



Diary Dates

For this month....

Thursday 1st May

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel.

Friday 2nd May

7:15pm – 8:45pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Sunday 4th May

9:45am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Acts 9: 1 - 6

Reading 2: John 20: 1 - 19

9:45am Sunday School for 8-12 year-olds.

Parents with younger children can use the lounge where resources will be provided to use.

Monday 5th May

No 3 C's Group today as we are taking a bank holiday break.

Tuesday 6th May

7:15pm to 8:45pm The Bible Course – An excellent course that helps us to know how to read and understand God's message of transforming love as we read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Each session will take place at the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Thursday 8th May

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

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Facebook page – St. James Church Fordhouses

Friday 9th May

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds)
in the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Sunday 11th May

9:45am Service of Holy Communion
Reading 1: Acts 9: 36 - 43
Reading 2: John 10: 22 - 30
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge
5:00pm Healing Service at St James.

Monday 12th May

2:00pm The 3 C's Group. This week we are having our own version of a Street Party to remember the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Tuesday 13th May

7:15pm to 8:45pm The Bible Course at the Parish Hall, Bushbury. See 6th May for more information.

Thursday 15th May

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
7:00pm City Wide Prayer at Potters House Church, Clarence Street, Wolverhampton WV1 4JL.

Friday 16th May

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Saturday 17th May

10:00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Sunday 18th May

9:45am Service of the Word
Reading 1: Acts 11: 1 - 18
Reading 2: John 13: 31 - 35
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge.

Future Events to put in your Diary.....

Saturday 14th June

10:00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall

Monday 19th May

2:00pm CAMEO Group. This month we will be having a fun game of Bingo along with our coffee and cake.

Thursday 22nd May

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel

Friday 23rd May

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14 year olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Sunday 25th May

9:45am Service of Holy Communion
Reading 1: Acts 16: 9 - 15
Reading 2: John 5: 1 - 9
9:45am Sunday School for younger children in the lounge.

Monday 26th May

No 3 C's Group today as we are taking a bank holiday break.

Thursday 29th May

9:30am Thursday Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
7:00pm Ascension Day Service at St Mary's.

Saturday 31st May

5:00pm Community BBQ at St Mary's Church. All welcome.



Prayer Support Requests

If you would like specific prayers for someone either add them to our prayer board in the entrance, speak directly to Taiwo or Ian Newman our Warden, or why not pop in during the Thursday morning Prayer Time from 9:30am. We particularly remember in our prayers the Families of Alan Redmond and Pauline Biddulph.