

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES SWIMBRIDGE Q&As AUTUMN 2026

All welcome at St James Church, admission £5 (Friends free)



Ian Gee



Nicole Morrish



Teresa Turner

Thursday 8 October at 7.30: Ian Gee on Modern Slavery in 21st Century Britain. What it is and what we can do about it

Most people think slavery ended in 1834; however, slavery and human trafficking are still very much alive and closer to home than you might think. Ian will explain the different forms modern slavery takes, how to spot the signs, and share anonymised survivor stories and practical ways you can help put a stop to it. Ian is a Volunteer First Responder with The Salvation Army, interviewing victims of modern slavery and putting their cases to the Home Office for potential inclusion in the National Referral Mechanism so they can get the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Thursday 15 October at 7.30: Nicole Morrish on Uganda: More Than a School Trip

Nicole will share her experiences of an unforgettable two week journey with 38 year 10 and 11 students. They travelled thousands of miles to Uganda with a charity that actually began here in our own community. She will share stories and photographs from life at Kira Farm, working alongside its young people, visits to local schools and communities, and some of the extraordinary experiences along the way - from the River Nile to a Ugandan Safari. It is a story of what was experienced and learned and the memories and reflections brought home.

Thursday 19 November at 7.30: Teresa Turner on the Lieutenancy in Devon and her role as Deputy Lieutenant

Teresa is a qualified accountant having spent many years working both in professional practice and in the commercial sector. She has worked and been involved in different advisory, volunteer and trustee roles within the charitable sector for many years and is currently a Lay Canon at Exeter Cathedral and a Trustee of the Clare Milne Trust. Just over two years ago Teresa was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant (DL) for Devon. She will talk to us about the role of the Lieutenancy in Devon and her part within that.

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