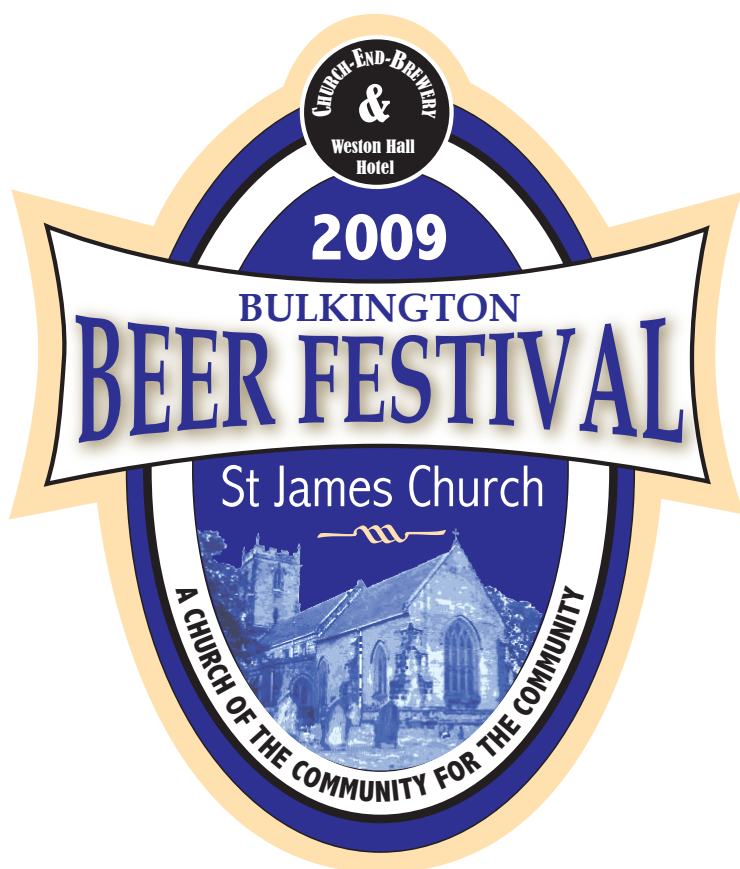


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# PRESS RELEASE

St James Church is planning to build on the success of last years first ever Bulkington Beer Festival with a bigger and better affair this September 17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>. Once again Weston Hall Hotel will be the venue for the discerning drinkers from Bulkington – Warwickshires largest village – and further afield. This year we have teamed up with The Church End Brewery who will be providing a choice of 40 real ales. Church End Brewery has been consistently recognised for its excellent range of beers, with many awards both locally and nationally. There will be light and dark milds, bitters - weak and strong, stouts and porters, fruit beers, and many more styles. There is even an ale brewed specially for the Festival – "Bulkington Blessing" – the proceeds of the sale of this beer are going towards the village Church of St James' reordering appeal, to install much needed facilities including a heritage centre into the church. Add to this nightly live music, and with the wonderful venue of the Weston Hall Hotel, it really is something for everyone at the Festival. It is hoped that the first pint will be poured by the Bishop of Coventry on the Thursday evening. On Saturday afternoon there will even be the opportunity to try your hand at bellringing with a portable ringing tower installed at the venue.

Fr. Paul Messam, Vicar of St James said. *"The Church in Bulkington has always had a long tradition of being of the community for the community. Meeting people, serving people, all over a pint or two."*



Mr Ian Bednall, Manager of the Weston Hall Hotel said.

*"Along with St James Church, Weston Hall has been of service to Bulkington for many years. We see this opportunity to host the festival again as giving something back to the village."*

Stewart Elliott from Church End said.

*"We are really looking forward to this event, we have always prided ourselves on supporting local ventures. The venue is most impressive and the warmth of welcome from the church, along with good sounds and great beer should make for a really enjoyable three days."*

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**Thursday 17th September** 6.00pm – 11.00pm

**Friday 18th September** 5.30pm – 11.00pm

**Saturday 19th September** 12.00noon – 11.00pm

Entrance £2.50 includes a festival pint glass