

James the Apostle

25th July 2021

Services for Sunday 25th July

8.45am Morning Prayer via Zoom

To connect via zoom

Meeting ID: 960 9701 9736

Passcode: 542770

Or by phoning: 0131 460 1196 or

0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

at St Peter & St Paul, Cosgrove

We welcome Ven. David Painter to lead our service this morning.

****Sunday@Four at Yardley Gobion has been cancelled this month****

Today's Readings

Collect

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son
Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of
the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call
without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading – Acts 11.27-12.2

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers^[a] living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

12 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126

Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.

Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

6 Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

Lord, as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness,

renew us by your Holy Spirit, help us to sow good seed in time of adversity

and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4.7-15

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 20.20-28

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"²³ They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will indeed

drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Weekday services

**Tuesday and Thursday
Meditation Prayer via Zoom.
Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 5pm.**

Contact [Mary McVay](#) with your email address so she can send you the zoom connection codes.

For more info, have a look at the Christian Meditation page on our [website](#).

**Wednesday
8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Next Sunday 1st August

8.45am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Wicken

4.00pm Celtic Footsteps at Potterspurty

Church Buildings

Our buildings are open for private prayer at the following times:

Cosgrove

Daily 10am-4pm

Potterspury

Monday - Saturday 9am to 3pm, Sundays 9am to 12noon.

Yardley Gobion

Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm

Wicken – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in for prayer – please see the notice outside for details of who to contact.

Support for you

The Ministry Team are keeping in touch with parish members. If you need help, or would like prayers for anything concerning you please do get in touch with one of us – details below:

Mary McVay – 01908 542289

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Richard Yates is unwell. We keep him, and his family, in our thoughts and prayers.

Administrator: Anne Henson – 07952 630024

Email – admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk

And finally...

Sadly, George and Zoe's wedding, due to take place at Potterspury on 24th July, has had to be postponed. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to terms with their disappointment, and begin looking for a new date.