



23rd August 2020
11th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 16

St James' Church
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Mon	11.00 am – 12.00 noon 12.45 pm – 2.00 pm
Tue	11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Wed	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Thu	11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Fri	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

Notices

Data Recording for Your Safety

For the purpose of NHS Test and Trace, congregation members' names as well as arrival and departure times are being noted for each service. These details will be kept securely and deleted after 21 days. Names and telephone numbers will be shared only with NHS Test and Trace on request by the same, if necessary to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 24th August Luke 22 vv. 24 – 30
Bartholomew, apostle

Tue 25th August Matthew 23 vv. 23 – 26
10.00 am Deanery Chapter meets

Wed 26th August Matthew 23 vv. 27 – 32
10.30 am Standing committee meets

Thu 27th August Matthew 24 vv. 42 – 51
Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Fri 28th August Matthew 25 vv. 1 – 13
Augustine of Hippo, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

Sat 29th August Matthew 14 vv. 1 – 12
Beheading of John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 30th August

12th Sunday After Trinity
Matthew 16 vv. 21 – 28
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Contact Magazine Needs You!

The new issue of *Contact* magazine will be here from next Sunday, 6th September. However, without your help, it cannot be distributed. Many hands really do make light work here, so please contact Tim Bayton (07743 066225 or tim@timbayton.co.uk) today with your choice of roads to take for delivery. A bundle can then be brought to you.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 51 vv. 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second Reading: Romans 12 vv. 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16 vv. 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

	Christian host families needed: 10 th October to 23 rd July
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