



21st February 2021
1st Sunday of Lent

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is our register of electors, the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting in the elections for the Parochial Church Council and for the representatives of the parish on the Deanery Synod. If your name is not already included or if you are unsure, please contact the parish office for a form; this will need to be returned by next Sunday, 28th February.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 22nd February Matthew 25 vv. 31 – 46
2.00 pm Lent course online
7.30 pm PCC meets

Tue 23rd February Matthew 6 vv. 7 – 15
Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155
11.00 am Coffee with the Curate

Wed 24th February Luke 11 vv. 29 – 32
Ember Day
9.45 am Fr Henry & Fr Steve: Lent talk for clergy with Bishop Robert

Thu 25th February Matthew 7 vv. 7 – 12

Fri 26th February Matthew 5 vv. 20 – 26
Ember Day
9.00 am Fr Steve: Training on leading in complex times

Sat 27th February Matthew 5 vv. 43 – 48
George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

Next Sunday: 28th February

2nd Sunday of Lent Mark 8 vv. 31 – 34
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist



Coffee with the Curate

11.00 am every Tuesday during Lent

Informal online chat on Zoom with Fr Steve, for up to an hour over tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit or two. To come along, contact Fr Steve for the Zoom link.



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Fairtrade Fortnight Choose the World You Want

22nd February to 7th March

For information & events see:
www.fairtrade.org.uk

A time to pray for producers, transporters, importers, retailers and consumers. For your Traidcraft order, contact Mike and Charlotte Payne via the parish office.

First Reading: Genesis 9 vv. 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3 vv. 18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1 vv. 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

