



18<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

St James' Church  
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#### Notices

##### Outdoor Appreciation

As a haven of peace, the gardens are an important part of St James' mission in this community. Many thanks to the gardening team, whose work is greatly appreciated by our neighbours in the parish.

##### St James' Singers

After a year of online recordings, the singers can now meet in person once again and will begin weekly choir practices this Thursday. Please get in touch if you would like to join, even if you cannot commit to every week.

##### Contact Magazine

Our archives are missing a copy of *Contact* magazine from spring 2020. Can you spare this issue from your collection? Please contact Tim Bayton or the parish office.

#### Collect

*Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.*

A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website. If you would like us to keep in touch with you, please ask for a contact card to leave your details.

#### This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri  
**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April** John 6 vv. 22 – 29  
Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> April** John 6 vv. 30 – 35  
11.00 am Fr Henry: Spiritual Direction meeting  
7.30 pm Deanery Synod

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April** John 6 vv. 35 – 40  
Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109  
12.00 noon Eucharist

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> April** John 6 vv. 44 – 51  
7.00 pm St James' Singers Rehearsal

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April** John 15 v. 18 – 21  
George, martyr, patron of England, c.304

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April** John 6 vv. 60 – 69  
Mellitus, bishop, 624; Seven martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

#### Next Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> April

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

John 10 vv. 11 – 18  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## First Reading: Acts 3 vv. 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out...

## Second Reading: 1 John 3 vv. 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24 vv. 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified; and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

## Post Communion Prayer

***Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***

