



5th September 2021
14th Sunday After Trinity
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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time, and to the family and friends of Vitarli-Dean Liam Cocks who will be baptised later today. 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 is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 6th September Luke 6 vv. 6 – 11

Allen Gardiner, missionary. founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851
7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 7th September Luke 6 vv. 12 – 19

Wed 8th September Luke 6 vv. 20 – 26

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 9th September Luke 6 vv. 27 – 38

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

Fri 10th September Luke 6 vv. 39– 42

Sat 11th September Luke 6 vv. 43 – 49

Next Sunday: 12th September

15th Sunday After Trinity

Mark 8 vv. 27 – 38

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

10.00 am Music

Music setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Offertory hymn 728

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Recessional hymn 673

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 35 vv. 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.



Second Reading: James 2 vv. 1-10 & 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [...] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7 vv. 24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Notices

First Aid Training

A first aid course, which will include defibrillator training, will take place in the hall from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm on Saturday 9th October. To book your place at the subsidised rate of £15 per person, speak to Rachel Martindill or phone the parish office!

Fellowship: A Celebration

To mark the end of 60 years of St James' Fellowship, the group has donated a flower stand for the high altar. This generous gift will be blessed at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 19th September.

Climate Focus

The time to act is now! St James' Church has committed to working towards the Bronze Eco Church Award. This is a team effort, so please get involved in the focus area that interests you: worship & teaching, management of Church buildings, management of Church land, community & global engagement, lifestyle. To prepare the launch of this initiative at the start of the Great Big Green Week, please contact Charlotte & Mike Payne with your ideas or join them at coffee after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 19th September.

A FAIR COP: From Climate Crisis To Climate Justice

As world leaders prepare to gather for COP26 climate talks, Devon Development Education hosts five sessions to explore the global dimensions of the climate emergency.

Great Big Green Week event

Monday 20th September, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Workshop activities to help us understand the climate crisis and get to grips with the technical terminology, followed by more formal presentations from local experts, plus Q&A.

Climate Change and Trade: The Impact on Farmers in Developing Countries

Monday 4th October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

1st October is World Coffee Day. How is climate change affecting coffee production and other tropical crops that we take for granted? Is Fairtrade a positive way to cope?

Climate Change and Food Security

Monday 18th October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

How are disrupted weather patterns affecting food security?

Youth Voices: the Call for a Global Green Deal

Monday 1st November, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Young people are invited to explain their concerns and their demand for a global green deal.

A FAIR COP?

Monday 15th November, 6 – 7.30pm

Reflection on the outcomes of COP26 with a panel of experts and concerned citizens. What has been achieved? Will words turn into actions?

The sessions will be held live at Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, EX4 3RG. A Zoom option will also be available. Sign up by email to dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk or at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-fair-cop-tickets-167852187411>.





St James' Church
Sunday 19th September
at 6.00pm.

Ahead of our harvest festival on Sunday 3rd October, come and join us for a short service of thanksgiving for all that is best in creation.

We will have some hymns, readings and prayers.

Why not bring some of this year's produce, or photos of your prize exhibits?