



26th September 2021
17th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 21

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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. We are also pleased to have Fr Brian Tubbs with us as our preacher 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 27th September Luke 9 vv. 46 – 50

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

7.00 pm Next Steps: Diocesan vision and strategy discussion online

Tue 28th September Luke 9 vv. 51 – 56

10.00 am Deanery chapter meets

Wed 29th September John 1 vv. 47 – 51

Michael and All Angels

12.00 noon Holy Communion

12.30 pm Churches Together in Central Exeter meeting

5.00 pm Standing committee meets

Thu 30th September Luke 10 vv. 1 – 12

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 1st October Luke 10 vv. 13 – 16

Remigius, bishop, 533

2.00 pm Craft Group in the hall

Sat 2nd October Luke 10 vv. 17 – 24

2.00 pm Exeter Cathedral: Licensing of Joan Ridgway as a Lay Reader

Next Sunday: 3rd October

Harvest Festival

Mark 10 vv. 2 – 16

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Evening Prayer with Benediction

Entertainment & refreshments to celebrate harvest

St James' Brass

With Exeter University Chapel Organ Scholar

Rebecca Poon

7.30 pm, Saturday 2nd October
St Peter's Church, Tiverton

Free entry. Wine and soft drinks for sale during the interval. Retiring collection in aid of St Peter's Church funds.



10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 418

Recessional hymn 536

Organ Voluntary

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

Lord, Thy Word Abideth

O Worship the King

Paean (by Percy Whitlock)

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

First Reading: Numbers 11 vv. 4-6, 10-16 & 24-29

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' [...] Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child," to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. [...] So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Psalm 19 vv. 7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.



Second Reading: James 5 vv. 13-20
Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may



be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9 vv. 38-50

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little

ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'



Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



A FAIR COP: From Climate Crisis To Climate Justice

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

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

Monday 4th October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Climate Change and Food Security

Monday 18th October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Youth Voices: the Call for a Global Green Deal

Monday 1st November, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

A FAIR COP?

Monday 15th November, 6 – 7.30pm

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>.



Notices

Worship at Home

Our streamed and recorded services cannot continue indefinitely with sub-optimal, borrowed equipment. Your kind, prayerful consideration of any contribution towards the £6500 cost of this equipment would therefore help greatly in securing the future of St James'.

Helping a Neighbour

Fr Henry is visiting our neighbours at St Mark's, where he is presiding today whilst the Rev Tanya Hockley-Still is on maternity leave.

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, please speak to Rachel Martindill or phone the parish office.

Craft Group

This increasingly popular group now meets on the first and third Friday of each month. Come along with your craft work, join in a project, or simply enjoy a chat and a cuppa. One current focus is on donations to the Warm Baby Project; please speak to Sue Pinn if you would like to make a donation, especially of any sheets or duvet covers that you no longer need.

Pet Service

Our evening worship on Sunday 17th October will take the form of a pet service from 4.00 pm, at which there will be opportunity to have your pet blessed.

All Souls

On Sunday 31st October at 4.00 pm, we remember those who have gone before us. Please e-mail or telephone the parish office if you would like to have a name mentioned at this service.