



3rd October 2021
Harvest Festival

St James' Church
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A warm welcome, especially to those visiting us for the first time and to licensed lay reader Joan Ridgway, our preacher today. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website.

Notices

Pet Service

On Sunday 17th October at 4.00 pm, humans and their non-human friends are all welcome! Who will you bring to be blessed?

Charity Car Park

St James' Church has a fundraising opportunity to operate the car park in Barnfield Crescent on Saturday 30th October. Could you spare an hour or two between 8.00 am and 2.00 pm to collect drivers' money and raise the entrance barrier? Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 705

Communion Anthem

Recessional hymn 238

Organ Voluntary

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

We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Fill Thou My Life (by Richard Lloyd / Horatius Bonar)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Toccata from Plymouth Suite (by Percy Whitlock)

TODAY

6.00 pm Evening Prayer with Benediction

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 4th October Luke 10 vv. 25 – 37

Francis of Assisi, friar and deacon, 1226

6.30 pm Singers' rehearsal

7.30 pm PCC meets

Tue 5th October Luke 10 vv. 38 – 42

Wed 6th October Luke 11 vv. 1 – 4

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

12.00 noon Holy Communion

2.30 pm Fr Henry & Fr Steve meet

Thu 7th October Luke 11 vv. 5 – 13

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 8th October Luke 11 vv. 15 – 26

Sat 9th October Luke 11 vv. 27 – 28

Denys, bishop & companions, martyrs, c. 250

Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

3.30 pm Baptism rehearsal

Next Sunday: 10th October

19th Sunday After Trinity

Mark 10 vv. 17 – 31

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

4.00 pm Installation of Fr David Nixon as Prebendary

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, 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: Joel 2 vv. 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6 vv. 6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6 vv. 25-33

‘Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

