



10th October 2021
19th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 23

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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time, and to the family and friends of Imogen Ruth McPherson who will be baptised later today. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website.

TODAY

12.30 pm Holy Baptism
4.00 pm Installation of prebendaries at Exeter Cathedral

Next Sunday: 17th October

20th Sunday After Trinity
Mark 10 vv. 35 – 45

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.45 am JAM in the hall
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm Pet Service

10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 605

Recessional hymn 714

Organ Voluntary

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

Take My Life and Let it Be

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Toccata Giocosa (by William Mathias)

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 11th October Luke 11 vv. 29 – 32
Ethelburga, abbess, 675

James, deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th c.

10.30 am Fr Henry & Fr Steve:

Old Rectory Communion

6.00 pm Air Scouts visiting the church

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 12th October Luke 11 vv. 37 – 41
Wilfred, bishop, missionary, 709

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845

Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

10.30 am Fr Steve: Placement meeting

2.30 pm Next Steps: Vision and strategy discussion at St Matt's

Wed 13th October Luke 11 vv. 42 – 46
Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

12.00 noon Holy Communion

2.30 pm Fr Henry: Reflective practice

7.30 pm Communications group meets

Thu 14th October Luke 11 vv. 47 – 54

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 15th October Luke 12 vv. 1 – 7

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

2.00 pm Craft group in the hall

3.00 pm Fr Henry: Funeral of Roy Kerswell at St Paul's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium

Sat 16th October Luke 12 vv. 8 – 12

Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Amos 5 vv. 6-7 & 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! [...] They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.



Second Reading: Hebrews 4 vv. 12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10 vv. 17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'



Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Finding Stability in Times of Change

A Quiet Morning

At a time when change is often feared, stability can be elusive and busyness interferes with listening to God, this quiet morning led by Richard Frost offers an opportunity for space and reflection. There will be two short talks and periods of silence.

Saturday 30th October, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
St James' Church, Exeter

To book, please e-mail richardnfrost@outlook.com or phone 01626 870288. A donation will be requested to cover costs

Notices

Pet Service

At 4.00 pm next Sunday, 17th October, 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.

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.

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.

Musicians Needed!

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to make this part of your worship on Sundays from time to time? Or perhaps you enjoy singing in harmony and would like to join the singers. There are opportunities for all. Please speak to Tim Bayton.

Dates Ahead

Wednesday 20th October

7.30 pm Deanery Synod at St James'

Sunday 31st October

4.00 pm All Souls' Service

Tuesday 2nd November

7.30 pm Book Group discussing
The Chosen by Chaim Potok

Thursday 5th November

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Friday 6th November

2.00 pm Craft group in the hall



Congratulations to newly licensed Reader Joan Ridgway, truly a blessing both at St James' and beyond.

