



24<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
 Feast of Dedication  
 Proper 25

St James' Church  
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A warm welcome to all, especially to those visiting us for the first time, to the family and friends of Poppy Corbett who will be baptised later today, and to our preacher the Ven Andrew Beane.

Next Sunday: 31<sup>st</sup> October

**All Saints' Day**

John 11 vv. 32 – 44

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 9.45 am JAM in the hall  
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
 4.00 pm All Souls' Service

10.00 am Music

**Offertory hymn**

*Communion Anthem*

**Recessional hymn**

*Organ Voluntary*

**36 Angel-Voices Ever Singing**

*Ave Verum Corpus (by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)*

**12 All for Jesus!**

*Tuba Tune in D (by C S Lang)*

**Collect**

**Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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.**

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 13 vv. 10 – 17

Crispin & Crispinian, martyrs, c. 287

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 13 vv. 18 – 21

Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664

Alfred, king, scholar, 899

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 13 vv. 22 – 30

12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> October** John 15 vv. 17 – 27

Simon and Jude, apostles

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 14 vv. 1 – 6

James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

11.30 am Fr Henry: Clergy meeting

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 14 vv. 1 & 7– 11

8.00 am Charity car park at

Barnfield Crescent

10.00 am Quiet morning: Finding Stability

in Times of Change

**TODAY**

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## First Reading: Genesis 28 vv. 11-18

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 2 vv. 1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel Reading: John 10 vv. 22-29

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.'

## Post Communion Prayer

***Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

