



19th March 2023
Mothering Sunday

St James' Church
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Notices

Have Your Say

Our annual meetings will take place on Sunday 26th March. Nominations are sought for 2 churchwardens, 3 PCC members and 3 deanery synod representatives. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Preparing for Easter

Would you like to help with decorating the church for Easter? Come along on Saturday 8th April between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Donations of cash, flowers or greenery will be very welcome. For more information, speak to Liz Holland or Pat Snell.

Fairtrade Thanks

Over £225 worth of goods were sold at the recent Fairtrade stall. Many thanks for your support. To order more Fairtrade items, see Charlotte or Mike Payne, and remember: it's not too late to order your Real Easter Eggs!

After Supper He Washed Their Feet

Could you offer a foot to be washed at the Maundy Thursday service? Please add your name on the list at the back of the church.

10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn 167 **For the Beauty of the Earth**
Offertory hymn 166 **For Mary, Mother of Our Lord**
Recessional hymn 465 **Now Thank We All Our God**

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 20th March Matthew 1: 18 – 24

11.00 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 21st March John 5: 1 – 3 & 5 – 16

2.00 pm Lent course in the hall
7.30 pm Exeter Chamber Choir
concert: *The Lenten Spring*

Wed 22nd March John 5: 17 – 30

12.00 noon Holy Communion
7.30 pm PCC meets in the church

Thu 23rd March John 5: 31 – 47

Fri 24th March John 7: 1 – 2, 10 & 25 – 30
2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 25th March Luke 1: 26 – 38

Next Sunday: 26th March

5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

John 11: 1 – 45
1.00 am British Summer Time begins
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
12.00 noon Annual meetings in the hall

Did You Know...?

St James' Church originally opened in 1836, in St James' Road. The building was destroyed in World War 2, and the new church opened in 1956. Ironically, the site of the old church is now outside our parish.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Go Peaceful

Go peaceful, in gentleness, through the violence of these days.
Give freely, show tenderness in all your ways.
God speed you, God lead you, and keep you wrapped around his heart:
May you be known by love.

Through darkness, in troubled times, let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom, let faithfulness burn like a flame.
God speed you, God lead you, and keep you wrapped around his heart:
may you be known by love.

Be righteous, speak truthfully, in a world of greed and lies.
Show kindness, see everyone through heaven's eyes.
God speed you, God lead you, and keep you wrapped around his heart:
May you be known by love.

God hold you, enfold you, and keep you wrapped around his heart:
May you be known by love.

By Paul Field

The Song of Mary: Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me,
And holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm,
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
And hath exalted the humble meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.

Amen.

