



20th August 2023
11th Sunday After Trinity

St James' Church
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This Week

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

Mon 21st August Matthew 19: 16 – 22
10.30 am The Old Rectory,
Holy Communion

Tue 22nd August Matthew 19: 23 – 30
10.00 am Private booking in the church
until 12.00 noon

Wed 23rd August Matthew 20: 1 – 16
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 24th August Luke 22: 24 – 30

Fri 25th August Matthew 22: 34 – 40
10.30 am Coffee morning

Sat 26th August Matthew 23: 1 – 12

Next Sunday: 27th August

12th Sunday After Trinity
Matthew 16: 13 – 20

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

11.30 am Bring-and-share lunch:
Farewell to Fr Martin and Fiona

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 354

Offertory hymn 648

Recessional hymn 15

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas, by David Thorne

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

Notices

Contact Magazine

The new issue will be here on Sunday 3rd September. Offers of help with distribution are urgently needed. Please contact Tim Bayton or speak to Andrew Mimmack.

Quiet Day

If you would like to join the quiet day at Mill House Retreats on Saturday 16th September with the Rev Sally Dakin, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or send an e-mail to quietday@btinternet.com.

JAM and 11-Ups

Our children's groups will reconvene on Sunday 10th September. During the summer holidays, sheets and activity boxes are available in the children's corner. Please do take them to your seat, if you wish.

Come and Sing!

The choir is enjoying a well-earned rest and will return in September. If you or someone you know would like to join the singers, please get in touch with Tim Bayton.



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Isaiah 56: 1 & 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. [...] And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.



Second Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. [...] For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

