



22nd October 2023
20th Sunday After Trinity

St James' Church
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A warm welcome to all and especially to anyone who is with us for the first time. In particular today we are pleased to have John Grumett with us as our preacher.

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Notices

Crotchets and Quavers

After the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 5th November, Tim Bayton will lead a brief introduction to reading music. Want to find out more? Grab a cuppa and join us at a table! Everyone is welcome.



Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 701

Offertory hymn 569

Recessional hymn 376

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 23rd October Luke 12: 13 – 21

10.30 am Holy Communion,
The Old Rectory

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 24th October Luke 12: 35 – 38

Wed 25th October Luke 12: 39 – 48

12.00 noon Holy Communion

2.30 pm Churchwardens meet

Thu 26th October Luke 12: 49 – 53

10.00 am Private booking:

Recording in the church

Fri 27th October Luke 12: 54 – 59

10.30 am Coffee morning

Sat 28th October John 15: 17 – 27

Next Sunday: 29th October

Last Sunday After Trinity

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

2.00 am British Summer Time ends:

Clocks go back 1 hour

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realised that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unflinching, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

