



29th October 2023
Dedication Festival

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 Joan Ridgway with us as our preacher.

Rector

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Day off: Thursday

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Notices

Super Advance Notice

The Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 2nd December. If you are able to help out, please speak to Rachel Martindill.

Crotchets and Quavers

After the Parish Eucharist next 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.

Contact Magazine

Our small but dedicated communications group needs you. Production, layout, organising distribution, managing advert renewals: where do your talents lie? Speak to Andrew Mimmack to offer your skills!

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn	316	In Our Day of Thanksgiving
Offertory hymn	704	We Love the Place, O God
Recessional hymn	87	Christ is Our Cornerstone

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 30th October Luke 13: 10 – 17

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 31st October Luke 13: 18 – 21

Wed 1st November Matthew 5: 1 – 12

12.00 noon Holy Communion

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 2nd November John 6: 37 – 40

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 3rd November Luke 14: 1 – 6

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 4th November Luke 14: 1 & 7 – 11

3.00 pm Private booking in the church

7.30 pm Concert in the church

Next Sunday: 5th November

All Saints' Sunday

Matthew 5: 1 – 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am Crotchets and Quavers

4.00 pm All Souls' Service

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2 & 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. [...] You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

