



12th November 2023
Remembrance Sunday

St James' Church
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A warm welcome to all and especially to anyone who is with us for the first time. Today we are pleased to have the Rev Simon Croft with us as our preacher.

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TODAY

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

Notices

Contact Magazine

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

Super Advance Notice

The Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Please speak to Rachel Martindill if you are able to help with the event, and leave any donations for sale in the boxes at the back of the church.

Survey Responses

Don't forget to return your survey to the box at the back of the church or complete it online.

Music for the Parish Eucharist

Entrance hymn	673	Thou, Whose Almighty Word
Gradual hymn	640	The Race That Long in Darkness Pined
Offertory hymn	170	For the Healing of the Nations
Act of Remembrance	483	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
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 13th November Luke 17: 1 – 6

Tue 14th November Luke 17: 7 – 11

Wed 15th November Luke 17: 11 – 19

12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 16th November Luke 17: 20 – 25

Fri 17th November Luke 17: 26 – 37

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 18th November Luke 18: 1 – 8

Next Sunday: 19th November

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Matthew 25: 14 – 30

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am Fairtrade stall in the hall

4.00 pm Confirmation service at Exeter Cathedral



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post-Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

