



4<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent

St James' Church  
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**Notices**

**A Walk in the Sunshine**

Our car park is small, but space is available at Mount Pleasant Health Centre for those who can walk a little. Unless you are unable to walk or you are bringing someone who has limited mobility, please do not park in the church car park on Sunday mornings.

**Have Your Say!**

The electoral roll, the church's register of electors, will be revised on 25<sup>th</sup> February. No action is required if you are already on the roll. To have your name added, please complete a form from the table at the back of the church and return it to one of the churchwardens before 25<sup>th</sup> February. A copy of the current roll is also on the table.

**This Week**

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

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 6: 53– 56  
7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 1 – 13  
7.30 pm PCC meets

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 14 – 23  
12.00 noon Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Messy Church

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 24 – 30

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 31 – 37

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 8: 1 – 10

**Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Sunday Next Before Lent**

Mark 9: 2 – 9

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
12.30 pm Holy Baptism

**TODAY**

11.45 am Pastoral care team meets  
4.00 pm Celebrate Together  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction



10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn** 447

**Offertory hymn** 6

**Recessional hymn** 499

*Music Setting: Inwood et al.*

**Morning Has Broken Like the First Morning**

**All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1 & 4-7)**

**O Lord, My God**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

***Almighty God you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.***

## First Reading: Proverbs 8: 1 & 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? [...] The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

## Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## Post-Communion Prayer

***God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***