



11<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Sunday Next Before Lent

St James' Church  
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**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 12<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 8: 11 – 13  
 7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 8: 14 – 21

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February** John 8: 1 – 11

12.00 noon Holy Communion

1.00 pm Friends Who Lunch

7.00 pm Parish Eucharist for  
 Ash Wednesday

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> February** Luke 9: 22 – 25

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February** Matthew 9: 14 – 15

2.00 pm Craft group

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February** Luke 5: 27 – 32

**Next Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Mark 1: 9 – 15

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Evening Worship

**TODAY**

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

**Collect**

*Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

**Entrance hymn 306**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**Offertory hymn 402**

**Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly Splendour**

**Recessional hymn 673**

**Thou, Whose Almighty Word**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### Post-Communion Prayer

***Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.***