



27th October 2024
Dedication Festival

St James' Church
www.stjamesexeter.org Exeter

A warm welcome to all and especially to anyone who is with us for the first time. In particular we welcome the family and friends of Leo Corbett, who will be baptised during the service today.

Rector

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All Souls

If you would like to have loved ones remembered at the All Souls' service next Sunday, 3rd November, please add their names to the list at the back of the church.



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	94	City of God, How Broad and Far
Offertory hymn	704	We Love the Place, O God
Communion		Psalm 122
Recessional hymn	403	Lord, for the Years

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 28th October John 15: 17 – 27

10.15 am Holy Communion,
The Old Rectory

11.15 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 29th October Luke 13: 18 – 21

2.15 pm Churchwardens meet

Wed 30th October Luke 13: 22 – 30

12.00 noon Eucharist

Thu 31st October Luke 13: 31 – 35

Fri 1st November Luke 14: 1 – 6

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 2nd November John 6: 37 – 40

1.30 pm Song recital (free)

3.00 pm Enthronement of the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Rev Dr Mike Harrison, Exeter Cathedral

Next Sunday: 3rd November

All Saints' Day John 11: 32 – 44

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm All Souls' service

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Genesis 28: 11-18

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-29

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.'

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.

