



21st March 2021
Passion Sunday

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Notices

Memorial Book Update

To check the memorial book or have your loved ones included please contact the parish office with the relevant names and dates, so that the record can be updated accordingly.

Resurrection Celebration

Are you planning to come to church at Easter? Please remember that a booking system is in place for all four services: on Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday and both services on Easter Day.

TODAY

**12.00 noon Annual Parish Meetings
via Zoom**

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 22nd March John 8 vv. 1 – 11
2.00 pm Lent course online

Tue 23rd March John 8 vv. 21 – 30
Fr Steve: Curate training on Church Planting
2.30 pm Fr Henry: Funeral of Alan Haskell at St Peter's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium

Wed 24th March John 8 vv. 31 – 42
Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396

Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953
Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980
9.45 am Fr Henry & Fr Steve: Lent talk for clergy with Bishop Robert

12.30 pm Fr Henry: Ministers' meeting
7.00 pm Fr Henry & Fr Steve: Training on Living in Love and Faith

Thu 25th March Luke 1 vv. 26 – 38
Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.00 am Coffee with the Curate

Fri 26th March John 10 vv. 31 – 42
Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

Sat 27th March John 11 vv. 45 – 57

Next Sunday: 28th March

Palm Sunday

John 12 vv. 20 – 33
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Jeremiah 31 vv. 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5 vv. 5-10

So also, Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest; but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: John 12 vv. 20-33



Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in

this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted-up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

