



1<sup>st</sup> May 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

St James' Church  
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**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May** John 14 vv. 1 – 14

Public Holiday: No Morning Prayer

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> May** John 6 vv. 30 – 35

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May** John 12 vv. 20 – 26

9.45 am Churchwardens meet

12.00 noon Holy Communion

3.30 pm Messy Church

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> May** John 6 vv. 44 – 51

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May** John 6 vv. 52 – 59

2.00 pm Craft Group in the hall

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May** John 6 vv. 60 – 69

9.30 am Basic Safeguarding Awareness

**Next Sunday: 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

John 10 vv. 22 – 30

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

**TODAY**

**6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction**

10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn 701 We Have a Gospel to Proclaim**

**Offertory hymn 290 I Danced in the Morning**

**Recessional hymn 683 To God Be the Glory**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

***Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.***

## First Reading: Acts 9 vv. 1-16

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

## Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved. You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.' Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? 'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.' You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness; therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## Second Reading: Revelation 5 vv. 11-14

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is

the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.



## Gospel Reading: John 21 vv. 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did



not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

### Post Communion Prayer

***Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***



### Did You Know...?

Over the last two years, St James' has regularly hosted the Orthodox Church of the Holy Prophet Elias, including their wonderful Easter celebrations last weekend.

## Notices

### Basic Safeguarding Awareness

A course for all from 9.30 am this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, in the hall. For more information, please see Caroline Adams or one of the churchwardens (no booking required).

### Charity Quiz: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets, which include a ploughman's supper and one drink from the licensed bar, will be available shortly for £10 per person. Bring a team of up to 8 people or come on your own and form a team on the night!

### Taste and See

In May, our regular services will be made even more user-friendly than usual. Please think about inviting a friend or neighbour to a service or to one of the other events during the month: Choral Evensong on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, the Big Cream Tea on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, or the quiz night on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Sewing Materials

Do you have any part used cotton reels that you no longer need? Sue Pinn and Judith Wedgwood would welcome donations of any colour for an ongoing project to make drawstring bags, which will be filled with Christmas gifts for children.

### Confirmation

If you have not been confirmed but would like to take the step of confirming the promises made at your baptism, please speak to Fr Henry, Fr Steve or Fr Martin. A course to prepare for confirmation will be offered in the coming months, so please do speak to a member of the team if you would like to take part or to find out more.

## Dates Ahead

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

7.30 pm PCC meets in the committee room

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

7.30 pm Deanery Synod at St Mark's

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

2.00 pm Craft Group in the hall

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

2.00 pm Big Cream Tea in the hall and garden

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 pm Ascension Day Parish Eucharist

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 pm Charity quiz in the hall

## Worship Through Music

The singers are busy rehearsing for choral Evensong on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. In addition to several congregational hymns, the exciting choice of music for this service includes the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G by Charles Villiers Stanford, the Lord's Prayer by Joseph Lees, and Easter Anthem by William Billings.

## Big Cream Tea

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May a free cream tea will be offered to all, and a bouncy castle will be available for children. If you would be happy to provide scones, jam and/or a cash donation towards the cost of the bouncy castle, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

## Refreshing One Another

If your name is not included on the new coffee rota or you have not received your rota, please speak to Charlotte Payne. At the moment, the team is heavily dependent on a number of people who are very busy in other roles, such as with children's activities and/or music. Please do consider whether you could help out occasionally, so that the work can be shared more manageably.