

## All Saints' Church

Cottenham with Rampton



### Pastoral Letter #19

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Church Family,

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July is the feast of St. James the Great. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, James was one of the four first disciples of Jesus. They were all fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. James and John, sons of Zebedee were mending their nets with their father. Jesus had earlier said to fellow fishermen Andrew and Peter when he called them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". His impact on the brothers was such that they immediately left their father, their hired men and their nets and followed him. James, along with brother John and Peter were privileged to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. On two other occasions the two brothers were rebuked by Jesus. They or their mother asked that the brothers sit on Jesus' right and his left in his Glory. Another time, on their way through Samaria, St. Luke tells us, they wanted to set fire to a Samaritan town which would not welcome Jesus and his disciples. It seems that James' fiery nature and quick temper was a family trait. It was perhaps because of his fiery preaching that King Herod Agrippa had him executed in about 44 A.D. But that's not the end of my account of James.

Irene and I were once invited to join a party from the District of Bolsover to the similar mining Department of Aveyron in south-west France. I preached (in French!) at the Sunday morning mass at the invitation of Fr. Leon, the parish priest at Decazeville. (I did pass 'A' level French). We were all then entertained for Sunday lunch in a commune called Conques at the Auberge St.Jacques. We were told that this was a famous resting place for those on the Chemin de St. Jacques – the route of pilgrims to the shrine of St. James at Santiago de Compostela. There were, of course, many other staging posts for pilgrims before they reached Galicia in north-west Spain. The story is that James was the first missionary to Spain and his body was returned there. I understand, however that James' head remained in Jerusalem at another shrine in the Armenian Cathedral of St. James. Dismemberment seems to be the lot of many holy men.

Next year the Feast of St. James in the church's year falls on a Sunday. You may well then hear more of him!

Best wishes and keep safe

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If you do not have access to the Internet (but have a DVD player) and would like a DVD recording of the online service, please let Graham Appleby know (07803 932453).

Services and events happening online this week are:

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July** – Online service available on Facebook and YouTube from early on Sunday morning. Watch at whatever time is convenient to you.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11am** – coffee and chat after the service using Zoom. Do join us and catch up with one another.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm** – Evening Prayer using Zoom led this week by Alison Wedgbury. If you want to join, please let Cheryl Lowe ([cheryl@cynewulf.co.uk](mailto:cheryl@cynewulf.co.uk)) know, and she'll send you a link to the service. Over the summer we are going to be focusing on the Apostle's Creed.

For your prayers, please could you remember the following:

- Those known to you who have recently lost loved ones; we pray especially for the Rev Kylie Hodgins whose father in Australia recently passed away.
- Those who are unwell and their families caring for them, in particular Joan Marsh (Mike's mum), Sheila Howarth (recovering from surgery) Pat Easterling admitted to hospital and Pam Lumsden.
- For rest and change from work of all kinds this summer for those with care responsibilities.
- For increased contact with others for those of all ages who live on their own.
- Those who continue to shield so are unable to have much contact with family members.
- Improved international relations between the UK, China and Russia.
- For a successful outcome of the Covid-19 Vaccine trials.
- All those working in the NHS and care homes.
- Lynda on annual leave – for good rest.

If you are using the 'Prayer and Worship from Home' resource, these are the Lectionary (set) readings for the week ahead:

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel 9: 15 to 10: 1; Luke 22: 14-23
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Romans 8: 26 to end; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel 10: 1-16; Luke 22: 24-30
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel 10: 17 to end; Luke 22: 31-38
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel 11; Luke 22: 39-46
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel 12; Luke 22: 47-62
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> July	1 Samuel 13: 5-18; Luke 22: 63 to end.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

Best wishes, Revd Canon Ian Winterbottom and Maggie Appleby, ALM

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