

Sunday 20th June 2021

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to everyone today both in our church buildings and those who join us from their homes.

This morning's services are live-streamed on the Facebook pages of each church.

Some safety reminders in church:

- Please keep face coverings in place over nose and mouth during the service
- The hymns are sung by choir alone
- Please remain in your places until invited to move by a steward
- Please don't wander to chat to friends – sorry
- Please take service sheets with you at the end
- Please disperse quickly at the end of the service and **please don't congregate outside to chat**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 *Job 38.1-11*

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Gospel Reading *Mark 4.35-41*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Prayer after Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Week Ahead & Information

Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook page*

5pm Evening Prayer on *St James' Facebook page*
(not Saturday)

Wednesday 12pm Final Lunch Delivery

Friday 9.30am Church cleaning at *St James'*

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist at *St James'*

12.30pm Burial of Ashes at *St Thomas'*

Covid Restrictions

Following the announcement this last week that the country remains under restrictions for a further 4 weeks there will be a delay in beginning our Refectory and *Eat & Meet* events. We hope to hold some *pop-up* events from the end of July and through August. September should see a full return to our food and social events at both churches.

Fr Andrew's Ordination to the Priesthood

If you would like to contribute towards a parish gift for Fr Andrew, please pass this on to one of the Churchwardens today.

The ordination service will be on Saturday 4th July. We hope to be able to share live-streaming details soon.

There will be a parish celebration at **4pm** on **4th July** when Fr Andrew will preside at the Eucharist for the first time in a service at *St James'*. Please make an effort to come to this service to share the celebrations and support Fr Andrew at the beginning of another new chapter of his ministry.

Parish Magazine

Since the beginning of Lockdown our two parishes have been working closely together. To build on this strength we are trialling a joint parish magazine in July. Both PCCs have agreed to this enthusiastically. It's an opportunity to work more closely together. Any articles or ideas can be passed to the editor, George Garlick (georgegarlick@gmail.com)

Food for all

Our frozen main meals are still available to order. Please let us know of anyone who might benefit from a delivery. Suggested donation of £1.50 per meal.

Midweek Services

From the beginning of July we will resume the midweek celebrations of the Eucharist – Tuesday at St James' and Thursday at St Thomas', both at 10am.

The July magazine will have full information about the re-introduction of services and events.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Names of those on the parish prayer lists will also be pinned to the prayer boards in each church.

For your prayers

For the continued growth of the Church in our parishes and diocese; for all acts of witness and proclamation.

For peace throughout the world and an end to hostilities of war, exploitation, oppression, segregation, extortion and violence. For all who seek to make and preserve peace.

For all who live and work in our parishes who are isolating, shielding and housebound.

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Wynne, Lizzie, Janet, Allister, Betty, Derek, Rita, Mary, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*