

Sunday 4th July 2021

5th 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 and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 2.1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have

rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Gospel Reading Mark 6.1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Week Ahead & Information

Today 4pm Fr Andrew's first celebration of the Eucharist
 at St James'. All very welcome! *Also live on St James'*
 Facebook page

Monday-Saturday

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

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

Tuesday 10am Eucharist at *St James'*

Thursday 10am Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

1.15pm Funeral service for Martin Walden RIP
 at St James'

Friday 9.30am Church cleaning at *St James'*

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist at *St James'*

Car Boot Sale

We have begun to advertise this event which is on **Saturday 31 July** at St James', 10am-1pm. You can book a car pitch or a table pitch with Fr David (07539 264279) and, of course turn up to buy. Our café will be open for hot and cold food and drinks. The weather will be glorious.

St Thomas' are having a cake and produce stall – if you can help with donations of items, please let Maggi, Lin or Fr David know.

St James' Patronal Festival

This takes place on Sunday 25th July. The 10.45am Festival Eucharist will be followed by a hot carvery lunch. (Covid restrictions notwithstanding!). Tickets are limited but available TODAY! £10 per adult. Children free. Available at church.

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 all ordained this weekend and especially for Andrew Holmes, Simon Lloyd, Jordan McDermott, Bryn Naylor. For their continued ministry in the Church. For all discerning God's call on their lives.

For all affected by extreme weather and natural disasters; for emergency services and all volunteer agencies bringing help and support.

For the shared ministry of lay and ordained in our parishes; that God would continue to raise up and equip leaders in our churches.

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

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.*