

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Mandatory safety reminders continue 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**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 *Jeremiah 23.1-6***

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will

bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Gospel Reading Mark 6.30-34, 53-end**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

# The Week Ahead & Information

Today            11am    Baptism of Leo *at St Thomas'*  
                     2pm    Wedding of Danielle & Chris *at St James'*

## 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'*  
                     2pm    St Thomas' MU *in church*

Thursday       10am    Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

Friday           9.30am Church cleaning *at St James'*

## Next Sunday – Feast of St James the Apostle

9.15am            Eucharist *at St Thomas'*  
10.45am          Eucharist *at St James'*  
   *followed by Parish Lunch*  
3pm                Baptism of Agatha *at St Thomas'*

## Car Boot Sale

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'd like to help run a church stall, please let us know!

## St James' Patronal Festival

Next Sunday! The 10.45am Festival Eucharist will be followed by a hot carvery lunch. (Covid restrictions not withstanding!). Tickets are limited but available **TODAY!** £10 per adult. Children free. Available at church.

## Covid Restrictions

Please take a flier with you today outlining our plans to gradually relax the restrictions in church. We want everyone to feel safe coming in to our buildings. If you have any concerns, please chat to one of the clergy team.

## **Cook Stars in the Summer at St Thomas'**

As part of our outreach to help support families during the Summer holidays we are working with local children's cooking workshop provider, *Cook Stars*, to offer Friday morning sessions during the holidays. These are aimed at children aged 5-11 years. Sessions begin with breakfast before children learn how to make something healthy and tasty for their lunch, some craft and quiz activities then follow before lunch and home time. Information can be found on our Facebook pages.

## **School Holiday Lunch Bags**

We are pleased to be able to provide free lunch bags for school-aged children during the holidays for families finding things difficult. These can be requested/booked/referred via Fr Andrew (07460 8994451).

## **Prayers**

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. ([frdavidstephenson@gmail.com](mailto: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 mission of the Church to reach out in love to all in any kind of need and to bring God's peace and care to those in difficulty.

For the freedom of all people regardless of race, gender, sexuality or religious affiliation.

For the outreach of our parishes during the Summer, that God will continue to shine a light on the path we should follow.

For all facing endings and new beginnings at the end of the academic year.

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Wynne, Lizzie, Janet, Allister, Betty, Derek, Asia, Graeme, Shirley, John, Rita, Mother Enid, Margaret, Philip, Clarice, Connie

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.*