

Sunday 24th July 2022

St James' Patronal Festival

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining via Facebook.

After the service, please join us for drinks and canapes in the Hall. Today we especially welcome Fr Clive Wylie, Incumbent of the Creakes Benefice and Rural Dean of the Burnham & Waslingham Deanery in the Diocese of Norwich, to preach for us.

We also welcome players from the Haslingden & Helmshore Brass Band to help accompany our hymns.

During this morning's special service we will be dedicated an image of Our Lady of Walsingham. Walsingham is a place very special to several of our church family. This image is given in thanksgiving for all who have travelled with us on pilgrimage both to Walsingham and here, in our own parish church, and are now at rest and peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205

First Reading Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

COLLECT *in the service sheet*

GRADUAL HYMN 175

Gospel Reading Matthew 20.20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her,

‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’ But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They said to him, ‘We are able.’ He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Following the prayers of intercession

Dedication of the image of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Let us listen to the Lord as he speaks to us:

Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. (*Matthew 7.7-8*)

Let us pray:

God in heaven, we praise you for sending your Spirit into our hearts to teach us to pray. Bless + this image of Our Lady of Walsingham and teach us to use it as an aid to sincere and devoted prayer. May we continue to seek you in prayer, to find you in holiness of life, and enter finally through the gates of heaven into the glory of eternal life.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN **484** *omitting * verse*

COMMUNION HYMN **471, 307**

POST COMMUNION *in the service sheet*

COMMEMORATION HYMN **208**

FINAL HYMN **478**

The Week Ahead & Information

Monday-Saturday

9.0 Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook page*

Tuesday 10am Eucharist at *St James'*
 12.0 Eat & Meet Lunch at *St James'*
 7.0 St James' PCC Meeting

Thursday 10.0 Eucharist at *St Thomas'*
 2.30 Thursday Friends & Food in *St Thomas' Hall*
 6.0 Wedding rehearsal at *St James'*

Friday 11.0 Funeral for Brenda Eastham RIP at *St Thomas'*

Saturday 1.0 Wedding of Jak & Charlotte at *St James'*

Next Sunday – 31st July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 Parish Eucharist at *St Thomas'*
 followed by coffee in the Refectory
11.15 Holy Baptism of Freya at *St Thomas'*
10.45 Parish Eucharist at *St James'*
12.30 Holy Baptism of Aston at *St James'*

Thursday Friends & Food Summer Fair

Thursday 11th August, 2.30-4.30pm, St Thomas' Hall & Grounds

Join us – even if you don't usually come – for a fun fair (not a funfair!) of games, a tombola, raffle and cake stall. We're raising money for St Thomas' defibrillator appeal. Afternoon tea included in a £5 donation. Nominal charges for other activities. Let us know you're coming and we'll make sure there's a Tea for you – Lin 07484 363902/Shirley 07946 596866

School Holidays Messy Church

Our *Tea, Toast & Tots* sessions have finished for the Summer but the team are holding a Messy Church Activity Session on Monday 1st August, 10-12.30 in church. This is aimed at primary school-aged children, with parents/carers and younger siblings. There will be story time, activities, worship and a pizza and ice cream lunch! The session will centre on the story of Zacchaeus thinking especially about inclusion. More information from Fr Andrew, Julie or Jill.

Heritage Open Days at St James', 9-11 September

We're celebrating weddings and christenings this year. If you have a wedding dress from a wedding at St James', St Stephen's or St John's (or even maybe elsewhere), or a christening gown, we'd love to borrow them for the weekend, with a photograph or two of the actual event. More information soon, but please have a think and a look!

Prayer Boards

Please to add names of people who need our prayerful support, or places/situations which are on your mind and in need of God's love.

Prayers

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

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Derek, Rachael, Mike, Jean, Stephen, Dorothy, Rachel, Ian, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Alec, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Maureen

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.*

