



20th September 2020
15th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 20

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri
Mon 21st September Matthew 9 vv. 9 – 13
Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Tue 22nd September Luke 8 vv. 19 – 21
10.00 am Deanery Chapter meets

Wed 23rd September Luke 9 vv. 1 – 6
Ember Day
5.30 pm Standing committee meets

Thu 24th September Luke 9 vv. 7 – 9

Fri 25th September Luke 9 vv. 18 – 22
Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer,
teacher of the faith, 1392; Lancelot
Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626

Sat 26th September Luke 9 vv. 43b – 45
Wilson Carlile, Church Army founder, 1942
5.30 pm Fr Steve: Ordination to the
priesthood, Exeter Cathedral
and online at
[www.facebook.com/CofEDevon/
live_videos/?ref=page_internal](http://www.facebook.com/CofEDevon/live_videos/?ref=page_internal)

Next Sunday: 27th September
16th Sunday After Trinity

Matthew 21 vv. 23 – 32

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist



Staying Safe

In view of the latest restrictions, please remember the importance of government and Church of England guidance on wearing a face covering in church to protect others. The face covering should be over your nose and mouth and fit securely against the sides of your face.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



Christian host families:
10th October to 23rd July

- Provide a home for an intern
 - Support, pray, journey with the intern
- £85 per week for rent and food plus support to build a great relationship

Contact Sue Wilson: 01392 410530
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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Jonah 3 v. 10 - 4 v. 11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'



Psalm 145

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

Second Reading: Philippians 1 vv. 21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 20 vv. 1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Regular Delivery

Each week since March, a small team has delivered a printed copy of the bulletin to those who do not have access to the internet. With shorter evenings and the onset of autumn this burden is weighing heavier. could you help to ease the burden by taking on small weekly distribution round? Or do you now have internet access and the electronic copy? Please contact the parish office.

Update on the Hall

With a booking by the Police for three days a week, the hall is now open again, although choirs, dance groups and fitness classes cannot be accommodated at present. If you know of a group that might wish to use any of the remaining 3-hour slots, please contact the parish office.



Magazine Distribution

Many thanks to all who helped with the collation and delivery of the latest issue of *Contact* magazine. Your efforts ensured that the new magazine was distributed efficiently and reliably to the whole parish. The next issue of the magazine will be available at the end of November.

Data Recording for Your Safety

For the purpose of NHS Test and Trace, congregation members' names as well as arrival and departure times are being noted for each service. These details will be kept securely and deleted after 21 days. Names and telephone numbers will be shared only with NHS Test and Trace on request by the same, if necessary to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.



