



25<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
 Last Sunday After Trinity  
 Bible Sunday

St James' Church  
 www.stjamesexeter.org Exeter

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**No visitors at present**

Charity register number: 1128877

**Notices**

**Resumption of Services**

After a brief interlude, Sunday services and Morning Prayer have resumed. Three-weekly attendance at the Parish Eucharist continues on the basis of the existing rota.

**Our St James' Family Finances**

After COVID-19 our finances are £9,000 worse than expected. The hall revenue is starting to recover and the diocese has agreed to a reduction in our payments. We pray that we will break even by the year end.

**Collect**

***Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

**Post-Communion Prayer**

***God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 3 vv. 10 – 17

Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664  
 Alfred, king, scholar, 899

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 13 vv. 18 – 21

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October** John 15 vv. 17 – 27

Simon and Jude, apostles  
 5.30 pm Standing committee meets

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 13 vv. 31 – 35

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October** Luke 14 vv. 1 – 6

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> October** Luke 14 vv. 7 – 11

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

**Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**All Saints** Luke 6 vv. 20 – 31

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

**A Safe Place for All**

Please move directly to your seat when you arrive in the church, wear your face covering throughout the service and maintain social distance of two metres (around 6'6", the height of John Cleese).



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: Nehemiah 8 vv. 1-4 & 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. [...] So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3 vv. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 24 vv. 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

