



8th November 2020
Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday Before Advent

St James' Church
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Contact Magazine

The next issue of our magazine is now being compiled. If you can help with distribution, please contact Tim Bayton (07743 066225, tim@timbayton.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Attendance at Church

In the light of the new restrictions from this week, services have been suspended and the church building is closed at present. Please continue to pray for and keep in touch with one another (1 Thessalonians 5 vv. 16 – 18).

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Concluding Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

During these unusual times, weekly recorded services remain available online or on DVD. Please contact the parish office for details.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 9th November Luke 17 vv. 1 – 6

Margery Kempe, mystic, c.1440

10.30 am Fr Steve: Interment of ashes of Betty Rawle

Tue 10th November Luke 17 vv. 7 – 10

Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461

Wed 11th November Luke 17 vv. 11 – 19

Martin, bishop, c. 397

5.30 pm Standing Committee meets

Thu 12th November Luke 17 vv. 20 – 25

Fr Steve: Diocesan study day

Fri 13th November Luke 17 vv. 26 – 37

Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836

Sat 14th November Luke 18 vv. 1 – 8

Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796

Next Sunday: 15th November

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Matthew 25 vv. 14 – 30

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6 vv. 12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 6 vv. 17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Psalms 70

O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame. But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord.' As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4 vv. 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25 vv. 1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

