



15th November 2020
2nd Sunday Before Advent

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

We welcome the Rev Sarah Cumming as our preacher today.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 16th November Luke 18 vv. 35 – 43
Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093
Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1293

Tue 17th November Luke 19 vv. 1 – 10
Hugh, bishop, 1200

Wed 18th November Luke 19 vv. 11 – 28
Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231

Thu 19th November Luke 19 vv. 41 – 44
Hilda, abbess, 680
Mechtild, Béguine, mystic, 1280

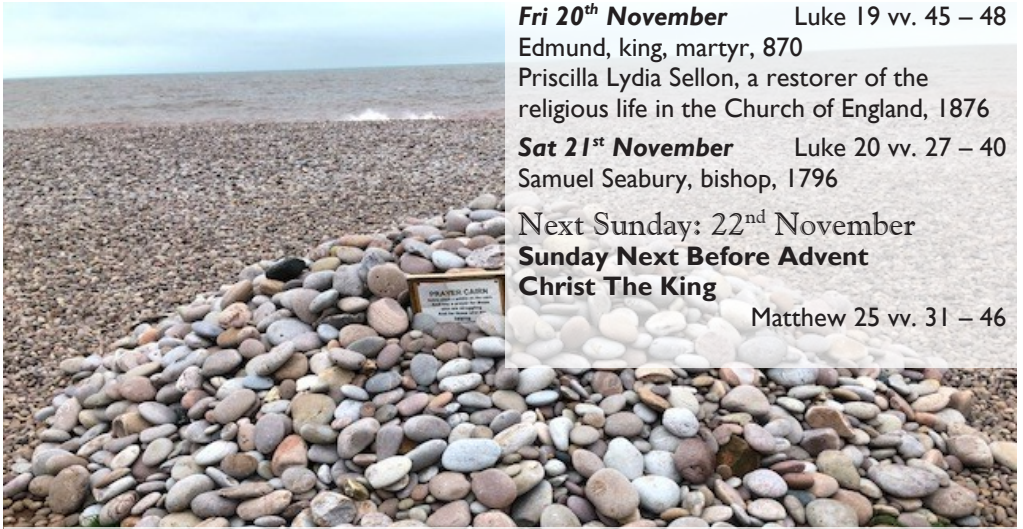
Fri 20th November Luke 19 vv. 45 – 48
Edmund, king, martyr, 870
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of the religious life in the Church of England, 1876

Sat 21st November Luke 20 vv. 27 – 40
Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796

Next Sunday: 22nd November

Sunday Next Before Advent
Christ The King

Matthew 25 vv. 31 – 46



Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: Zephaniah 1 vv. 7 & 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90 vv. 1-12

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.' For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night. You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation. You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. When you are angry, all our days are gone; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are three score years and ten, or if our strength endures, even four score; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they soon pass away and we are gone. Who regards the power of your wrath and your indignation like those who fear you? So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 vv. 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 25 vv. 14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Notices

Contact Magazine Needs You!

The next issue of our magazine will be arrive this week but there are still some roads to which nobody has yet volunteered to deliver. If you can help , please contact Tim Bayton (07743 066225, tim@timbayton.co.uk).



Recorded Services

Would you like to contribute to our online services? More volunteers are needed to lead us in intercessions and the Lord's Prayer, and to offer a welcome at the beginning. To join the fun or if you would like to find out more before committing yourself, please contact the parish office.

Attendance at Church

The church building remains closed at present. However, weekly recorded services remain available online or on DVD. Please contact the parish office for further information or to request a DVD.



Message from Sue Pinn

A big thank you to all who sent cards and flowers and for holding me in your prayers whilst I have been poorly. It is good to be back at work again for a few hours a week.



**THE BIGGEST FESTIVE
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Some of the contributors to the celebration include:



2020 has been an interesting year but that doesn't mean Christmas is cancelled. The first ever South West Carols event will be a celebration of all the GOOD things that take place at this wonderful time of the year, as we remember the reason for the season.

So, grab a cup of hot cocoa, dig out that box of chocolates, get toasty by the fire and invite your friends to join you for this evening of celebration!