



27th December 2020
1st Sunday of Christmas

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Notices

Avoid the Chill!

To attend a service, please book your place in advance and remember to dress warmly, as the heating cannot be used at present.

Catch Up

Did you miss the online/DVD Christmas services? Don't worry! They are all still available. The Nativity and the carol service are particularly good this year. Many thanks to Jim Weeks for his hard work in putting them together so professionally.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 28th December Matthew 2 vv. 12 – 18
The Holy Innocents

Bank Holiday: No Morning Prayer

Tue 29th December John 21 vv. 19b – 25
John, apostle, evangelist

Wed 30th December Luke 2 vv. 36 – 40

Thu 31st December John 1 vv. 1 – 18
John Wycliff, reformer, 1384

Fri 1st January Luke 2 vv. 15 – 21
Naming and circumcision of Jesus

New Year's Day

Bank Holiday: No Morning Prayer

Sat 2nd January John 1 vv. 19 – 28
Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus,
bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389

Seraphim, monk, spiritual guides, 1833

Vedenayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop,
evangelist, 1945

Next Sunday: 3rd January

Epiphany

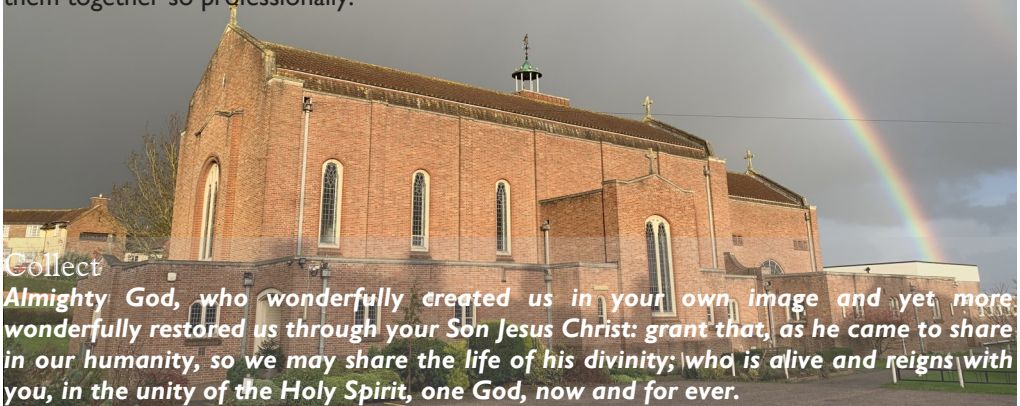
Matthew 2 vv. 1 – 12

8.00 am

Holy Communion

10.00 am

Parish Eucharist



Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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: Isaiah 61 v. 10 - 62 v. 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing; kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord. For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven. He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Galatians 4 vv. 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2 vv. 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

