



7th February 2021
2nd Sunday Before Lent

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Notices

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is our register of electors, the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting in the elections for the Parochial Church Council and for the representatives of the parish on the Deanery Synod. If your name is not already included or if you are unsure, please contact the parish office for a form; this will need to be returned by Sunday 28th February.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

Every year, St James' gives a set percentage of its income to various charities. The charities for our giving in 2021 will be decided at the next meeting of the PCC. To suggest at charity and for information about how to make your proposal, please contact the parish office this week.

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 8th February Mark 6 vv. 53 – 56

Tue 9th February Mark 7 vv. 1 – 13
11.00 am Fr Henry & Fr Steve:
Supervision meeting

Wed 10th February Mark 7 vv. 14 – 23
Scholastica, abbess, c. 543
10.30 am Fr Henry: Reflective practice

Thu 11th February Mark 7 vv. 24 – 30

Fri 12th February Mark 7 vv. 31 – 37
1.30 pm Fr Henry: Funeral of Jeremy
Blake, St Peter's Chapel,
Exeter Crematorium

Sat 13th February Mark 8 vv. 1 – 10
10.00 am Fr Steve: Reflective practice

Next Sunday: 14th February

Sunday Next Before Lent

Mark 9 vv. 2 – 9
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Proverbs 8 vv. 1 & 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? [...] The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Second Reading: Colossians 1 vv. 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading: John 1 vv. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know



him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.