



28th February 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent

St James' Church
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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Notices

Annual Parish Meetings

2 churchwardens and 4 PCC members will be elected at these online meetings on Sunday 21st March from 12.00 noon. Please contact the parish office if you would like to serve or to find out more.

Becoming an Eco-Church

All are welcome to this talk online on Wednesday 10th March at 7.00 pm. Login details will be available via the parish office.

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord 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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 1st March

Luke 6 vv. 36 – 38

David, bishop, patron of Wales, c. 601

2.00 pm Lent course online

Tue 2nd March

Matthew 23 vv. 1 – 12

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

10.00 am Deanery Chapter meets

11.00 am Coffee with the Curate

Wed 3rd March

Matthew 20 vv. 17 – 28

9.45 am Fr Henry: Lent talk for clergy with Bishop Robert

11.00 am Fr Steve: Funeral of Sylvia Gloyne

2.00 pm Fr Henry: Reflective practice

Thu 4th March

Luke 16 vv. 19 – 31

Fri 5th March

Matthew 21

vv. 33 – 43 & 45 – 46

Sat 6th March

Luke 15 vv. 1 – 3 & 11 – 32

Next Sunday: 7th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

John 2 vv. 13 – 22

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Genesis 17 vv. 1-7 & 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. [...] God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Second Reading: Romans 4 vv. 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8 vv. 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'