

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Blessed Virgin Mary St James' Church

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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website. If you would like us to keep in touch with you, please ask for a contact card to leave your details.

### Notices

#### **Book Your Slot**

A number of recent clashes have disrupted booked users of our buildings. If you need to come into the church or hall to rehearse, to prepare for services or for any other reason, please ensure that you book in advance with the parish office.

### The Way Ahead

These exciting times present us with a unique opportunity to review our activities as a Church. After the Parish Eucharist today, all are welcome at the open meeting in the church from 11.30 am to discuss the future for St James' as restrictions are lifted.

10.00 am MusicCommunion AnthemRecessional hymnOrgan voluntary

Music setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne) O Word Incarnate (by Orlando Gibbons) **Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord!** War March of the Priests (by Felix Mendelssohn)

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

This Week Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Online: Mon.Wed In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri Mon 16<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 19 vv. 16 – 22 Singers' rehearsal 7.00 pm Tue 17<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 19 vv. 23 - 30 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 20 vv. I – I6 12.00 noon Holy Communion Thu 19<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 22 vv. I - I4Fri 20<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 22 vv. 34 – 40 Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153 Catherine and William Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1890 & 1912 2.00 pm Fr Henry: St Paul's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium, Funeral of Penny Hurley

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> August Matthe

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Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity

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John 6 vv. 56 – 69
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8.00 am 10.00 am Holy Communion Parish Eucharist



### Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: Revelation 11 v. 19 - 12 vv. 6 & 10

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. [...] Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.'

### 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 1 vv. 46-55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### Post Communion Prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

