



22nd August 2021
12th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 16

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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.

Cards for sale

Unique notelets with envelopes. At only £2.00 for 5, these are useful for 'thank you' notes, condolences, congratulations, and more. Pick up a pack today, and leave your payment in the wall safe by the main door!



This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 23rd August Matthew 23 vv. 13 – 22
7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 24th August Luke 22 vv. 24 – 30
Bartholomew, apostle

Wed 25th August Matthew 23 vv. 27 – 32
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 26th August Matthew 24 vv. 42 – 51
4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 27th August Matthew 25 vv. 1 – ?
Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
10.30 am Churchwardens meet
6.00 pm Fr Henry: Wedding rehearsal

Sat 28th August Matthew 25 vv. 14 – 30
Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430
12.30 pm Fr Henry: Wedding

Next Sunday: 29th August
13th Sunday After Trinity

Mark 7 vv. 1 – 8, 14 – 15 & 21 – 23

Preacher: Fr Brian Tubbs

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

10.00 am Music

Recessional hymn

Organ voluntary

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Music setting: *Mass of St Thomas* (by David Thorne)

City of God, How Broad and Far

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor (BWV 559)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Joshua 24 vv. 1-2a & 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, [...] 'Now therefore revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Second Reading: Ephesians 6 vv. 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.



Psalms 34 vv. 15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them. He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. But evil shall slay the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.



Gospel Reading: John 6 vv. 56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Notices

Contact Magazine Distribution

More help is needed for this vital part of our mission to the parish, bringing Jesus into the homes of our neighbours. Can you spare half an hour or so in early September? Please speak to Tim Bayton today, if you are able to take a few magazines to deliver

Book Group

From 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21st September the group will meet to discuss *The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden* by Jonas Jonasson. To find out more or for venue details, please contact Jill Mather or the parish office.

Sunday Evening Services: 6.00 pm

The first of our regular evening services on the 3rd Sunday of the month will take place on Sunday 19th September. Evening Prayer with Benediction will take place on the 1st Sunday of the month from Sunday 3rd October. All are welcome at these gentle times of refreshing at the end of the day.

Craft Group

After a long break, the group will meet again in person on Friday 3rd September. For only £1.00 each, including refreshments and a raffle, all are welcome at this monthly get-together in the committee room. Needles, wool and knitting patterns can be provided, or feel free to bring own project.

Harmony for All

Although numbers are depleted today, largely because of holidays, rehearsals continue every Monday evening. Would you like to join us? No previous choral experience is required and it is certainly not essential to be able to read music, as practice tracks are circulated well in advance, before rehearsals. If you would like to join the singers, please speak to Tim Bayton or contact the parish office.



John Coleridge Patteson was born in Feniton, served his curacy at Alphington and was ordained priest at Exeter Cathedral in 1854. He was later consecrated as the first Bishop of Melanesia. As a part of our international giving, St James' has supported the Melanesian Mission UK for many years.



PATTESON 150 FESTIVAL DAY & AGM

You are invited to

MMUK'S FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM

with the Archbishop of Canterbury
at Exeter Cathedral

ON SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Cathedral will be open from 10.00 am for viewings of the Patteson exhibition and the Eucharist will be at 12.00 noon.

At 2.00 pm, guest speakers will include Bishop Willie Pwaisiho and Revd Richard Carter, who will speak on the legacy of Patteson, and Marie Schlenker and Kate Pwaisiho, who will talk about faith and science in the care of creation. These will be followed by the AGM, which will finish at 4.30 pm.

RSVP by Wednesday 1st September to:
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