



29th August 2021
13th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 17

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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time and Fr Brian Tubbs, who is our preacher today. 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.

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Offertory hymn 167 For the Beauty of the Earth

Recessional hymn 565 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Organ voluntary Allegro Maestoso (by G Merkel)

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 30th August Luke 4 vv. 16 – 30

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

Bank Holiday: No Morning Prayer

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 31st August Luke 4 vv. 31 – 37

Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

7.00 pm Messy Church helpers meet

Wed 1st September Luke 4 vv. 38 – 44

Giles, hermit, c. 710

12.00 noon Holy Communion

5.00 pm Standing committee meets

7.30 pm Licensing of the Rev Carl Robinson at St Boniface

Thu 2nd September Luke 5 vv. 1 – 11

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 3rd September Luke 5 vv. 33– 39

Gregory the Great, bishop, 604

Sat 4th September Luke 6 vv. 1 – 5

Birinus, bishop, 650

10.00 am Baptism rehearsal

Next Sunday: 5th September

14th Sunday After Trinity

Mark 7 vv. 24 – 37

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4 vv. 1-2 & 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. [...] You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Second Reading: James 1 vv. 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7 vv. 1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' [...] Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. [...] For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'