



23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

St James' Church  
www.stjamesexeter.org Exeter

A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. Please make yourself known to Fr Henry, Fr Martin, the churchwardens or the sidespeople, or complete a contact card from the table at the back and leave it in the box. Today, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are especially pleased to welcome Major Robert Elliott from the Salvation Army as our preacher.

If you would like a large-print copy of the bulletin, service card or hymns, please ask the sidespeople. Sheet music is available for the hymns and Mass setting, and there is a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.

### JAM (Jesus and Me) and 11-Ups

Our young people are enjoying fellowship in the hall and will join us later.



10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn** 249

**Offertory hymn** 452

**Recessional hymn** 354

*Organ Voluntary*

*Music setting: Inwood et al.*

**Hark, the Glad Sound!**

**My God, How Wonderful You Are**

**Jesus Shall Reign**

*Chorale Prelude on 'Vom Himmel hoch' (by J S Bach)*

### Rector

Fr Henry Pryse 01392 431297

*Day off: Thursday*

### Assistant Priest

Fr Martin Poolton 01392 477488

*Day off: Saturday*

### Assistant Curate

Fr Steve Turner 01392 670022

*On placement until 6<sup>th</sup> February*

### Parish Office

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Charity register number: 1128877

### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 3 vv. 22 – 30

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> January** Matthew 19 vv. 27 – 30

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> January** Luke 10 vv. 1 – 9

12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 27<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 4 vv. 21 – 25

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 4 vv. 26 – 34

3.15 pm Funeral of Eileen Huxham

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 4 vv. 35 – 41

Next Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> January

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Luke 2 vv. 22 – 40

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

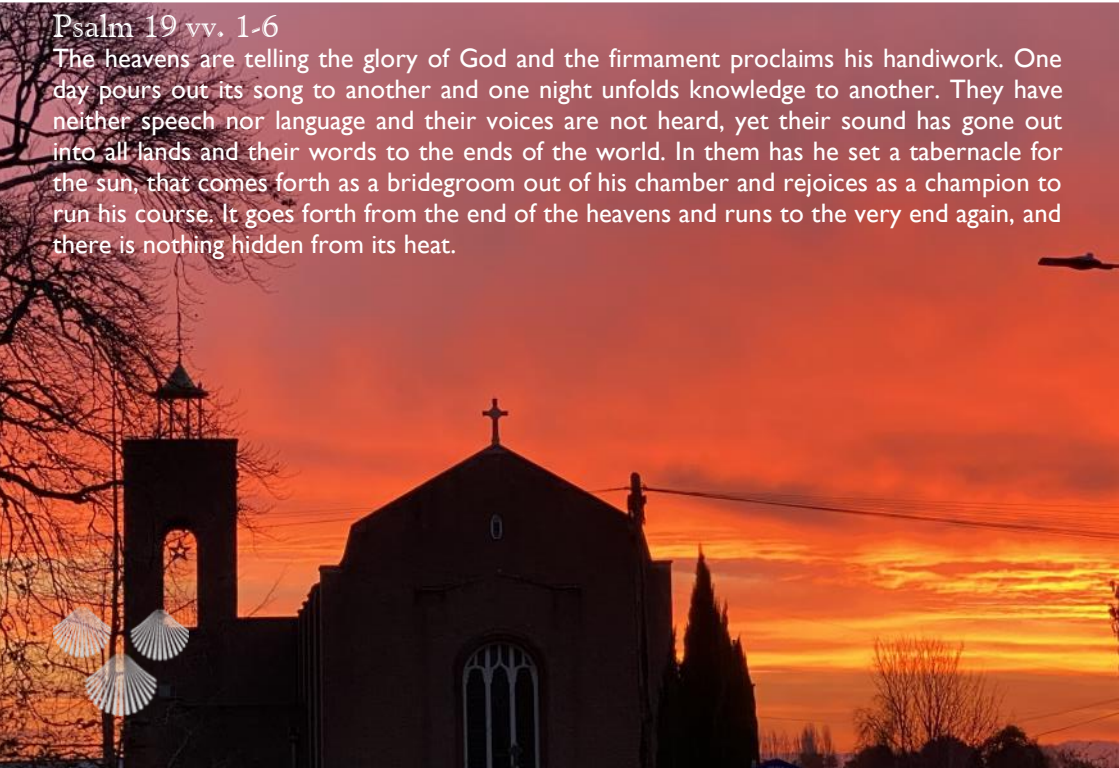
***Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

## First Reading: Nehemiah 8 vv. 1-3, 5-6 & 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. [...] And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. [...] So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

## Psalm 19 vv. 1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.



## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 vv. 12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 4 vv. 14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'



## Post Communion Prayer

***Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***



### Did You Know...?

Morning Prayer is said from 8.30 am to 9.00 am every weekday: in church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; online on Mondays and Wednesdays. Want to know more about it? Talk to Joan Ridgway!



Greetings cards, 'thank you' notelets or gifts: these high-quality cards with envelopes feature the 'Compassion' sculpture inside St James' Church and are available at only £2.00 for a pack of 5.

## Notices

### Voluntary Administration

To share the load, could you spare some time to help answering queries, sending booking confirmations, issuing invoices, organising cleaners etc. for the hall? This task has become too much for the volunteers who are undertaking it at the moment. Please contact Nigel Ridgway if you can help.

### A Throw-Away Line?

Swing bin bases are needed for the hall and kitchen. If you are replacing one, perhaps because it has a broken top, could we have the base please? Speak to Nigel Ridgway or contact the parish office.

### Making St James' Beautiful

The church and gardens are kept so beautifully that you might think you are seeing miracles. Far from it: dedicated teams look after the flower arrangements, gardens and grounds week by week. If you would like to join them, Liz Holland or Patricia Snell would love to hear from you.



### St James' Singers

This small part of the congregation is pleased to augment our worship with harmony on Sunday mornings. There is no pressure to commit to singing every week and the group is open to all: practice tracks are provided to help with learning harmonies. However, more tenor and bass voices would help to ensure balance. To find out more, talk to Tim Bayton or any of the singers.

### A Dramatic Presentation

Next Sunday, for the feast of Candlemas, the young people will perform a dramatised version of the gospel, telling the story of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. After the disappointment of cancelling the nativity play last month, this will be an opportunity to see some of the costumes more often encountered in December.



### 11-Ups

Our young people who have moved into double figures are now enjoying meeting up again. Following a few social events before Christmas, the hall stage and the Committee Room have become the place to be on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am. Their activities are mainly practical and devised by the young people. There is also plenty of time to chat and enjoy being together. If you have reached the great age of 10, come and see what goes on here!

### Book Group

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the group will meet at 7.30 pm to discuss *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong. For further details, speak to Jill Mather: new members are always welcome.

### First Aid

Congratulations and many thanks to the ten people who passed the first aid course last week and are now available as first aiders at St James' in case of an emergency.