



4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

St James' Church  
www.stjamesexeter.org Exeter

**Rector**

Fr Henry Pryse 01392 431297  
*Off duty: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday*

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Martin Poolton 01392 477488  
*Day off: Saturday*

**Assistant Curate**

Fr Steve Turner 01392 670022

**Parish Office**

Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter. EX4 7AH.  
01392 420407. office@stjamesexeter.org  
Charity register number: 1128877

**Notices**

**Christmas Refreshments**

There will be no refreshments after the Parish Eucharist on 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January. To join the rota in 2023, please speak to Charlotte Payne.

**Decorating for Christmas**

To help with decorating the church, please come on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Cash donations for flowers are also welcome: please see Liz Holland, Pat Snell or a churchwarden.

**Advent Wreath Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love.*

**Collect**

*O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.*

10.00 am Music

**Entrance hymn** 249 **Hark, the Glad Sound!**  
**Offertory hymn** 513 **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**  
**Recessional hymn** 400 **Long Ago, Prophets Knew**

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am  
Online: Mon, Wed  
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> December** Luke 5: 17 – 26  
7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 18: 12 – 14

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11: 28 – 30  
12.00 noon Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Messy Church

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11: 11 – 15

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11: 16 – 19

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 17: 10 – 13

**Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** Matthew 11: 2 – 11  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
3.00 pm Induction of the Rev Jayne Taylor at Southernhay United Reformed Church  
4.00 pm Christingle

**TODAY**  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## First Reading: Isaiah 1: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## Psalm 72: 1-7 & 18-19

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people. May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. [...] Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever. May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.



## Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



## Post-Communion Prayer

***Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***



## The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)

In memory of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a flowering cherry tree (*Prunus Kanzan*) will be planted in the northeast corner of the church grounds, near Prince Charles Road. The PCC hopes that a reasonably mature tree will be professionally planted, marked with an approved QGC plaque, and blessed in mid-January 2023. If you wish to make a donation towards the estimated £900 cost of this, please send your payment to St James Parochial Church Council (account number 04716787, sort code 56-00-49, reference "The Queen").



Zion hört die Wächter singen,  
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,  
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.  
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,  
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,  
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.  
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,  
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!  
Hosianna!  
Wir folgen all  
Zum Freudensaal  
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

*Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
Her heart leaps for joy within her,  
She wakes and hastily arises.  
Her beloved comes from heaven in splendour,  
Strong in grace, mighty in truth,  
Her light becomes bright, her star rises.  
Now come, precious crown,  
Lord Jesus, Son of God!  
Hosannah!  
We all follow  
To the hall of joy  
And come to the Lord's Supper together.*