



27th August 2023
12th Sunday After Trinity

St James' Church
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Notices

Clipboards Needed

One of the activities at Messy Church on Wednesday 6th September requires the use of clipboards. Would you be willing to lend one (or more) for the occasion. Please leave it/them at the back of the church.

Come and Sing!

The choir is enjoying a well-earned rest and will return next Sunday. Rehearsals resume tomorrow. If you or someone you know would like to join the singers, please get in touch with Tim Bayton.

Quiet Day

If you would like to join the quiet day at Mill House Retreats on Saturday 16th September with the Rev Sally Dakin, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or send an e-mail to quietday@btinternet.com.

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 675
Offertory hymn 622
Recessional hymn 12

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life
The Church's One Foundation
All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

This Week

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

Mon 28th August Matthew 23: 13 – 22
Public Holiday: No Morning Prayer
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 29th August Matthew 14: 1 – 12
6.00 pm Standing committee meets

Wed 30th August Matthew 23: 27 – 32
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 31st August Matthew 24: 42 – 51
7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 1st September Matthew 25: 1 – 13
2.00 pm Craft group
6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

Sat 2nd September Matthew 25: 14 – 30
12.00 noon Holy Matrimony

Next Sunday: 3rd September

13th Sunday After Trinity
Matthew 16: 21 – 28
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm Celebrate Together
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

First Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.



Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.