



16<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity

St James' Church  
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**Rector**

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**Notices**

**Summer Fête**

This annual bonanza will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the church. To offer help, especially with running stalls on the day, please speak to Rachel Martindill.

**TODAY**  
6.00 pm Choral Evensong

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June** Matthew 5: 38 – 42

10.15 am Holy Communion,  
The Old Rectory

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> June** Matthew 5: 43 – 48

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June** Matthew 6: 1 – 6 & 16 – 18

12.00 noon Eucharist

6.00 pm Standing Committee

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> June** Matthew 6: 7 – 15

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June** Matthew 6: 19 – 23

11.30 am Funeral of  
Dame Margaret Wheeler

2.00 pm Craft Group

7.30 pm Exeter Chamber Choir  
concert

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June** Matthew 6: 24 – 34

3.00 pm Ordination service, St Matt's

Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

Mark 4: 35 – 41

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



10.00 am Music

**Processional hymn** 460

**Offertory hymn** 622

**Recessional hymn** 446

*Music Setting: A New People's Mass (by Dom Gregory Murray)*

**New Ev'ry Morning is the Love**

**The Church's One Foundation**

**Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Collect

***Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 & 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [...] The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## Post-Communion Prayer

***O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.***