



8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity

St James' Church  
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Notices

**Harvest Supper**

The harvest supper will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6.30 pm. Please indicate your menu choice on the list at the back of the church. On the following day, we will celebrate harvest festival at the Parish Eucharist and there will be a Fairtrade stall in the hall.

**Save the Date**

A parish quiet day will take place at Mill House Retreats on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**Contact Magazine**

The magazines are here today. Many thanks to all who are helping with delivering our message to the parish; please pick up your bundle from the hall today.

**This Week**

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

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 6 – 11  
7.00 pm Choir practice  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 12 – 19  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 20 – 26  
12.00 noon Eucharist  
6.00 pm Standing committee meets  
**Thu 12<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 27 – 38  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September** Luke 6: 39 – 42  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September** John 3: 13 – 17

Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity**

Mark 8: 27 – 38  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
11.45 am Pastoral care team meets  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Collect

*God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.*

Post-Communion Prayer

*Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

10.00 am Music

**Processional hymn 550 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!**  
**Offertory hymn 300 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**  
**Recessional hymn 673 Thou, Whose Almighty Word**

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## Second Reading: James 2: 1-10 & 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [...] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So, she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

