



9<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Lent

St James' Church  
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### Rector

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### Notices

#### Roll Up, Roll Up

To remain on the electoral roll, even if you were on it before, you must complete a new form from the back of the church this month.

#### Basic First Aid Course

To register for this course on 1<sup>st</sup> March (9.00 am – 5.00 pm) please speak to churchwarden Rachel or contact the parish office. Cost: £15.

#### Lent with George Herbert

This course, at 2.30 pm on Tuesdays from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April, is led by Fr Tony Dickinson. Contact the parish office to book your place, or turn up on the day.

10.00 am Music

**Processional hymn** 273  
**Offertory hymn** 324  
**Recessional hymn** 306

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**  
**I, The Lord of Sea and Sky**  
**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

### Collect

***O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

***Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 6: 53 – 56  
7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 11<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 1 – 13

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 14 – 23

12.00 noon Eucharist

12.15 pm Friends Who Lunch

**Thu 13<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 24 30

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 7: 31– 37

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> February** Mark 8: 1 – 10

Next Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Third Sunday Before Lent**

Luke 6: 17 – 26

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 5: 1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

