



2nd March 2025
 Sunday Next Before Lent

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Notices

Pancake and Quiz Evening

St James' Guides invite you to join them for this event this Tuesday, 4th March, at 7.30 pm. A sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church. Cost: £5.

Big Brew

After the Parish Eucharist next Sunday, 9th March, there will be Fairtrade stall with refreshments in support of Transform Trade's 'Big Brew' campaign.

Lent with George Herbert

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

Lent Extra

Copies of this magazine, with 47 daily reflections and articles to help us as we journey through Lent to Easter, are available at the back of the church. Suggested contribution: £3.



Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Processional hymn 93

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Offertory hymn 60

Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

Recessional hymn 550

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 3rd March Mark 10: 17 – 27

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 4th March Mark 10: 28 – 31

2.15 pm Churchwardens meet

7.30 pm Pancake and Quiz evening with St James' Guides

Wed 5th March John 8: 1 – 11

12.00 noon Eucharist

7.00 pm Parish Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

Thu 6th March Luke 9: 22 – 25

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 7th March Matthew 9: 14 – 15

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 8th March Luke 5: 27 – 32

3.00 pm Celebration of 100th

Messy Church at St James'

Next Sunday: 9th March

First Sunday of Lent Luke 4: 1 – 13

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Since, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

