



6<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

St James' Church  
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### Rector

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### Church Decorating

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April is your chance to join the team between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. Alternatively, you may wish to donate cash via Pat Snell, Liz Holland or a churchwarden, or to give flowers/greenery on the day.

### Holy Week

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 pm	Eucharist
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Lent group
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 pm	Eucharist
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Chrim Mass at Exeter Cathedral
	7.00 pm	Parish Eucharist
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All-age service
	1.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Church decorating
	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

### Collect

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

10.00 am Music

**Processional hymn 649**  
**Offertory hymn 727**  
**Recessional hymn 389**

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

**The Royal Banners Forward Go**  
**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**  
**Lift High the Cross (omit verses marked \*)**

### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April** John 8: 1 – 11

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup> April** John 8: 21 – 30

10.30 am Funeral of Pam Miller,  
St Michael and All Angels,  
Heavitree

2.30 pm Lent course in the hall

6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April** John 8: 31 – 42

12.00 pm Eucharist

12.15 pm Friends Who Lunch

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup> April** John 8: 51 – 58

9.30 am Friends of Mount Pleasant  
Health Centre Easter Sale  
until 1.30 pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April** John 10: 31 – 42

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April** John 11: 45 – 57

**Next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> April**

### Palm Sunday

*Gospel of the Palms* Luke 19: 28 – 40

*Gospel of the Passion* Luke 23: 1 – 49

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist starting in hall,  
with procession to the church

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as a loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of this sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading: John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)



Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

### Post-Communion Prayer

***Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.***

**TODAY**

6.00 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction