



4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

St James' Church  
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### Big Cream Tea

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm we will offer free cream teas and provide a bouncy castle for children. To contribute scones/jam, please sign up at the back of the church. Cash donations towards bouncy castle costs are also welcome. Please speak to Liz Holland for more information.

### TODAY

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and  
Benediction

### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 22 – 29

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 30 – 35

6.00 pm Standing Committee meets

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 35 – 40

12.00 pm Eucharist

3.30 pm Messy Church

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 44 – 51

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 52 – 59

10.15 am Churchwardens meet

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May** John 6: 60 – 69

Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> May

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** John 10: 22 – 30

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

### Collect

***Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 9: 1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

**Processional hymn 228 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**

**Offertory hymn 10 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

**Recessional hymn 683 To God be the Glory**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

## Post-Communion Prayer

***Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***

