

14th March 2021 Mothering Sunday

St James' Church

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Rector

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Day off: Saturday

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Day off: Friday

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No visitors at present

Charity register number: 1128877

Notices

Annual Parish Meetings

2 churchwardens and 4 PCC members will be elected at these online meetings on Sunday 21st March from 12.00 noon. Please contact the parish office if you would like to serve or to find out more.

Memorial Book Update

To check the memorial book or have your loved ones included please contact the parish office with the relevant names and dates, so that the record can be updated accordingly.

Resurrection Celebration

Are you planning to come to church at Easter? Please remember that a booking system is in place for all four services: on Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday and both services on Easter Day.

Share the Good News!

More volunteers are urgently needed to deliver *Contact* magazine to our friends and neighbours in the parish from the end of this month. If you can help, please contact Tim Bayton or the parish office today.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 15th March John 4 vv. 43 – 54

2.00 pm Lent course online

Tue 16th March John 5 vv. 1 - 3 & 5 - 16

11.00 am Coffee with the Curate 6.00 pm Fr Henry: Meeting with a

spiritual directee

Wed 17th March John 5 vv. 17 – 30 Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland,

c. 460

9.45 am Fr Henry & Fr Steve: Lent talk

for clergy with Bishop Robert

2.30 pm5.30 pmFr Henry: Reflective practiceStanding committee meets

Thu 18th **March** John 5 vv. 31 – 47 Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386

Fri 19th **March** Matthew 1 vv. 18 – 25

Joseph of Nazareth

11.30 am Fr Henry: Clergy meeting

Sat 20th **March** John 7 vv. 40 – 52

Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

10.00 am Fr Steve: Reflective practice

Next Sunday: 21st March

Passion Sunday

John 12 vv. 20 – 33

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

The

Melanesian Mission UK

www.mmuk.net

The Church in Devon has a longstanding link with the

Diocese of Melanesia. Please continue to pray for our friends there.

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2 vv. 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Second Reading: Colossians 3 vv. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord lesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: John 19 vv. 25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

