

Around the Spire

**Saint James &
Saint Mary
Magdalene
Quedgeley &
Kingsway**



Harvest 
Thanksgiving
October 3rd
at 10.30am
Come and join
us!

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Your Editor Fr. Hugh



Time to Act!

Our future depends on it!

Climate change—global warming—floods —intense fires these are the signs of the times which capture the headlines of the media—and not without good reason ! For far too long so many people have had disregard for all that this means. ‘It’s not really that bad!’ - ‘It doesn’t affect us where we are’ - ‘There is nothing we can do about it—leave it to the experts!’

Of course the answer to all these statements are so far from the truth! YES! Of course we should care and be concerned because it can and will affect us all.

At the end of this month the world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for the COP26 climate talks. The Pope, Archbishop of Canterbury and leaders of the Orthodox churches have presented a joint message about how important this meeting is. They point out that time is running out for the future for us all and only the most drastic action can prevent this happening!

Let me give you an example from our own country. A church publication has made the point that each child we Baptise is likely to have a life expectancy of some 80 plus years. What changes will have occurred in that span of years?

Due to the global warming and severe melting of the ice caps it is likely that the area of East Anglia with its flat terrain will have been seriously reduced—what will happen for example to the cities of Norwich and Ipswich? Coming further west, the Bristol Channel will be more like an inland sea and Somerset, South of Gloucestershire as well as the Welsh coast will have been altered out of all recognition—no more day trips to Weston!

Yes—these and other predictions are frightening indeed, not just something out of a comic, but real and beyond our comprehension!

SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US? The threat to all living creatures and this includes the human race is something more than we have ever had to face! But why does this form my Editorial this month?

It is because this is our magazine with all its contacts can reach out to a far greater population, and we hope and pray that this will persuade people to respond as never before to this need for a response and way we can make a difference.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU THINK WE CAN ACT?

Father Hugh.

“What is that called?” and
“What is it for?”

By Revd. Fr. Ian Robb



During the Eucharist a variety of items is placed on the altar or handed to the priest who is officiating (“Celebrating”):

The **Ciborium** is a chalice-shaped vessel, but not as deep, and with a lid, used to contain the sacramental bread; it came into use in the Middle Ages. We have two in use at St James – the larger one for use during the service itself and a smaller one which holds the consecrated host in the Tabernacle (see *Sept. edition*) for the Communion of the Sick and for purposes of devotion.



The **Chalice** is the large cup which is used to contain the consecrated wine. There is only one cup on the altar because Our Lord Jesus used only one cup at the Last Supper, which he invited the Twelve to share. One cup demonstrates our unity in Christ and it reminds us that in the Eucharist it is not “just me making my Communion” but Christ himself feeding the whole Church. The earliest Christian chalices were probably made from glass, but gradually precious metals (often set with jewels) came into use. Sometimes the chalice is depicted as a bowl with two handles but no stem; by the time of the Reformation, when Communion was given as consecrated bread *and* wine, chalices had taken on the size and shape which we know today.



(We at St James understand that many people regret being unable to receive the consecrated wine at present; we await advice from our bishops as to when we may offer this in safety once again. In the mean time we do assure you that Communion in one kind is no less important.)

The **Paten** is a small plate, usually of silver, which holds a small amount of bread – usually enough for the celebrant alone, hence the need for a Ciborium. At the beginning of the Eucharist the paten is set on top of the chalice and then covered with a veil so as to keep the vessels clean. Sometimes the paten may be larger in size, with a foot attached and may be known as a “tazza” or in the Orthodox Church, a “diskos”.



Two glass (or, occasionally, silver) **Cruets** hold wine and water – because it was the Jewish tradition to add a little water to the cup of wine; water gives life to everything, including wine.



If you have been watching while the Offertory is taking place, you will have noticed that the celebrant's hands are washed. Usually one of the servers will be standing by with a small jug of water, a bowl, and a towel, for the action called the “**Lavabo**” - a Latin word meaning “I will wash” - the beginning of the prayer which the celebrant prays quietly : “I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, so that I may go about your altar”, in preparation for the holy act which is to follow – the consecration of bread and wine.

On special occasions, such as Christmas, Easter, and our Patronal Festival, we will offer incense at certain parts of the service. The vessel in which the incense is burnt is a **Thurible** (also called a censer). It contains hot charcoal and has a lid suspended by chains which enable it to be swung to release the scent of the incense, which is carried in an incense-boat. The smoke rising into the atmosphere is symbolic of prayer rising to heaven, and the censuring of the altar, the gifts, the clergy, and the congregation, symbolises the purifying action of fire.



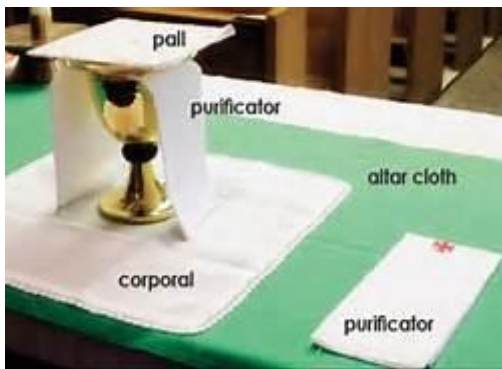
Incense has been used in the Church of England since the 16th century, and most widely since the Oxford Movement in the mid-19th century.

In days gone by, when churches were dimly lit and the Eucharist was celebrated at some distance from the congregation, and when many people did not possess their own service book – and literary skills were not as high as today – the **Sanctus Bell** was rung



at certain points in the service to focus people's attention. The offertory, the singing of “Holy, holy, holy”, the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, the lifting-up of the Consecrated Elements, and just before the distribution of Communion, are all points at which the bell may be rung.

You may also have noticed that several small items of linen are used at various times. Before the chalice is placed on the altar, the celebrant will unfold a large square called the **Corporal** – from the Latin “corpus – a body”. In the early days of the Church, this cloth was used to carry away the



consecrated Host after the service as Communion was taken to those too ill to be in church. The chalice is covered with a **Pall** to keep all impurities out, and after Communion the chalice is rinsed with water and cleansed with a **Purificator** before being removed from the altar. All this is done to preserve not only levels of hygiene but also levels of reverence for this most special act, when Christ comes to His people again.

To be continued...people, books, musicand anything you care to ask!

Fr. Ian

Being an Altar server

Could this be you?



Here at St. James we have a small team of servers who assist at our Eucharist services on Sundays. Since the beginning of the pandemic and the necessary restrictions of course, we haven't been able to worship in church as we always had before Covid. Initially we weren't able to attend church at all, then we could so long as we followed the rules and so for some time now we have had just one server. The good news is that we can now start to look at having a team of servers once more, initially a team of three, that is a crucifer (the one who carries the cross) and two acolytes (who carry the candles). We can then move on, when the time is right, to having a server and Sub Deacon when needed and occasionally a Thurifer and boat person on special occasions.

My question to you is, have you ever considered joining our team on Sunday mornings?? If the answer to that is yes please let me know either by catching me after the service , by text or email (my contact details are on the back page of the magazine) or speak to one of the clergy.

I've always considered it a privilege and a joy to serve in this way, maybe you will too.

Angela Hughes

Bishop visits Quedgeley

We were pleased to welcome Bishop Rachel who conducted our Sunday morning Eucharist on 19th September. Her message was well received and people remarked how approachable she is. We look forward to the appointment of new parish priest in the near future. - FH





Top award for Theresa!

In the foyer of Tesco there is a group of people with brightly coloured T shirts. They all have collecting buckets for a charity. In the midst of them a highly infectious laugh can be heard from one individual. It's Theresa Fisher, Community Champion of Tesco and like most weeks, since she accepted the role in 2016, she and her 'gang' can be seen drumming up support for one charity or another.

The role of a Tesco Community Champion states Tesco is '*to champion Tesco, whether that is in store with customers or colleagues or out in the community. They bring genuine benefits to their local area and help show how Tesco serve communities across the UK*'.



Theresa & husband Steve after receiving the BEM award

No one can deny that Theresa doesn't do this. In fact she does it in shed loads. Her employers should be very proud! For Theresa, being a 'Community Champion' is more than just a job, it has become a way of life. Even her family, Mum Shirley and husband Steve are roped in, either making cakes or putting up gazebos at the events she supports. On her days off Theresa can be seen purchasing and delivering groceries for those most vulnerable in our community or picking up prescriptions for her elderly customers.

Theresa's bubbly personality and 'can do' attitude has endeared her to many in this community. If money needs to be raised for a charity event or if there is a local community emergency, Theresa is never far away, always ready to assist in whatever way she can.

Her fund raising for charity is extensive - to name but a few – James Hopkins Trust, Mind, Cancer Awareness, Macmillan Cancer support and various children’s charities have all benefited through Theresa’s involvement. Her local Knit and Natter group created by Theresa and held regularly in the training room at Tesco, has not only produced vast quantities of high quality knitwear for sale, but also created a very much needed social activity for many local people.

Theresa is a great friend to St James’ supporting and helping (before the pandemic) our community groups, Chit Chat and Chatterbox.



Theresa herself says she feels *‘privileged to be meeting lovely people in the community and making a difference’*.

Theresa, it is us who feel privileged to have you living and working with us in our community. From the bottom of our hearts we can’t thank you enough for all the help and support you give to so many people in different ways. Your award is richly deserved. Congratulations to you and your family.

Theresa receiving the BEM from the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire

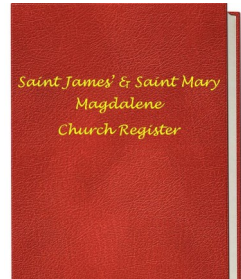
Jackie Hall

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

JUNE TO AUGUST

HOLY BAPTISM

June 4th HOPE AMOR LOVEYS
11th NIA ROSE ATKINSON
July 18th JACK ROGER STEPHEN COOK
August 1st HENRY JAMES WITT
15th LILIANNA-ROSE PEACH GODWIN
LEO GEORGE GODWIN



“WELCOME INTO THE LORD’S FAMILY”

HOLY MATRIMONY

August 7th JOSE ARMARDO FRANCO & ANDREA
MAXINE MORGAN
25th DAVID THOMAS HAYWARD &
DONNA HARDING
28th KEVIN DAVID LOWMAN &
SHARON JOAN GLADWIN

“THOSE WHO GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER”

FUNERALS

June 12th COLLEEN PATRICIA MOYSE
 14th WYN SUTCH
August 20th FRANK PEAT

“REST ETERNAL GRANT TO THEM O LORD”



Just to let you know we are opening up a new venture every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm –4pm. Called Tea@2. There will a selection of teas (coffee available) cakes and covered wrapped biscuits etc.

We hope that as many of you will join us. We are taking small steps forward to recovering our community groups and this is one of those steps! There will be ample opportunity to meet others, have a natter and perhaps take part in a quiz.

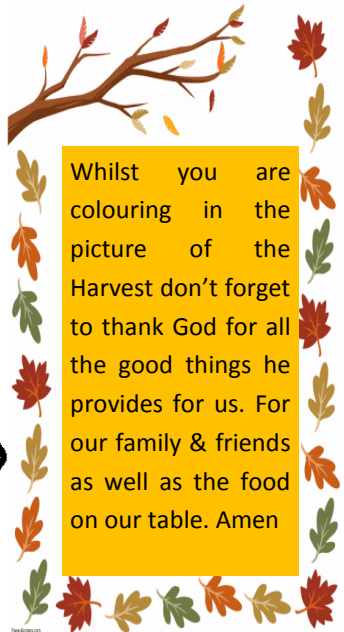
I do hope you will be able to join us. We begin on Wednesday 13th October 2pm in the church. Look forward to seeing you!

Everyone welcome!

Where are we this month?



 For our younger readers



Whilst you are colouring in the picture of the Harvest don't forget to thank God for all the good things he provides for us. For our family & friends as well as the food on our table. Amen

Come and join us!

Tea@2



Every Wednesday from October 13th

**Saint James' Church
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2pm—4pm**



Selection of teas and cakes! Coffee available.

Make new friends • Enjoy a natter and a cuppa • Board games & quizzes

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