

# ***AROUND THE SPIRE***



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**THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

**QUEDGELEY and KINGSWAY**

# ***PARISH PROGRAMME for August...***

## **HERE ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH**

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August, TRINITY 10: FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION**

**Parish Eucharist (said) 9.30am**

**S.T.J.'s Family Service & Praise 10.30am** with refreshments

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August, TRINITY 11: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Parish Sung Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children

Service of Thanksgiving for a child 1.00pm

### **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August, TRINITY 12**

**Parish Sung Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children

Holy Baptism 1.00pm

**Ploughman's Lunch and social gathering**

... at the home of Val and Bernard Harris, See Newsletter for details

### **SUNDAY 26<sup>nd</sup> August, TRINITY 13**

**Parish Sung Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children

Refreshment and social time after all Sunday morning services

Further details of weekday services and events are to be found in the WEEKLY NEWSLETTER published each Sunday. Copies are always available in the Church.

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## **? ? ? ? QUESTIONS TO THE EDITOR!**

A part of my ministry which I really enjoy is facing questions! When I get opportunity I love asking groups of young people to put their questions to me.

Of course I do not always know the answers, and have to admit this to the enquirer.

Recently I had such a session with our adult Confirmation group and they had some really important questions to ask of me. To some I was able to give an adequate answer, but not to all.

This has prompted me as the editor of this magazine, to give you this same opportunity. Please do respond with your questions – below are some examples of questions I have had put to me recently -

“What is a priest for?”

“If God created the world, who created God?”

“Do Roman Catholics worship Mary rather than Jesus?”

“Why are you called Father?”

So – does that set you thinking?

Please let me have your questions – either send via e-mail, post, phone or give to me directly when you see me.

I AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE WITH ENTHUSIASM!!

***Father Hugh – your Editor***

### ***ON A PERSONAL NOTE:***

*On Saturday September 29th I shall be celebrating 50 years as an ordained priest!*

By kind permission of the Dean & Chapter I shall be privileged to mark this by celebrating the Holy Eucharist in the Quire of the Cathedral at 12.30pm

It is my hope that many of you who are reading this will want to be with me to mark this occasion, and there will be a social gathering in the Chapter House after the service.

***Fr Hugh*** xx

# ***From the Rector***

## ***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

On the 7th July 2018, Saint James' experienced two wins that day. The first you'll all be aware of was England beating Sweden in the quarter final of the World Cup, the second was that our Summer Fayre took place on that day. The weather was brilliant – a little too hot for many, (me included) but we managed to raise over £3,000 towards the upkeep of the church.

For the people involved either as customers, helpers, or stall holders I can't thank you enough. This money will make an enormous difference to funds as we tackle aspects of the church's restoration. Thank you all!

As I write this many of you will be planning your summer holidays or already taking them. At Saint James' it is 'business as usual'. Our Morning and Evening prayers are said daily at 8.00am and 5.00pm. I don't know if you are aware, but we also hold a mid-week Eucharist service on Wednesday morning at 10.00am. For some, this may be more convenient than the Sunday service. Times of our daily services are on the notice board in the church yard and also in our monthly Parish Magazine; copies can be found in the church.

Our family services on the first Sunday of each month are proving more and more popular and I think this is largely due to our team of volunteers, who help make the morning fun and exciting! Each month has a different theme. Last month we heard about Jesus' disciple Doubting Thomas.

Do come and join us, the service is very informal and probably unlike any church service you've been to before! For more information about Saint James please visit our Website: [www.quedgeleynews.org.uk](http://www.quedgeleynews.org.uk) or

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintjameschurchquedgeley/>

With every blessing

***Fr John***

Parish Priest and Rector

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# ***A LITTLE BOY, A RAFFLE, A CASTLE, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT***

I have already spoken about our Summer Fayre held on the 7th July 2018, here at Saint James'. But here is a very true story about one of the hidden moments on that day which should remind us of the ever presence of the work and presence of God the Holy Spirit, present in our daily lives and in those hidden moments. This true story goes like this.....

We were preparing to draw the Big Raffle with its £100 first prize and all the prizes had been brought into the church ready for the public draw. All the prizes were placed on a table for all to see. As I waited to draw the first number a little boy came up to me and said he like very much one of the prizes displayed.

This prize was kind of Airfix model of a medieval castle and could he buy it? I had to explain to the 5-6 year old as best I could that they were part of a raffle and that a raffle ticket was needed. How much the tickets he asked – a £1, I replied. He was convinced that if he had a ticket he would win, his heart set on the castle.

“We all know that buying a raffle ticket does not necessarily mean that we will win a prize – but how do you explain this to a child...”

He put in his hand in his pocket and drew out a piece of folded paper which he offered as his idea of a £1. I had to say NO, I could not take it, even if it were a pound coin (to accept would not have been legal anyway as he was under age) and that perhaps next time he might be lucky – and with downcast eyes off he went.

There was nothing else I could do - I felt rotten!

The draw began and the little boy stood sadly watching as the prizes started to go one by one. I dug deep and fair for the next prize winner and my heart leapt a beat for joy when I read who had won – it was my own father, Fred Ward. I smiled and claimed my father's prize – The Medieval Castle... and was able to present the boy with his much desired castle which filled me with much joy and the people present with smiles and applause.

For me that was the presence of the Holy Spirt showing the love of God. I did not feel rotten anymore, but thanked God with all my heart. We all have felt disappointment in our lives about things we may have wanted and missed out on.

Jesus was speaking of the love and presence of God, and of spiritual things when he said “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you – Matthew 7 v7).But for me, and I'm sure for many in church on

that day, it was another witness to how God's presence can be seen day by day – if only we Ask, Seek and Knock.

I hope the little boy has built and is enjoying his castle.

Please don't tell my father!

***Fr John.***

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## ***FROM THE REGISTERS IN JUNE***

### **HOLY BAPTISM:**

10<sup>th</sup> June FRANKIE ADA EMERY  
ELLA MARIE SILLS

17<sup>th</sup> June ASHWYN ELIAS JAYES-BURGESS  
*"Welcome to the Lord's Family"*

### **HOLY MARRIAGE:**

30<sup>th</sup> June PHILIP HANCOCK and MICHELLE HOLLIST  
*"Those who God has joined together"*

### **FUNERALS:**

23<sup>rd</sup> June PATRICIA POLLARD (Committal of Ashes)

10<sup>th</sup> June ANN ROBERTS aged 82

11<sup>th</sup> June LUCILLE BLABER aged 73

*"Rest Eternal grant to them O Lord"*

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## ***Snippets... JOHN'S LUNCH***

John and his family are round to grandma's house for Sunday lunch. As soon as he gets his lunch, John starts. His mother scolds him saying "John, we normally pray before meals". John replies, "But we are at grandma's house today". His mother, puzzled, asks "What difference does it make?" "Grandma knows how to cook!"

# Saint James CHATTERBOX

*...time for fun!*



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## **Parent, Baby and Toddler 'Drop-in' St. James Church Quedgeley** **Every Tuesday 9.30am - 11.00am**

July is proving to be another busy month for us. We see some new faces every week. Unfortunately, we shall also be saying 'Goodbye' to some of our youngsters who will be starting school in September.

Theresa Fisher from TESCO's organised one of our weekly craft sessions with the children. They thoroughly enjoyed making paper flowers and replicas of the Hungary Caterpillar. During the morning we also welcomed our two new PCSO's in Quedgeley. We look forward to them popping in again!

We are taking a break during August and back again in September.

Keep up with our events and activities by visiting our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChatterbox/>



*Theresa from Tesco  
with Revd Jenny  
d'Esterre, Jackie Hall  
and the two new  
PCSOs for Quedgeley*

# SAINT JAMES' CHURCH AT WORK AND PLAY





# SAINT JAMES CHIT-CHAT

*Relax and meet new friends!*



**EVERY THURSDAY AT SAINT JAMES CHURCH**  
**QUEDGELEY 10.00AM - 12NOON FOR THE NOT**  
**SO YOUNG BUT YOUNG AT HEART!**

It's been a scorcher – weather wise, these last few weeks and numbers to the group have increased slightly. We always welcome new faces. We celebrated several birthdays last month with cake, cards and a little present from Chit Chat.

We shan't be closing for the summer break unlike Chatterbox and we look forward to welcoming more new faces. Do drop in - yummy homemade cake, sandwiches, tea /coffee, always available during the morning.

Chit Chat is open every Thursday morning from 10.00am -12noon. We are just around the corner from Tesco and you'll always be greeted with a warm welcome. So do come and join us!

If you would like more information on Chit Chat then please visit our website [www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk](http://www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk)

Give us a ring on 01452 721062 if you'd like more information.

Jackie



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## ***An Unusual View...***

One of the perks of being a bellringer is that you often get the opportunity to see parts of churches that aren't always open to the congregation or the public. One of those opportunities arose recently when I helped open the Cathedral tower for a visiting band of ringers. Whilst there I opened the roof to them, and the views on that summer afternoon were more spectacular than usual – with St James' church clearly visible in the distance.

However, what was more notable to me was the view below the tower – of the newly created Cathedral garden where the old car park used to be. Having watched the transformation over the past few months, with its evolving building work, the finished article – as all the barriers and fences have now been removed – is something that few can usually properly see...

What do you think...



*DaveF*

# **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

## **- LEMON CURD SHORTCAKE**

One 14" tin makes 24 large portions

### **Ingredients**

14oz plain flour  
14oz self-raising flour  
1lb block of margarine  
12oz sugar  
1lb jar of Lemon Curd

### **Method**

Mix both flours together thoroughly  
Rub the margarine into the flour mix  
Mix in the sugar  
Line the tin with baking parchment  
Put half of the mixture into the tin and gently firm down  
Warm the Lemon Curd to make it flow easier  
Spread the Lemon Curd over the shortcake base  
Spread the second half of the mixture on top and gently firm and  
make as level as possible  
Place in a moderate oven at 160 centigrade for 45 minutes  
Cut into portions while still hot and leave to cool

### **Serving suggestion**

Serve with custard, cream or ice cream

*With thanks to Jill Morrison*

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## **“Sits Vac...”**

If you would like to take part as one of our Bible-readers in church, please contact me (because Fr John has charged me with the task of compiling the rota of readers!)

*Fr. Ian*

## ***Help If We Can***

Really busy times for Help if we Can. After nearly a years planning the World War 1 Centenary Remembrance Tournament was held at Fishers Meadow (by kind permission of Quedgeley Town Council). On what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the summer so far (registered at 34 degrees) the Alacrity Naval Band from Portsmouth led a parade from Quedgeley Community Centre with Police Horses, Paramedic Motorcycles and a Fire Appliance from Gloucester (staff walking in front) along with some 40 Police Cadets, Fire Cadets and the Colours of the Gloucestershire Constabulary; Airborne Forces; South West Ambulance Service; the RNLI and the Colour Party from Alacrity to Fishers Meadow where they were met by a number of Mayors, the Shadow Spokesman on the Environment (David Drew MP), the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and many others including a fleeting visit by the Gloucester MP. The Chairman of Quedgeley Town Council, Councilor Graham Smith along with Hayley and Alexandra Kear (daughter and granddaughter of Help if we Can Chairman Steve Smith) preceded the parade in an open carriage (driven and owned by Kate Lewis from Catherine's Carriages) in order for him to be able to take the salute at the March Past near Severn Vale School. A really spectacular day including arena displays by police dogs, Armed Response Officers and Paramedics where the sailors, soldiers and airmen who served in World War 1 were remembered in song, prayers and readings including "Letters Home" by Chris Thompson, Brian Gazzard, Kim and Michelle Mazelin, and Marine Adams, all members of the Executive Committee of Help if we Can. The Drum Head Service was conducted by the Reverend John Ward who, even though not feeling well, turned out in the awful heat which in the end saw much activity curtailed including the Field Gun Run from Malvern. Several people felt the heat, one young Cadet fainted but a short while later was eating a burger so she was fine. The Cotswold Male Voice Choir and the band Gloucester Brass played and sang during the service, the Last Post and Reveille were played by the Band with 6 trumpeters playing, absolutely superb. We thank all those who attended and must not forget Alison Frusher and her Guide Leaders from Stroud for looking after the catering.

Our next big event is the Fun Day at Kingsway Sports Field (by ASDA) on Sunday 26th August from noon. This will embrace many stalls, a Dog Show and a Boot Sale. See you there.

*Steve Smith (bulldog.smith@btinternet.com)*

# ***“Times and Seasons”: The Christian Year***

**“For the Word of the Lord...”** - The orderly reading of Scripture is at the heart of Christian worship. We use the word “Lectionary” (Latin: to read) to describe the table of readings which we follow week by week and year by year. The Lectionary clothes the cycle of the Christian year with the stories which tell of the activity of the Divine and the human response to it and makes it possible for us to celebrate the mystery of faith more effectively. The lectionary we use today is shared by several other branches of the universal Church, so we are in step with Christian brothers and sisters around the world; it is wonderful to know that, for example, the gospel-reading we shared last Sunday was the same one being read not only in the Anglican churches in the United Kingdom, but in other parts of the Anglican Communion, in the world-wide Roman Catholic Church, and in the Methodist Church too. We can truly celebrate our essential unity in Christ.

Some of our readers will remember a time when the only official book of services which the Church of England used was the Book of Common Prayer, first published in 1662 and later revised in 1928. (The 1928 version never actually received the assent of Parliament but passed into widespread usage anyway; other books, not published by the Church of England, were used “unofficially”!) The table of readings in Common Prayer never changed from year to year, with the result that much of the Bible was never read at a Sunday Eucharist, and many of the saints' days were left unmarked. Some readers will also remember a time when many changes took place in our forms of worship; in the mid-1960's a set of services appeared called “Series 2”, followed in 1970 by “Series 3” - this was the first time since 1662 that we used contemporary language in worship, and was seen by many as a great step forward (especially the members of our General Synod who had worked so hard to bring the “new” services into being); although many worshippers had a high regard for the more poetic language of the old Prayer Book. In 1980 the “Alternative Services Book” was published, designed, as its title suggests, to stand alongside the Book of Common Prayer, so that congregations might have a greater choice.

While the process of revision was taking place, an international and ecumenical group was at work compiling a new lectionary for all participants to use. It was based on a lectionary published in 1969 by the Roman Church and

was published in 1992, and is the version we use today and is called the Revised Common Lectionary.

The compilers' aim was to use as much of the Bible as possible in public worship, and in order that this could happen it was published in a three-yearly cycle: Year A, Year B, & Year C, with each of the first three gospels taking a prominent place in a particular year, with the gospel of John being interspersed throughout all three. In addition to the readings for all the Sundays of the year, readings are included for all the saints' days and festivals. (The "major" saints have their own individual readings, while the "lesser" saints have readings in common. For example, if we are to celebrate the feast of St Columba of Iona, we will find him listed in the category of "Missionaries".

The clergy are often asked why we use the Old Testament in our worship when it is actually the Scripture of the Jewish community. The answer has much to do with the fact that the Christian Church grew out of the Jewish community and tradition; our oldest ancestors in the faith were children of Abraham and the Old Testament was the only Scripture which they possessed. Equally importantly, it is in the Old Testament that we find the promise that God will send his Messiah who will bring in the Kingdom of the New Israel. Therefore the Old Testament readings which we use are chosen to relate to the gospel readings set for a particular day. For example, we recently read in St Mark of Jesus sending out the twelve disciples to share in his work of teaching and healing; he warns them that they must expect to find both acceptance and rejection. The Old Testament reading which accompanied this one was from Ezekiel, where God calls him to be a prophet, promising to give him words to share, and also warning that his message will be rejected. The disciples of Jesus will therefore be in good company!

When our Lectionary was published, it was in the hope that that it might help the Church in the public proclamation of the Scriptures; that it might, through a greater variety, bring a freshness to our worship (by introducing passages we had not used before), and in the fact that it is shared among other branches of the Church, we rediscover our unity in Christ – a unity found in reading the Hebrew and Christian scriptures – the Word of God for every generation.

"For the Word of the Lord....Thanks be to God"

*To be continued... Fr. Ian*

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