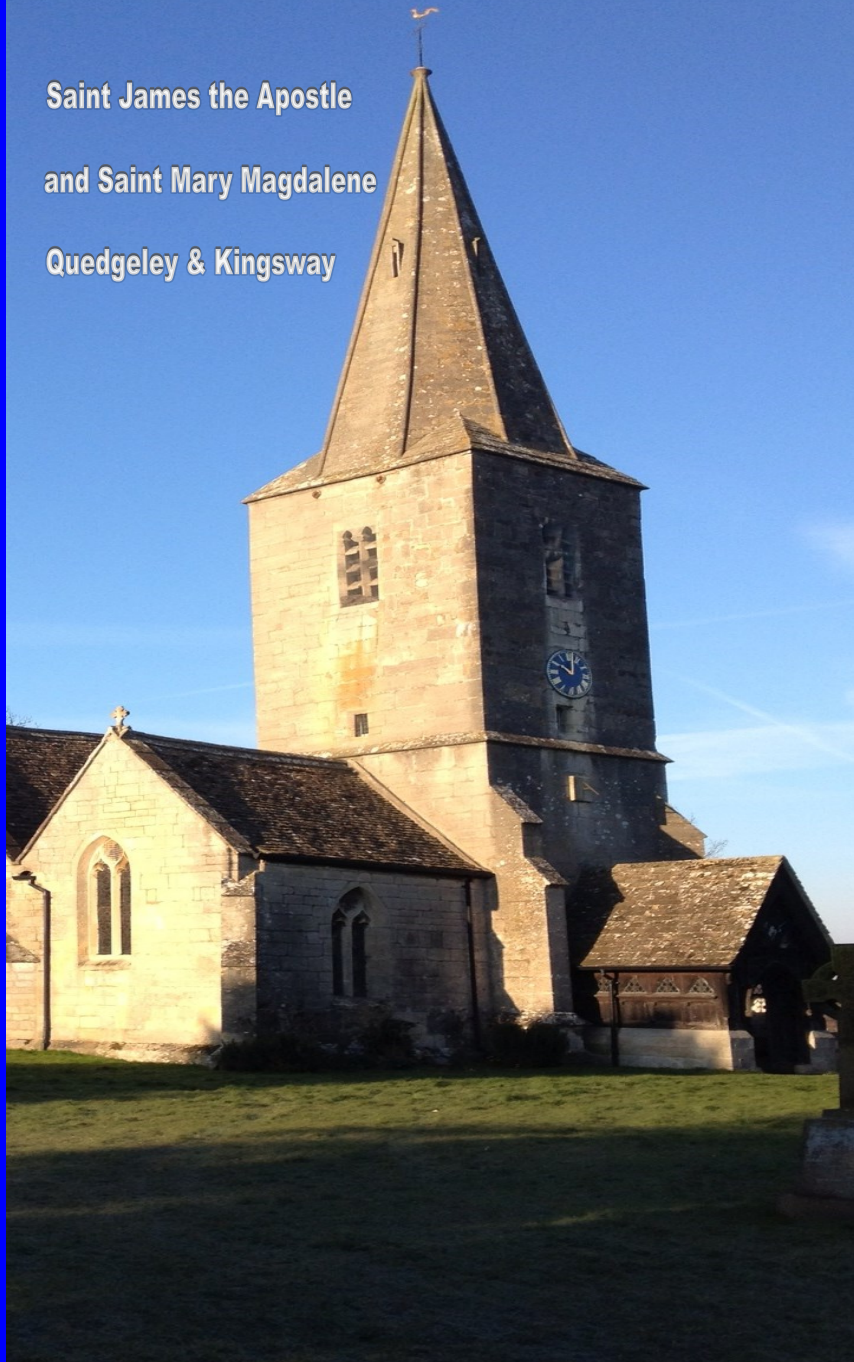


Around the Spire

Saint James the Apostle
and Saint Mary Magdalene
Quedgeley & Kingsway



July 2019 No 47

MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR JULY



SUNDAY 7th THIRD AFTER TRINITY
Parish Eucharist 9.30a.m. (said)
S.T.J. Service for all the family
with craft activities, stories
and special refreshments.

SUNDAY 14th FOURTH AFTER TRINITY
Parish Eucharist 10.30a.m.

SUNDAY 21st FIFTH AFTER TRINITY
Parish Eucharist 10.30a.m.

SATURDAY 27
Parish Day Outing to St David's

SUNDAY 28th PARISH PATRONAL FESTIVAL
10.30a.m. Eucharist and Procession in honour
of St James and St Mary Magdalene our
Patron Saints.
Dedication of our newly formed Baptism
ministry group.

Activities for children and refreshments at all Sunday services
For further activities and services please see our
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER published each Sunday and
available in Church.

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Your Editor Fr. Hugh Broad



*"I find to easy to pray as I should
when I am in church – but it's so
different at other times -
Can you help please?"*

Yes, this is a big subject, and I guess it is true of many of our own church family here who have a similar problem.

So I will attempt to provide an answer in two parts in successive issues of this magazine.

WHERE, HOW and WHEN?

When we can't get to church it is useful to seek to create a space somewhere in our home to be a special spot for us to be able to pray to God.

In the average home this may not be easy, but to have a spot is very useful for this purpose. It may be in a living room or a bedroom etc, but a place of real meaning. Here in this spot we may like to light a candle, or place a crucifix as a reminder of what we will now seek to do.

I am fortunate in that I have a small room dedicated for such things. Here there is room for my considerable library of books; files: computer etc.

So here I am able to spend time in prayer, thought, and resolve to make the day special.

This practice of praying in our own home is an important part of our spiritual journey; it can take this at any time of day (or night) when it suits.

So find such a spot and dedicate it, even if it is only for a short while – as our church, here in our own home.
Having selected such a spot – what now?

This will be the next part of this spiritual journey-

For these answers please see the next part of this spiritual journey, next month

WITH PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

Father Hugh

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Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020

Fr Michael will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29th September – 8th October 2020. This ten-day tour is based in Jerusalem and Galilee and we will visit all the major biblical sites especially those associated with the important and momentous events of our Lord's life. A visit to the Holy Land is often described as the holiday of a lifetime and this is an opportunity for you to consider. The cost is £1,975.00 inclusive of flights, transfers, coach travel and accommodation in three and four-star hotels on a full-board basis. For more information including a colour brochure outlining the itinerary please contact Fr Michael on 01452 720872.

On the record - with the Rector



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We at Saint James' have had a very busy couple of months. As I write this we are preparing for our Summer Fayre – so all hands on deck. The stalls at the Kingsway Big Lunch were very successful and although the weather wasn't on our side, everyone I met remarked how they were enjoying the event.

When we attend events such as these we often forget the amount of work that is undertaken by the volunteers who plan it, set it up and organize the day. It just happens! In reality, most events are prepared months in advance and the volunteers who organize it give up a great deal of their valuable time, time they could spend with their families, friends or pursuing their own hobbies. It is their OWN time they give to benefit the communities they represent, whether it is school, church or local community in general. I read a quote recently that said 'when you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back'.



Jesus recognized this but throughout his ministry we read in the gospels where although the crowds were hankering for his attention, he would stop to attend to the sick and those in need , Making time for individuals was as high a priority for him as preaching to the vast crowds who greeted him. He knew also that in order for his mission to continue he needed to equip others to deliver his message and convey his teachings. That is why he chose 12 disciples who later became Apostles – delivering his message and who in time helped to create the first Christian church.

All of us are given time – we hear and often we say ‘We haven’t time ‘ but we all hope and pray we have the same amount of time within the day. It is what we choose to DO with that time that matters.

With every blessing

Fr. John

KNIT AND NATTER NEWS

Our knitting group were busy before Easter, making and selling Easter chicks, bunnies and baskets to Chit Chat, Chatterbox and members of the church. Thank you to everyone who made, sold or bought these items. We have also started knitting twiddlemuffs again for dementia sufferers. Lu Pierce takes these for patients at Cheltenham hospital. At the time of writing we are getting ready for our stall at the Summer fete. If you would like to join our knitting group you would be made most welcome, whatever your level of knitting or crochet skills. We are also grateful for any donations of wool or knitted items. Please email me on angiewright@btintrent.com for further information.



Angie Wright

A Tribute to David Fowler RIP

David, our friend, took a full part in the life of St James' Church and was also a stalwart of the 'Open the Book' team helping to present Bible stories to local primary school children over a period of 10 years or more. He played kings, soldiers, priests and prophets. He was proud to play Moses leading God's people out of Egypt and proud to play Eli teaching Samuel in the Temple. He played Jeremiah down the well: 'I know my place,' he'd say with a laugh and he played Zacchaeus up a tree: 'Careful David!' And many a time, of course, he played a disciple of Jesus, a role he felt very much at home in. He was extremely reliable and hardly missed a week. To our benefit, he was very knowledgeable about the Bible and was a kind, helpful, talented member of the team.

David always enjoyed the social life of St James – coffee mornings, church fayres, concerts, Chit Chat and outings. He loved telling stories about his life, often with a humorous anecdote thrown in; always ready with a quip and a joke. Similarly, he enjoyed hearing other people's stories, too. Nothing was better than to hear David's infectious laugh.

He was full of surprises. He could sing!
He loved to sing.

For a number of years he was a member of a male voice choir and travelled to many places in Britain to perform. He also sang in the Gloucester Christian Choir and more recently was welcomed into 'Angie's Choir' in Kingsway. Nothing was more uplifting than to hear David burst into song with quite unexpected confidence. He certainly loved to sing in church and knew many, many hymns off by heart.



All of us here at St James will miss him and we know that his friends from Woodlands Park and members of the Methodist Church will join with us in missing him too.

David, you were always ready with a smile - polite, patient, respectful and forgiving, a man of great humility – a gentleman. Thank you for being part of our lives, for being our friend and for showing us your love of God and your love of our Lord, Jesus.

Liz Keenan and Pam Westwood on behalf of all David's friends at St James.

Open Gardens at Diane Ramsay's

The Annual Open Garden at Diane Ramsay's house took place on Sunday 19th May. Over 41 people attended . There were copious cups of tea, coffee consumed along with cakes baked by members of the congregation. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all, raising £167 towards church funds.

Well Done Di





Here I am, your garden. Come! Rest in me a while.
Maybe, I'm uninteresting, perhaps I make you smile.
Am I just, your pride and joy? Whether large or small,
Perhaps, I'm quite a grand affair, or almost nought at all?
Am I being landscaped? Just a piece of lawn?
I hope you keep me spick and span, or, am I badly worn?
Surrounded by a fence or hedge, or walled-in private place,
Don't see me as a garden, but see me as a place
Of peace and relaxation, at any time of day,
A place where you can switch off at the end of work or play.
Don't see me as an area where shrubs and flowers bloom,
I'm not a patch that's just outside, I am, another room.
So, come to me, whene'er you can, a place where you'll feel free.
Yes! Here I am, your garden. Come, rest yourself in me.

Lovell Cornwall



"Times & Seasons" - Saints in July

3rd: Thomas the Apostle

John's gospel reveals the significance of Thomas "the Twin". Firstly, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judea with Jesus, then later engaging in a debate with Jesus which elicits the answer that Jesus is himself the Way. Most famously he was the Apostle unconvinced by reports of a resurrected Jesus, causing Jesus to show Thomas the wounds received at the crucifixion. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas later travelled to India and is regarded as the founder of the Christian Church there.

6th: Thomas More, Martyr of the Reformation

Born in 1478, Thomas studied classics and law, and was called to the Bar aged twenty-three. His honesty and integrity impressed Henry VIII and he appointed Thomas as his Chancellor. Thomas supported the king in his efforts to reform the clergy but disagreed over Henry's disputes with the papacy, caused by the king's desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Henry could not stand this act of defiance and Thomas was imprisoned in the hope that he would renege. When Thomas refused to take the Oath on the Act of Succession, which declared the king to be supreme protector and head of the Church in England, he was executed on this day in 1535, declaring that he died the king's good servant but God's first.

11th: Benedict of Nursia, Father of Western Monasticism

Benedict was born in Nursia, central Italy, in 480. He went to study in Rome, but was appalled by the corruption in society and so withdrew to live as a hermit in Subiaco. Others felt compelled to join him, and soon small monasteries were established in the neighbourhood. In 525 an attempt was made on Benedict's life, so he moved with a small group of monks to Monte Casino, where he wrote his Rule of Life for Monks, based on his own experiences of people striving to live out the gospel. His "Rule" was so good that it was widely published and followed, and is still the model for all religious communities in western Europe. He died on this day in 550.

14th: John Keble, Priest, poet, Tractarian

Born in 1792, the son of a priest, John Keble was a brilliant scholar, becoming a Fellow of Oriel College Oxford at the age of nineteen, a few years before his ordination. He won great praise for his collections of poems, "The Christian Year" (note: it is still in print), and was elected professor of poetry in Oxford in 1831.

John was a leader of the Tractarian movement, which protested at the threats to the Church from liberal developments in both politics and theology. He did not seek preferment and in 1836 became vicar of a parish near Winchester where he remained until his death in 1866. He continued to write, and was praised for his scholarship and godly counsel. He is best remembered for the sermon he preached in Oxford on this day in 1833, considered to be the beginning of the Oxford Movement, a time of revival and strengthening of the Church of England. The Keble family have strong links with Fairford and Bisley here in Gloucestershire.

18th: Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England

Bishop Tait of London encouraged Elizabeth to visit deaconess communities in Germany, with the result that in November 1861 she and a group of women dedicated themselves "to minister to the necessities of the Church" as servants of the Church, and on this day in 1862 she received the first deaconess licence from Bishop Tait. She founded a community of deaconesses within a religious sisterhood, working first in a poor parish in the King's Cross area of London before moving to Notting Hill in 1873. She died in active ministry on Easter Day, 1883.

22nd: Mary Magdalene

All four gospels give Mary Magdalene a unique place among the followers of Jesus. From Magdala, near the sea of Galilee, she is described by Luke as having been healed by Jesus before accompanying him during his ministry. Along with other faithful women, she stayed beside the Cross and was the first to discover the empty tomb. She was privileged with the first appearance of the risen Lord and was charged with the task of relaying the good news to the other disciples and friends.

25th: James the Apostle

James was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, having been prepared by John the Baptist, was called to be one of the first Apostles of Jesus. He was a witness to the Transfiguration, and was there in the garden of Gethsemane. He and his brother annoyed the others by asking to sit beside the Lord when he came in his glory. They were present for the appearances of Christ after his resurrection. James was executed, probably in the year 44AD, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, who had hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers of the Way. James is celebrated as our Patron Saint.

FROM THE REGISTERS IN MAY 2019

HOLY BAPTISM

- 12th ELSIE VIOLET PEARCE
EMELIE ANNE KEOGH
- 19th ELIJAH, ZACHARY ISAAC &
REUVEN LENNOX WHITBY
TEDDY MICHAEL LESLIE ORMOND
REGGIE MICHAEL RICHARD JOHN
LOWIE
- 26th HARLOW TWOMEY

“WELCOME INTO THE LORD’S FAMILY”

HOLY MARRIAGE

- 11th DEAN WILLETTS & JENNIFER LEGG

“THOSE WHOM GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER”

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

- 3rd DAVID & JULIA WEBBER
- 18th IAN & BARBARA EVE

FUNERALS & CREMATIONS

- 24th CALLUM PASK
- 31st DAVID FOWLER (84)

“REST ETERNAL ,GRANT TO THEM, LORD”

Congratulations !

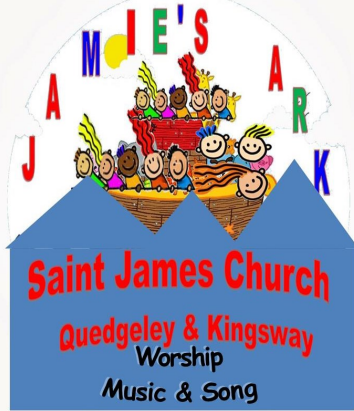
On Saturday 18th May 2019 Barbara and Ian Eve renewed their wedding vows. The couple decided one of the best ways to celebrate 20 years of wedded bliss was to renew the same vows they had taken 20 years ago. A service was held in Saint James' Church taken by Fr. Ian—who incidentally, had officiated at their wedding 20 years earlier. A slap up meal followed the service at The Beacon in Haresfield.

The couple who are regular members of Saint James' Church and Chit Chat met in 1994 on a First Aid Course where Ian was the Trainer. However, romance didn't blossom until three years later when they met again—yes, you've guessed it - on another First Aid Course. Barbara said "Some members of the family only gave the marriage six weeks but we've been together 20 years." Did Barbara have any hints for those thinking of embarking on marriage? "Talk to each other sort out your differences and yes, maybe you have to compromise now and again" she said.

It's quite clear talking to these two First Aiders that their bond is strong and there's not a sticking plaster in sight!



Toddler and pre-school children



Come and join us!

Second Thursday in the Month:

13th June 2019

11th July 2019

12th Sept 2019

10th October 2019

14th Nov 2019

12th December 2019

**Kingsway Community Centre
Thatcham Avenue
Kingsway**

1.30pm -2.30pm

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Extended Church Office, in the vestry -No appointment necessary!

...for the Calling of Banns of Marriage; Holy Baptisms: Marriages etc.

WEDNESDAY 5.30 –6.30pm

SATURDAY 9.00—10.00am

Kingsway Community Centre

Saturday 11.00am –12noon

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