

The church is now open during the following times for supervised private prayer:

Sunday 12noon - 4.00pm

One of the clergy is usually available 10.15am - 12noon

Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Please follow the directions on social-distancing, hygiene, direction of movement around the building, & seating.

The Parish Office will not be open until further notice.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings, etc., please contact the clergy - details below.

All the clergy are available (by phone or email) and our details are as follows:

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Keep up to date with the latest Church news by looking at our parish website or at our Facebook pages, or find us on “A Church near You”.

“Around the Spire” : The **October issue** is available in church on Sunday and online at our church website and “A Church near You”. Watch out for news concerning a “bumper edition” for Dec & Jan!.

Notes for next week’s **Newsheet** should be sent to Fr Ian no later than Wednesday evening. (Contact address above.)

See the note on page 2 about Refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist!

**The Parish Church of
St JAMES the APOSTLE**

&

St MARY MAGDALENE

Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester



**Sunday 10th October -
Trinity 19**

**10.30am: The Parish Eucharist
with Holy Baptism**

Cel: Fr Ian

Pr: Fr Hugh

To be baptised: Lilly Staria & Maisie Kate Hiscock

We shall be using the light blue service booklets & the front pews will be required for the children’s family.

Bible readings for today:

First Reading. Amos 5. 6-7,10-15.

God will forgive the sins of all those who turn to him in faith.

Reader: Nicholas Lee

Second Reading: Hebrews 4. 12 - 16

God’s love and forgiveness are revealed in the person of Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Steve Morris

Alleluia:

God has chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel. Mark 10. 17 - 31

Following Jesus means making important choices!.

Collect for Trinity 19

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 . Amen

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns will be sung during our Eucharist today

16, 69, 511, 67, 762, 74

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the Weeks after Trinity Sunday

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,
we pray for people in every kind of need;
make your ways known on earth,
your saving health among all nations ...

We pray for the good estate of the one, holy,
catholic, apostolic Church;
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,
that all who profess and call themselves Christians
may be led into the way of truth,
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life ...

We commend to your fatherly goodness
all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed,
in mind, body or estate;
comfort and relieve them in their need,
give them patience in their sufferings,
and bring good out of all their afflictions ...

We remember those who have gone before us
in the peace of Christ,
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints
In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St James, St Mary
Magdalene, and all your saints, we commend
ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing
love....

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Those who have died: Victims of Covid-19; those
whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.
All who mourn their passing.

Those who are ill: Fred & Barbara Ward, John
Hall, Shirley Wilce, Rod Robinson, Jane & Doug
Drakeley, Claudine Pratt, Wilf Holmes, Fr Gordon,
Ian and Barbara Eve, Tracy Victoria, June.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

We are now serving tea & coffee again after the
Eucharist. If we are to do this regularly we do need
some volunteers to help! Two per Sunday. **Thank
you** to those who have already offered to help.
**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
PLEASE CAN YOU JOIN THE TEAM?**

Churchwarden Jackie has compiled a list for
names and can answer queries.

Worship in St James this week:
See details on page 3.

**When we are unable to get to St James for our
Eucharist:**

Fr Dennis McBride offers the Holy Eucharist: go to
www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online.

And we can make an act of Spiritual Communion
as follows

“Lord Jesus Christ: I believe that you are in the
Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things,
and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot, at
this time, receive you in the consecrated Bread
and Wine of the Eucharist, come spiritually into my
heart. As though you have already come, I praise
you and give myself to you; never permit me to be
separated from you. Amen”

**A Prayer for mindfulness and patience during
the continuing presence of Covid19:**

***Risen Lord, we thank you for all the members
of our National Health Service - the admin staff
as well as the doctors, nurses, ambulance
crews, first responders, and the staff in our
care homes; strengthen those who give their
skill and care to return us to health and
well-being. Guide and prosper the work of all
who are involved in medical research and
development, and all who involved in the
vaccination programme. Give us patience and
the strength to endure; teach us never to take
our health and freedom for granted, and keep
us ever mindful of the needs of others.
Through him who is always the resurrection
and the life Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN .***

**Thank you to everyone who gave so
generously to our Harvest collection, and to
Clearwater Academy for their lovely display!
Please continue to remember The Gloucester
FoodBank when you go to buy food. Most of
our supermarkets have a place where you can
leave gifts for the Foodbank.**

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Worship at St James in the coming week

Holy Eucharist on **WEDNESDAY** this week, 13th October, at 10am for the feast of **St Edward the Confessor, patron of the original Westminster Abbey and the original patron saint of England.**

10am Eucharist: Fr Michael
1 John 4. 13 - 16
Matthew 21. 12 - 17

Sunday 17th October: Trinity 20

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Cel: Fr Michael
Pr: Fr Ian

Announcing a new venture which begins this week:

Beginning on **Wednesday 13th October**, and every Wednesday until & including 8th December, we shall be serving **"Tea@2"** from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone will be most welcome and it will be good to meet together again socially after such a long time! We look forward to seeing you all! *Jackie H.*

Good News:

Our **"Open the Book"** team are back in business in our local schools! It's been a long time, but we are sure that the children will be delighted to see and hear them again, and we thank the team for their hard work and dedication.

Rehearsal: Monday 11th at 3pm in the Community Centre and then :
Tuesday at **Clearwater 9.15am**
Thursday at **Field Court Infants 2.45pm**

A Message from Di Allen:

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of the year again!
For anyone wishing to prepare to send shoeboxes this Christmas, now is the time to start thinking about it.
Please speak to Di Allen if you need any information on this very worthwhile cause for needy children. The final collection date from Church will be **Sunday 7 November 2021.**

Thank you in advance for valued support. Di.

"Thought for the Week": Fr Hugh

"GET A GRIP"

In today's Gospel, what Jesus is saying, in modern parlance, is just that!

Being a disciple at that time was no easy ride, and part of the time they just did not get the message! So what about us who try to be disciples in our own time at a point in where we are surrounded by an atmosphere which seems unreal to say the least! It does not need me to spell this out, it is in the forefront of the media in all its forms.

In my training days for the priesthood being told of the importance of interpretation of the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus to our own situation. In other words to ask ourselves the question - what would Jesus do?

I guess that it is in this vein that this past week Pope Francis has summoned faith leaders of all traditions and backgrounds to a summit in Rome which must be something of the utmost importance. To see all these leaders of faiths in a circle to share concerns and a way forward for people of all faiths and none is quite unprecedented, and illustrates the severity of the situation we are in.

SO YES, DEAR PEOPLE, THIS IS THE GREATEST CRISIS THE WORLD HAS EVER HAD TO FACE!
BUT, YOU MAY ASK – WHAT CAN I DO?

The answer to this, the almost impossible question is just this, as the title of this thought suggests – TO GET A GRIP on the situation and incorporate the whole issue, PRAY!
Just how, where and when – you need to apply your mind to the task – what I feel is absolutely certain – that you – yes you who read this realise that this is really what I mean when I say

"GET A GRIP"

Important notes from our Church Council:

1) We urgently require someone to take over from Lu Pearce as **Safeguarding Officer** and work alongside Liz Keenan. Please ask either Lu or Liz for further information about what this important role involves.

Our Parish Vacancy

The advertisement for a new Parish Priest for St James is now on display in the "Church Times". If you would like to study our "Parish Profile" you can access it online at <https://ctjobs.uk/JN9482> Or via the "Church Times" website, or the Diocesan website.

P.S. We have been asked when will "**Chatterbox**" be re-opening; the answer is: "Not just yet. We need to make sure we can provide enough safe space for everyone and are working on it. Please be patient, and please keep the team in your prayers."

Church Cleaning. This is presently carried out by a team of volunteers; thankfully, we have recently increased in number but please come and lend a hand - we need to keep the building clean for all those who come in during the week. Please contact Ann Bridges, who arranges the cleaners' rota. THANK YOU.