

**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:*

#### **CLERGY AND CHURCH OFFICERS**

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***(Our Parish is now in vacancy)***

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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 **June issue** is available in church and online at our church website and "A Church near You". Please take copies to share!.

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

**Our church is still open for worship and private prayer - we have received several notes of thanks for remaining open - and we shall continue to observe all the social-distancing & hygiene rules. But we fully understand that if you feel anxious about attending, you may prefer to stay at home.**

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

**&**

**St MARY MAGDALENE**

**Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester**



**Sunday 13th June -  
The Second Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am: The Parish Eucharist**

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Venerable Hilary Dawson,  
Archdeacon of Gloucester

**Bible readings for today:**

**First Reading.**

Ezekiel 17. 22 - 24 .

Even the trees of the field experience God's loving care.

(Reader: Lovell Cornwall )

**Second Reading.**

2 Corinthians 5. 6 - 10, 14 - 17

Through Christ, God brings about a new creation.

(Reader: Val Harris )

**Alleluia:**

To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel.** Mark 4. 26 - 34

Jesus speaks of the Kingdom in parables .

**Intercessions** led by: Di Ramsay

**Collect for Trinity 2**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **For the weeks after Trinity :**

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Rachel and Robert our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ; give them courage and hope in their troubles;and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

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

Those who have died: Wynne Sutch, Graham Pearce, Pauline Henderson, Richard Holmes; Victims of Covid-19; those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time. All who mourn their passing.

Those who are ill: Barbara Ward, John & Pat Hall, Shirley Wilce, Rod Robinson, Jane & Doug Drakeley, Claudine Pratt, Wilf Holmes.

**WYN SUTCH** -a faithful member of St James Church for many years as a resident of Queen Anne Court; has died after illness.

We remember her with thanksgiving and pray that she may rest in God's peace. Her funeral service is at St James Church on Monday June 14th at 2.00p.m. We offer her son Fr David and the rest of her family and circle of friends our deepest sympathy at this time.

## **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](http://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 ace you and give myself to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen”

### **A Prayer for use now the “Lockdown” is easing:**

***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. 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 .***

**Intercessions on Sundays.** Thank you to all those who have helped us to restart our rota; if you would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Fr Hugh as soon as possible. (*details on p.1*)

We are also looking to have **more Readers** for our Rota - contact Fr Ian for the Readers' Rota

**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.**

**Prayer Cells:** Two people have expressed interest in being part of a second prayer cell in the parish. We need four more to make it work; are YOU interested? If so, please contact Fr Hugh.

## **Three Important Messages from our Churchwardens & P.C.C. Secretary:**

**The Annual Church Meeting** will take place at 11.30am on **27th June** - this is the time when we elect our Churchwardens, Church Council, and Sidespersons for the coming year. The **Nomination Lists** are in church, so please make your nominations - having asked your candidate first, of course!

We are still in need of a **new Treasurer** - you do not have to be an accountant, and lots of help and support will be available, so do think seriously about this task. On the financial front, we need to increase the number of those authorised to be signatories on church cheques - the Wardens have further details.

**Confirmation:** The Bishops have arranged Confirmation services at four venues across the diocese; if you wish to be confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy or the Churchwardens.

A Volunteer - Mr Will Cook - has come forward to help tend our small **Garden of Remembrance**; thank you, Will, we are most grateful for your kind offer. A big THANK YOU to Lovell Cornwall for all your hard work over the years, and especially for all the lovely plants which you have provided for the Garden.

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### **Worship at St James in the coming week**

**Holy Eucharist on WEDNESDAY this week, 16th June at 10am for the feast of St Richaard of Chichester.**

10am Eucharist: Fr. Gordon  
1 Corinthians 15. 20 - 28  
Luke 9. 57 - 62

### **Sunday 20th June: Trinity 3**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist** cel: Fr Hugh  
Pr: Fr Michael

**Looking further ahead:** On Sunday 27th June Fr David Sutch will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and will celebrate a eucharist in St James at 5pm. We send Fr David our warmest congratulations on this very special anniversary.

### **"Thought for the Week":** The Revd. Ann

Jesus often used illustrations from nature to teach about the kingdom of God. He reminds us that the kingdom is an organism – a living, growing entity rather than an organisation. The church too is a living, growing, loving community – the body of Christ. All that happens should be done in the name of Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit – and to the glory of God.

Jesus spoke about mustard – a tiny seed that grows into a vast shrub, capable of housing and giving protection to many others. As Christians we sow the seeds of the kingdom all around us – by meeting together to worship – by sharing the faith of Jesus with others - by works of service in our communities – by being generous with the buildings and resources we have. Though we may feel that we are doing little for the kingdom, across the diocese an impressive amount of kingdom activity is taking place. As a single parish we may worry that we aren't doing very much, but together the diocese is growing the kingdom in diverse and exciting ways.

In the first of the seed parables in today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the farmer who sows the seed and then goes about his day to day business trusting that the seed will grow. The seed has within it all the potential to become a tree and the mystery and cycle of life, growth, reproduction, death and life again, is God given and God driven. St Paul writing to the church in Corinth urged the Christians there to have confidence in the message of God's saving action through the death and resurrection of Christ. Where people are in Christ we should expect to see new creation – new energy and creative activity.

God continues to work in the church and in the world today and we need to have confidence that God will carry on his purpose in the world and will bring his work to fruition – even with the feeble seeds we sometimes feel we sow. The word confidence – means with faith. We are people of faith and we must trust and believe that God is at work in our churches and that God has confidence in us to help build the kingdom – and God has ways of bringing about kingdom growth that are often surprising and challenging.

### A Message from Val Harris:

"I have recently purchased some new equipment and am now all set - after 17th May - to resume men's haircutting in aid of church funds! All I need is some willing customers, so please book in on 01452 498018. I look forward to seeing you!. Val."

**Church Cleaning.** This is presently carried out by a team of volunteers, but sadly the team is now rather small in number. 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.

### AROUND THE SPIRE:

Please submit notes for the JULY edition by Wednesday 16th June.

We are delighted to inform you that we now have the ten people prepared to donate £5 each month which will ensure that the magazine can continue in its present form. Thank you !

**A Thank You from Lovell:** "To everyone who has bought plants from me during this Spring: Thank you. Your donations have realized a total of £150 for church funds. Happy growing!"

**Our Recent Fund-Raising Event** made a grand total of **£1,1227.61**. A wonderful effort by so many people, who tackled the day with great enthusiasm. We were blessed with good weather, and in these troubled times events like these make such a difference! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, and to all the stall-holders for their hard work.

**Fr Hugh's "Memoirs":** We have now received £245 for copies sold; the printing-costs came to £180, so the figure for church funds is at present £65, and all further sales will be in support of our church.

### A Message from The Revd Ann & Steve Morris:

Since retirement Ann & Steve Morris now have office stationery they no longer need. Box files, folders, stackable filing trays (lightweight, landscape type), A3 paper, A4 paper of various weight and colour, plastic cut-folders, some envelopes, as well as clip files and thousands of A4 plastic inserts to go with them! Also a few light-weight notice boards, a 22" flat screen monitor (not HDMI), a computer desk and a lockable three-draw filing cabinet in excellent condition. (Computer desk and filing cabinet - please arrange own transport)

All free. We suggest a donation to St. James' if you so wish.

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