

Services & Meetings this week
Morning & Evening Prayer are said ~Tues - Sat at 8am & 5pm. (MP 8.30am on Sats.)

Sunday 15th Dec Advent 3

10.30am Said Eucharist cel: Fr John
pr: Fr Ian
1.30pm Holy Matrimony Fr Gordon

Monday 16th 2pm & 6pm Field Court Infants Fr John

Tuesday 17th

2pm & 6pm "I Sing Pop" Clearwater Academy

Wed 18th St John of the Cross

10am Eucharist cel: Fr Gordon
3.30pm Funeral: Eileen Noble (Crematorium)
5.30pm Parish Office
7.30pm Eucharist cel: Fr Ian

Thurs 19th 4.00pm **Carol-singing at Tesco**

- Everyone!
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Friday 20th

Saturday 21st Our Lady on Saturday

9.00am Parish Office in church
11am Parish Office in Kingsway Community Ctr

Sunday 22nd Dec. The 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Sung Eucharist cel: Fr Gordon
pr: Fr John

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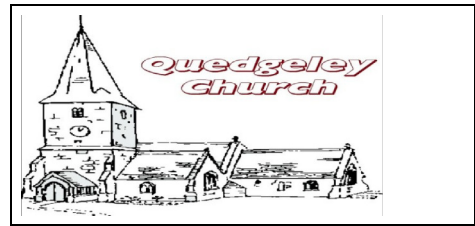
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Sunday 15th December - The 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Sung Eucharist
(red Season of Advent service booklet)

A warm welcome to St James' - especially if this is your first visit here. Coffee will be served after the 10.30am service; do please stay and join us.

Bible readings for the Eucharist today:

Isaiah 35. 1 - 10

The coming of the Lord in glory will transform the whole of Creation.

James 5. 7-10

We are called to wait for the Lord with patience!

Alleluia **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 11. 2 - 11

Jesus proclaims John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah.

Response to the Intercessions:

Faithful God:

You are the rock we stand on.

(or as directed.)

Hymns for 10.30am today:

Introit: 263

Gradual: 527

Offertory: 282

Communion: 67

381

438

Recessional: 428

Please pray for:

Ray, Helen, Arthur, Marie, Richard, Shirley Wilce, Lou, Ann, Janet Clarke, Barbara Ward, Gordon Farmer.

Philip Parker, Bill Appleton & Fr Peter Minall (who are all presently in hospital).

All those in the care of our local nursing homes, and all those in our hearts & minds.

The Departed: Eileen Noble; all those we have known and loved; all who have died in natural disasters; & all the victims of persecution & terror.

Those whose years' mind occur at this time.

Please pray for our Parish & Fr John, our Rector.

Around the Spire: - The December edition is in church today; it contains details of all our Christmastide services. Please take a copy or three to share with your friends & neighbours. Thank you to all those who help to distribute our magazine so widely. Because of holiday closures, ***the January issue is currently with our printers.***

Also available: "Follow the Star" booklet.

Please take one (free of charge) to use during Christmastide.

St James Fundraising 100 Club.

It is now time to renew your membership to take part in the monthly draws from December 2019 to May 2020. Tickets cost £1 per number per month, and you can renew for either 6 or 12 months. If there are no changes to your contact details, or number of entries you would like, you do not need to complete a new form. Please just give your payment, cash or cheque (payable to St James' Church Restoration Account), in an envelope with your name on, to Ann or Lesley. New members are very welcome, please take a copy of the rules, complete a form, and return with your payment.

50% of the income is used for prizes, and 50% is donated to the St James Restoration Fund.

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Notes from Fr John, our Rector:

Some dates for your diary:

16th Dec 2pm & 6pm Field Court Infants carol services in church

17th Dec 2pm Church "I sing pop" The Children of Clearwater Academy

19th Dec Carol-singing at Tesco **at 4pm**

24th Dec Christmas Eve

4pm Crib service

6pm Carol service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th Dec **The Nativity of the Lord**

10.30am Eucharist

The Gloucester Food Bank: There is a box near the old font for your donations; please remember to include some Christmas treats for children.

Carol Singing at Tesco: Thurs 19th Dec from 4pm to 5pm. Come along and help send out a message to the shoppers, and raise some funds for our church.

Volunteers required please:

To help Linda serve tea to the Gloucester Band at 5pm on 24th Dec before they play at our carol service. (The food will be provided.)

To help Jill dispense sherry on Christmas day after the 10.30am Eucharist.

To act as additional Sidespersons at the three services on Christmas Eve.

The next PCC Meeting has been moved from 14th January 2020 to **Tuesday 21st January** at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Confirmation 2020. There will be a service of Confirmation on 17th May 2020. If you have not been confirmed, or would like to know more about what is involved, have a word with Fr John or any of the clergy. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

Please recycle your used postage stamps: Val Harris has the details about how your stamps can help other people. There is a box in church for your used stamps. Thank you.

Some more Recommended Reading:

"A History of the Bible: The Book and its Faiths" by John Barton, published by Allen Lane. Put it on your Christmas list!

Quotation for the week:

"Let us approach Christmas during Advent with an expectant hush, rather than with a last-minute rush."