

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

Sunday 16th Feb. The Second Sunday before Lent
10.30am Sung Eucharist *cel: Fr Hugh*
pr: The Revd Jenny
1.00pm Holy Baptism *Fr Hugh*

Mon 17th *Fr John's day off*

Tues 18th 9.30am Chatterbox

Wed 19th *Janani Luwum, Archbishop & Martyr*
10.00am Said Eucharist *cel: Fr Ian*
12noon Funeral in church - *the late Albert Morris*
3.00pm "Knit & Natter"
5.30pm Parish Office
7.30pm Said Eucharist *cel: The Revd Ann*

Thurs 20th 10am Chit-Chat
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Fri 21st 9.30am Clergy meeting
12.30pm Funeral in church - *the late Peter Jones*

Saturday 22nd *Our Lady on Saturday*
9am Parish Office in church

Sunday 23rd The Sunday before Lent
10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist *cel: Fr John*
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Sunday 16th February - The 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.30am Sung Eucharist
(Green "Ordinary Time" 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:

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3

In the beginning, there was God. All creation has come from Him.

Romans 8. 18 - 25

The glory of God will be revealed and will rescue creation from decay.

Alleluia **Alleluia**

The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 6. 25 - 34

In his "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus gives his hearers sound guidance about priorities.

Response to the Intercessions:

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us .

(or as directed.)

Hymns for 10.30am today:

Introit 19

Gradual 684

Offertory 407

Communiuon 235

590

387

Recessional 428

Please pray for:

Helen, Arthur, Marie, Richard, Anne, Shirley Wilce, Janet Clarke, Barbara & Fred Ward, Adrian Meek, Philip Parker, Bill Appleton, Wyn Sutch, David Hughes, Fr Peter Minall, Monsignor Liam Slattery, Fr Gordon. All those in the care of our local nursing homes, and all those in our hearts & minds.

Dorothea Das was a faithful member of our congregation before moving to Hereford. She has recently been quite poorly following a fall. On the mend now, she appreciates our prayers on her behalf.

The Departed: Millicent Hughes, Vincenzo Demattia, Albert Morris, Peter Jones; 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" for February is in church today; please take as many copies as you like to give away to friends & neighbours. Thank you to those who deliver the magazine around the parish.

Lent Course 2020

The theme for this year's course will be:

"Finding God through....."

7th March: "Prayer" - Fr Hugh

14th March: "Hospitality" - Fr Michael

21st March: "Reflection" - Fr Ian

28th March: "Re-Creation" - Fr Gordon

4th April: "Work" - The Revd Jenny

Sessions will be from 11am - 12.30pm and soup will be served each week. Please make this Lent Course part of your Lenten discipline.

(We would be grateful for offers of soup for the Lent course; please see the list near the church door.)

Praying the Rosary *I have been asked several times over the years about the Rosary, so there will be a short talk & simple practice on its use & devotion at 10.15 on Saturday 29th February, in church, before the Eucharist in preparation for Lent. Bring your rosary if you possess one; if not, your hands will do. Fr John.*

Thought for the week:

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength." (Corrie ten Boom)

Notes from Fr John, our Rector:

Can you help, please?

Lesley, our Treasurer, will be standing down at our Annual Meeting in April. We are very grateful for all the work that Lesley has done for St James, and for the extra year that she has given us.

The Treasurer's roll is an important one in the life of our parish and he / she serves as a member of the Church Council, which meets 6 times a year. Lesley has offered to help her successor as much as possible, and we have a small team who are already helping with the paying-in side of banking. I am most anxious that we find a new treasurer as soon as possible; it would be a great relief if you would consider taking this worry off my shoulders. Please feel free to talk to me, Lesley, or the Churchwardens. Thank you. We really do need your help. *Fr John.*

Please return your Palm Crosses to church so that they can be turned to ash for Ash Wednesday (26th February). Thank you.

Preparations for our Summer Fair - Saturday 13th June - is under way:

We need as many church stalls as possible, and help with publicity and the sale of raffle tickets. This is a very important fund-raising event; please help in any way you can. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Ash Wednesday is 26th February - Lent begins. Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes: 10am & 7.30pm

Palm Sunday is 5th April. **STJ's with Eucharist**, 10.30am. Holy Week begins.

Easter Sunday is 12th April
Vigil Ceremonies & Eucharist, all on Easter morning, beginning at **10.00am**. (*note the time!*)

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.

Open Gardens. Di Ramsay will open her garden again for us on **Sunday 24th May** - more details to follow. *Calling all gardeners: would you consider opening **your** garden and be part of this church fund-raising event?*

Kingsway Big Lunch with church stalls on 7th June.