

***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**  
**Rector & Parish Priest**  
***(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 **October issue** is available in church and online at our church website and "A Church near You". The November issue has gone to press, and we are planning a "bumper edition" for Dec & Jan combined!

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 17th October -  
Trinity 20**

**10.30am: The Parish Eucharist**

Cel: Fr Michael

Pr: Fr Ian

**Bible readings for today:**

**First Reading.** Isaiah 53. 4 - 12.

One of the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah, which foreshadow the work of the Messiah.

Reader: Lovell Cornwall

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5. 1 - 10

Jesus is the High Priest who suffers for our sins.

Reader: Val Harris

**Alleluia:**

The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel.** Mark 10. 35 - 45

True Christianity is all about service.

**Intercessions:** led by Di Ramsay

**Collect for Trinity 20**

God the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

[Hymns will be sung during our Eucharist today](#)

97, 649, 552, 676, 195, 352

**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.

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. Bless those who have been elected to office in our church at St James; may we all work together for the good of your Kingdom.

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, 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.

**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 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 .***

**We are continuing to collect items in church for [The Gloucester FoodBank](#), who have asked if we can help to build up their stocks in plenty of time before Christmas. There is a box in church for your gifts. Thank you for supporting this vital need.**

**[Churchwardens & PCC Secretary:](#)**

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## Worship at St James in the coming week

**Holy Eucharist on WEDNESDAY this week,  
20th October, at 10am for the feast of  
St Luke the Evangelist, & companion of St Paul**  
10am Eucharist: Fr Gordon  
2 Timothy 4. 5 - 17  
Luke 10. 1 - 9

**Sunday 24th October:  
The Last Sunday after Trinity: Bible Sunday**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist**  
Cel: Fr Hugh  
Pr: The Revd Ann

**"Tea@2"** began this last week and will continue on every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. Until (and including) 8th Dec. 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.*

## Remembrancetide: Thursday 11th November

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at **10.45am**, to which everyone will be most welcome.

On **Sunday 14th November**, the parish eucharist at **10.30am** will also include the Act of Remembrance.

## The Commemoration of All Souls

There will be a Requiem on Wednesday 3rd November at 10am. If you have a departed loved one who you would like us to pray for, please add their name to the list at the back of the church.

## 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 Ian

Trinity 20

"We want you to do us a favour" - that is what James & John were asking Jesus. It was a request born out of love and loyalty for Jesus. They wanted to be with him in eternity as they had been on earth, enjoying the privilege of close personal contact. They had inherited the traditional Jewish view of the royal heavenly court and that upset the other ten - James and John were trying to book the best seats!

It was an audacious request: "...do whatever we ask of you". They had heard and seen strangers coming with their requests; surely they could do the same. Surely being part of the "inner circle" gave them some advantage? The other ten must have thought this was an abuse of privilege - or were they just cross that James and John had got in first?

They had all misunderstood the true nature of Jesus' ministry: "I am among you as one who serves". That was no idle boast; Jesus was always available to all who came to him, with whatever need they had. The Pharisees with their questions, the poor, the sick, the outcasts: they were all given time and felt his love.

But the disciples had to learn: as servants of all, as doers of the Father's will, they could not call the tune or make special claims. True greatness would come only when they had given everything for the sake of others, just as their Lord did throughout his life - even to the point of surrendering that life in order to open a new way into God's presence.

There is a great paradox about the Christian faith; we have to look at things from a totally different angle. Those who would be great have to learn that it is serving others at all times - no matter how hard, or dangerous, that may be - is the greatest privilege of all. All those who high office in government or leadership do well to remember what Jesus said!

St Gregory the Great described the Christian community as "The Servants of the servants of God" and reminded his readers that all those who seek to be saints must first of all be servants - for that is the call that goes out to all who try to follow the way of Jesus.

### **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 closing-date for the receipt of applications has now passed and we await the news of the number that have been received. Please continue to pray for those who have the responsibility of interviewing & selecting our new parish priest.

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.

### **A note from Val Harris:** Gents' Haircutting:

Thanks to the generosity of her “clients”, Val has just been able to pay £100 into church funds. She is always happy to have more customers!! Contact 01452 498018

### **Around the Spire**

We plan to produce a “Bumper Edition” of “Around the Spire” to cover both December and January, but in order to achieve this target we shall need all the copy in by **20th November**. So, regular correspondents, please get those thinking caps on and don't delay!

**And a big THANK YOU to Lu, Ian, & their team for all their hard work, and for all those who supported their Afternoon Tea on 9th Oct. A magnificent £413 was raised for church funds.**