

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

**Sunday 12noon - 4.00pm**

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

**Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm**

During term-time, Morning Prayer is said at 9.15am on Monday to Thursday. Fr Mark is available then for pastoral conversations. Please contact Fr Mark by phone or email to discuss the arranging of Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, etc.

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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 in church and online today!*** Please take a copy for yourself and one or two to give away.

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

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St JAMES the APOSTLE  
& St MARY MAGDALENE  
Quedgeley & Kingsway  
Diocese of Gloucester**



**26th June: Trinity 2 (Proper 8)**

**10:30am: Parish Eucharist**  
cel: Fr Ian pr: Fr Mark

#### **Bible readings for today:**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19. 15-16, 19-21  
God chooses Elisha to be a prophet.  
Reader: Una Steer.

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5: 1, 13-25  
Christians must be guided by the Holy Spirit of God.  
Reader: Pam Westwood.

#### **Alleluia:**

Alleluia, alleluia  
Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

#### **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Gospel:** Luke 9. 51 - 62  
Jesus challenges our sense of priorities.

**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 virtue, 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.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Intercessions for the Sundays after Trinity](#)

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found: We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations & governments Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace. **We plead before ...**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord: We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours. Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace. **We plead before ...**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying ... Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace. **We plead before ...**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One: We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ... Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying, **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Those who are ill:

Jane & Doug Drakeley, Claudine Pratt, Wilf Holmes, Fr Gordon, June, Marie Spicer, Jo Miles, Kevin Dewhurst, Peter Allen, Mary Ellis

Those who have died: Saarif Rowe-Taylor; All whom we have known & loved; All who have worshipped with us here; Victims of Covid; victims of domestic abuse; those who have died as a result of political violence.

**Please Pray for Ukraine:**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk & in fear, that you would hold them & protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

A Question of Balance.

As I write this, the news headlines are depressing to say the least!

Rail strikes which threaten to be taken up by other groups; food prices and so on, plus of course the ongoing tragedy of what goes on in Ukraine which shows humanity at its very worst. Issues like these can so easily and understandably dominate our thoughts.

By contrast though, look around you at the beauty of God's world in this early summer. How fortunate we are to live in this beautiful county of Gloucestershire which has so much going for it. So yes, it is a question of balance in our lives.

Relating these thoughts to what we hear in the Ministry of the Word in our worship on Sunday.

The Collect for Today: speaks of that most excellent gift of love as the true bond of peace. Without this we can do nothing.

The Old Testament Reading: we hear of Elisha being called to follow in the footsteps of the great Elijah – clearly an awesome task.

The Epistle: here the Apostle Paul speaks to Christians in no uncertain terms of the qualities that are needed to follow Christ in the midst of all the dangers which are around.

The Gospel: Luke takes up the same theme, and it is made clear just what is needed to meet the challenge of discipleship.

So to conclude...Yes, it is all a question of balance! It shows that if we are to take up the challenge and make sure that the balance is in the right direction!

**Church Guide**

Several people have asked if it would be possible to obtain their own copy of the Church Guide. Please speak to Andrew Wakely to find out how.

**Church Tour**

Several people who were not able to come to the Tour & Tea event have asked if there might be another. Again, please speak to Andrew Wakely.

In St James Church: in the coming weeks

**WEDNESDAY 29th June 10am Holy Eucharist:  
Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles**

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19  
cel: Fr Hugh

**Tea @ 2: We are having a break until  
September; keep well and safe!**

**On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Fr David Humphreys** will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Up Hatherley. We send Fr David our love and prayers on this milestone in his ministry.

**Sunday 3rd July Trinity 3**

**9.15am Parish Eucharist**

Cel: & Pr Fr Michael

Isaiah 66: 10-14, Galatians 6: 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

**10.30am STJ's with Fr Mark & team,**

with refreshments afterwards!

**Tea at The Old Mill House**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July : Tickets £8.50 – on sale today from Lu & Ian – but be quick, because numbers are limited! Pam will be selling raffle tickets for the day.

**A Message from Fr Mark:**

From today we shall be happy to share The Peace more widely than in recent months, while still showing care and respect for anyone who may not wish to be so expansive.

Also from today the collection plate will be back in use for all those for whom this has been their method of giving previously.

And also: "Addressing the vicar" - In conversation, I am most comfortable addressed simply as "Mark" please or as "Revd Mark" in more formal situations or on paper. I am happy for the ministry team to continue to be addressed in their preferred manner. If you have a strong preference, I shall not take offence.

**The Gloucester Foodbank.**

Please continue to support this vital work, especially as the school holidays are fast-approaching. All our local supermarkets have facilities for leaving donations, but please do not leave donations in church as we cannot always deliver them to the Foodbank to fit in with their opening-times.

**The Book of Remembrance**

You can see this book in its case, near the main door. Names are entered at the request of relatives, along with the date of death (and age if requested). The pages are turned daily and there is always the opportunity to stay and light a candle as prayer is offered for the person being remembered. There are forms on the table nearby if you would like a name to be entered in the book – just complete the details carefully and return the form as suggested.

**A REQUEST** from our Church Council:

"If you are planning to hold an event in the church, in order to avoid clashes, and also to secure the date for your own event, **please use the diary which is in the vestry! Thank You!**

