

**No Services & Meetings this week**

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

**Sunday 10.30am - 4.00pm**

Fr John usually available 10.15am - 12noon

**Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 5.00pm**

Fr John is usually available at 5pm except on Mondays.

*Please follow the directions on social-distancing, hygiene, direction of movement around the building, & seating.*

**The Parish Office will be open on Wed 5th Aug 5.30pm - 6.30pm & Sat 8th Aug 9am - 10am for the arranging of Baptisms, Weddings, etc.**

**The Eucharist on Sundays: see notes on page 3**

**All the clergy are available (by phone or email) and our details are as follows:**

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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 August issue - our 5th anniversary issue - is now available in church. Please take as many copies as you need for yourself, your friends, & neighbours.

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

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

**&**

**St MARY MAGDALENE**

**Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester**



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**Sunday 2nd August - The 8th Sunday after  
Trinity**

**The Holy Eucharist:**

**9am (Said)** *Celebrant & preacher: The Revd  
Jenny*

**11am (Said)** *Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Ian*

**Bible readings for today:**

**First Reading.** Isaiah 55. 1 - 5

God invites everyone who thirsts to come to the waters, and those with no money to share wine and milk for free. God promises an everlasting covenant with David, drawing in all the nations.

**Second Reading.** Romans 9. 1 - 5

Paul laments for his Jewish kindred, to whom belongs God's covenant. Longing for them to believe, Paul wishes he were cut off from Christ for their sake.

**Alleluia:**

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel.** Matthew 14. 13 - 21

Jesus withdraws from the crowd in a boat, but the five thousand men, together with women and children, follow him on foot. Jesus provides for all their needs, healing the sick, and feeding them miraculously with only five loaves and two fish.

**Collect** for Trinity 8 :

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the way of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen.

## **Sunday 9th August: Trinity 9**

**The Holy Eucharist** 9am (Said) *Fr. John*  
11am (Said) *Fr. Gordon*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AT THIS PRESENT TIME.**

Almighty and merciful Father, you show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in many parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead, and consolation to those who have been bereaved. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found and we pray that governments and health authorities may take appropriate steps for the good of all people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday:** St James' clergy & congregation; all Christians and people of goodwill.

**Monday:** Schools, teachers & support staff; children; all Key Workers.

**Tuesday:** Victims of domestic abuse. All who are lonely or afraid.

**Wednesday:** The Police & Emergency Services; the Armed Forces, Aid Agencies; all in authority.

**Thursday:** NHS Staff & their families; Chestnut Ct, Queen Ann Ct, The Lawns & all their staff & families. The vulnerable at home. Chemists & Medical Researchers.

**Friday:** Those who have died: Victims of Covid-19; victims of domestic violence; those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time. All who mourn their passing.

**Saturday:** Our shops & Supermarkets & their staff. Delivery drivers & all who supply our daily needs.

Those who are ill: Helen Jones, David Way, Joy Cockerton, Philip Parker, Barbara Ward, Ray Wright, John Hall, Shirley Wilce, Jane Rogers. We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
With St James and St Mary Magdalene,  
Pray for us and all the world. AMEN.

### **If you are unable to get to St James for our Eucharist on Sunday:**

Fr Dennis McBride offers the Holy Eucharist: go to [www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online).  
(Available from Saturday evening onwards.)Enjoy!

### **"Thought for the Week": The Revd. Ann: "Feeding the 5,000"**

We human beings are complex creatures - we feel so many different emotions - are drawn in many different ways - even in opposite directions - as we see in Paul's letter to Romans.

The pain in Paul's words is noticeable, especially after the victorious assurance at the end of chapter 8. Paul has been telling us that *nothing* can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord, and now we move into this howl of lament. The problem, as Paul sees it, is just relying on the Law and our own efforts to keep it. It remains a common human desire to tie God down. But we are doomed to failure if we are relying on anything other than God himself. We have to trust in God, in his generosity and mercy, not on any righteousness we think we might have performed.

In our gospel reading, when the disciples come to Jesus and ask him to send the people away, thinking that they are being kind and thoughtful. Jesus came out to be on his own, and he has been mobbed - so - Their first kind thought: "Let's carve out a bit of space for Jesus."

Their second kind thought: "The people have come along way - they're going to start getting tired and hungry any minute now - for their sakes too - it's time they went home."

Notice the disciples carefully do not mention their own needs.

At first, it looks as though, in response to their kindness, Jesus is giving them an impossible task. "You feed them" he says. Their response is confusion: "How on earth do we do that?"

But actually, all he is asking is one small response - just 5 loaves and 2 fishes - and Jesus is the one who will make it food for 5,000.

"You feed them" - is only daunting if you don't trust the generosity of God.

I wonder what God is asking us to do. Whatever it is - we won't have to do it alone!

### **Now the church is open:**

You can find a **PRAYER BOARD**, together with pen & paper, for you to leave any prayer requests which will then be offered during worship on the following Sunday. In addition to any names, please say, in a few words, why prayer is requested. *(Please write legibly. If you wish to make an offering with your prayer, there is an offertory box nearby.)*

**Palm Crosses** are also available for collection if you wish.

### **Shirley Wilce, a leading light in our Poetry**

**Group** has just published a collection of her work: "Walking with Angels" - poems, prayers, & prose. She hopes that you will feel moved to buy a copy - she promises that all the proceeds will be given to our Church Funds. Copies are £6.50 from Shirley direct, or £6.50 + £2.40 p&p by mail. Phone 01452 883272 or 07845 962457 to order.

At the back of the church, you will find a new supply of **FACE COVERINGS** which are on sale at £1 each, **in aid of Church Funds**.

*Our grateful thanks go to Jackie Broad, for making these! They are attractive, practical, & varied, of great comfort to many in these sad times - and of great benefit to our Church Finances. If you have one already, why not get a spare one?*

### **A BIG THANK YOU to Val Harris -**

For a very successful **mini fund-raising event** last weekend, and thank you to everyone who went along in support. The sale raised **£160 for Church Funds**.

### **Quotation for the week :**

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works."

*Pope Francis*

### **Feed the Hungry**

The lockdown has meant that we have been unable to have food collections at St James in aid of the Gloucester Foodbank. There are collection-points in most foodstores (Quedgeley Tesco for one); I hope that you will keep this important part of our mission & ministry in your minds, especially with the school holidays now upon us.

### **Fr John's Notes:**

**Worship in Church on Sundays** continues according to the following pattern:

There will be TWO celebrations of the Eucharist:

**9am Holy Eucharist (Said)**

*9.45am Church will be cleaned / sanitised*

**11am Holy Eucharist (Said)**

*11.45am Church will be cleaned / sanitised*

Each service will take approximately 30 - 45 minutes and there will be a strict limit of **30 people** at each service.

A single service sheet will be available for use, which we shall ask you to take away afterwards and there will be some necessary changes to our usual pattern.

*(e.g.: No sharing of The Peace; Communion will be given in one kind only; there will be no offertory procession - we shall indicate where you may leave your financial gifts. We shall be unable to serve coffee afterwards.)*

To comply with Government "Track & tracing" requirements, we have been asked to keep a list (names only) of those attending. Social-distancing & hygiene guidelines will be in place; GREEN seating markers will be in place.

The church will remain open for private prayer on Sundays from 12noon - 4pm.

### **The Eucharist during Midweek:**

The **10am Wednesday Eucharist** will return on **Wednesday this week, 5th August**, when we shall keep the **Feast of the Transfiguration** of Jesus. We shall asking the congregation to sit in the **GREEN seats** in the nave and sadly no coffee will be served afterwards. *(The Wednesday 7.30pm Eucharist will need to wait a little longer.)*

### **Readings for the Transfiguration**

Daniel 7. 9-10,13-14

2 Peter 1. 16-19

Luke 9. 28-36

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