

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:

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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 available in church and online at our church website and "A Church near You". Please take copies to share!.

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

Our church is still open for worship and private prayer - we have received several notes of thanks for remaining open - and we shall continue to observe all the social-distancing & hygiene rules. But we fully understand that if you feel anxious about attending, you may prefer to stay at home.

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

&

St MARY MAGDALENE

Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester



**Sunday 6th June -
The First Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am: The Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Michael

Preacher: The Revd Ann

Bible readings for today:

First Reading.

Genesis 3. 8 - 15 .

Mankind disobeys God and falls from grace.

(Reader: Lu Pearce)

Second Reading.

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

Grace is restored through the outpouring of the Spirit.

(Reader: Pam Westwood)

Alleluia:

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel. Mark 3. 20 - 5

The beginning of Jesus' ministry causes division among his hearers.

Intercessions led by: Di Ramsay

Collect for Trinity 1

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the weeks after Trinity :

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.

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 and St Mary Magdalene, and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. AMEN.

Those who have died: Wynne Sutch, Graham Pearce, Pauline Henderson, Richard Holmes; Victims of Covid-19; those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time. All who mourn their passing.

Those who are ill: Barbara Ward, John & Pat Hall, Shirley Wilce, David James, Rod Robinson, Jane & Doug Drakeley, Claudine Pratt, Wilf Holmes.

WYN SUTCH -a faithful member of St James Church for many years as a resident of Queen Anne Court; died last Monday after illness.

We remember her with thanksgiving and pray that she may rest in God's peace. Her funeral service is at St James Church on Monday June 14th at 2.00p.m. We offer her son Fr David and the rest of her family and circle of friends our deepest sympathy at this time.

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.

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 ace you and give myself to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen”

A Prayer for use now the “Lockdown” is easing:

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. 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 .

Intercessions on Sundays. Thank you to all those who have helped us to restart our rota; if you would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Fr Hugh as soon as possible. (*details on p.1*)

We are also looking to have **more Readers** for our Rota - contact Fr Ian for the Readers' Rota

Please continue to remember The Gloucester FoodBank when you go to buy food. Most of our supermarkets have a place where you can leave gifts for the Foodbank.

Prayer Cells: Two people have expressed interest in being part of a second prayer cell in the parish. We need four more to make it work; are YOU interested? If so, please contact Fr Hugh.

Three Important Messages from our Churchwardens & P.C.C. Secretary:

The Annual Church Meeting will take place at 11.30am on **27th June** - this is the time when we elect our Churchwardens, Church Council, and Sidespersons for the coming year. The **Nomination Lists** are in church, so please make your nominations - having asked your candidate first, of course!

We are still in need of a **new Treasurer** - you do not have to be an accountant, and lots of help and support will be available, so do think seriously about this task. On the financial front, we need to increase the number of those authorised to be signatories on church cheques - the Wardens have further details.

Confirmation: The Bishops have arranged Confirmation services at four venues across the diocese; if you wish to be confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy or the Churchwardens.

A Volunteer - Mr Will Cook - has come forward to help tend our small **Garden of Remembrance**; thank you, Will, we are most grateful for your kind offer. A big THANK YOU to Lovell Cornwall for all your hard work over the years, and especially for all the lovely plants which you have provided for the Garden.

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Worship at St James in the coming week

Holy Eucharist on WEDNESDAY this week, 9th June at 10am for the feast of St Columba, Abbot of Iona.

10am Eucharist: The Revd Ann
1 Thessalonians 2. 2- 12
Luke 12. 32 - 37

Sunday 13th June: Trinity 1

**10.30am Parish Eucharist cel: & pr:
The Venerable Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester**

Looking further ahead: On Sunday 27th June Fr David Sutch will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and will celebrate a eucharist in St James at 5pm. We send Fr David our warmest congratulations on this very special anniversary.

"Thought for the Week": Fr Gordon

'He has gone out of his mind'

CS Lewis once wrote that 'Jesus was either mad, bad, or the Son of God'.

Two stories interlink in Sunday's Gospel reading. There's firstly, an enquiry from Jesus' family and then a clash with the scribes. They illuminate each other and raise sharp questions.

We shouldn't be surprised at the disruption Jesus' ministry caused to the prevailing culture, society and faith of his day. And all this prompts onlookers, commentators and critics to surmise that this could be the work of Satan.

Jesus' critics - the Scribes - were searching for an explanation of what was going on. The key to understanding their concerns lies in the telling comment that Jesus had 'gone out of his mind'.

And that is why his family effectively tried to place a detention order on him: 'they went out to restrain him'. It's so easy to misunderstand Jesus in this way.

Is Jesus mad, or possessed? How does he tackle the forces of evil? Has he made a pact with the devil? Jesus' ministry is neither mad nor bad. It's the arrival of the kingdom of God. His power to tackle evil in other people's lives comes because he has faced and overcome it himself.

His ministry entails letting out, freeing and liberating lots of issues, infirmities and people that have, hitherto, been all locked up. This is hugely traumatic and disruptive for wider society. People living with tormenting afflictions are suddenly, beautifully, wildly and wonderfully free.

For the onlookers, for His critics, this was unsettling, to say the least.

Sometimes it is easier to keep the delineations clear between sick and well, sane and insane. But Jesus, by healing so many afflicted people, radically reorders society.

Some, including his family, would have preferred to restrain Jesus at this point. His response was simple: whoever does the will of God is my kindred.

Jesus accepted that life is a struggle between good and evil, and there's no doubt on which side he stood. For Jesus healing is a defeat of evil. Jesus wanted people to be whole and healthy. Jesus cared for the whole person - body, mind and spirit - and not just part of them.

Jesus constantly risked his own safety and security for us. As Christians, we are often called to share in this same risky adventure.

A Message from Val Harris:

"I have recently purchased some new equipment and am now all set - after 17th May - to resume men's haircutting in aid of church funds! All I need is some willing customers, so please book in on 01452 498018. I look forward to seeing you!. Val."

Church Cleaning. This is presently carried out by a team of volunteers, but sadly the team is now rather small in number. 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.

AROUND THE SPIRE: Many thanks to those who have taken up the request for £5 monthly to keep this, our magazine, afloat! We now have offers from six people, so just four more needed! Might you be one of them? The Editor, Father Hugh, would be pleased to hear from you!