

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 August issue is in church and online now!* Sponsors please note!

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

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



7th August: Trinity 8

9.15am: The Parish Eucharist
cel: & pr: Fr Hugh

10.30am STJ's Worship & Praise

Bible readings for today:

First Reading: Genesis 15. 1 - 6

God promises Abraham that he will be the ancestor of a large family.

Reader: Lovell Cornwall

Second Reading: Hebrews 11. 1-3,8-16

Abraham's faith in God was rewarded.

Reader: Jill Robb.

Alleluia, Alleluia:

Who is greater, says the Lord, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you as one who serves.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel: Luke 12. 32 - 40

All who are called to be disciples of Christ are called to lives of service.

Intercessions led by: Jackie Broad

Collect for Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed

with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

No hymns at the Eucharist today:

Intercessions for the Sundays after Trinity

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray
We pray for the good estate of the one, holy, catholic, apostolic Church; guide and govern us by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in the unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life...for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations...

We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions...

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones, with whom we rejoice in the community of saints...

All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Those who are ill:

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

Those who have died: 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 Christ.

"Thought for the week" – Fr Hugh

"Be Prepared!"

Like many youngsters I enjoyed my time, first as a Cub Scout (called Wolf Cubs in those days!) and then Scouts.

If you too have such memories – and it applied to Girl Guides too, you will recall the Baden Powell motto – BE PREPARED. As the founders of the Scout and Guide movement, they saw the need for youngsters to be prepared for adult life and all that it would throw at them!

So it was that we learned the morse code and semaphore messaging, how to tie knots and first-aid and so much more.

Jesus too had a similar approach as we can see in the Gospel for today – now as much as then we need these qualities in our approach to discipleship in our own lives – see St Luke chapter 12 verses 35-39 as it was then, it is so easy to say 'yes' to this call to be the disciples of Jesus – but not so easy to do it!

Most of those who read this will have been Confirmed and in this way will have made this promise to be a disciple in the world of today. So we need to be aware of what it needs to be a follower of Jesus in our own lives..

When I was in confirmation class at a Church school, we were given tests to see if we had listened to what we were being told!

What about you? Can you remember at least some of the things you were taught?

So lets have a little fun with three questions:

1. Who did Jesus call Cephas?
2. Who replaced Judas as one of the disciples? Easy? Yes of course! So what about this one!

Where in our Cathedral Church can you find a stained glass window which shows Jesus washing the feet of his disciples? Not so easy? Well I did refer to it in Holy Week at our church!

I will give a small prize to the first person who can give me the correct answer!
(clergy not eligible!)

"Come & Find Out" will resume in September. I would be glad to hear from anyone who would be happy to host a meeting in their home – the group is usually about 10 – 12 in number – and some dates when meeting would be possible would also be welcome. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fr Ian

In St James Church: in the coming weeks:

Wednesday 10th August 10am Holy Eucharist

St Laurence, Deacon at Rome; 258AD

2 Corinthians 9. 6-10, Matthew 6.19-24.

Cel: Fr Michael

Sunday 14th August The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Cel: Fr Ian pr Fr Hugh

Isaiah 61. 10-11; Galatians 4: 4-7;

Luke 1: 46-55

12.30pm Holy Baptism

The Historic Churches Trust Sponsored "Ride & Stride" will be taking place on 10th Sept. Cyclists / Riders / Walkers: please talk to Paul Bridges for more info or if you wish to take part. See Paul's suggested route in the August edition of "Around the Spire"!

It would be good to have **a rota of Stewards** to welcome visitors to our church, to sign sponsor forms, & offer refreshment. Can you spare an hour between 10am and 4pm on 10th Sept? There will be a list for names at the back of the church. Thank you.

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.

The August 'Around the Spire' is now available – copies in Church and online.

Fr Hugh would be pleased to receive monthly donations from those who have offered to support it in this way. Copy for the September issue by 14th August please!

A Message from Fr Mark:

I am hoping to mark the **Season of Creation** this year, which the Church of England marks from 1st September to 4th October. To all those who will be preaching, writing "Thought for the Week", choosing hymns & music, or leading Intercessions – could I please ask that you make the connection with Caring for Creation when you can.

(Intercessors: Please look at "Common Worship: Times & Seasons" - there is a copy in the vestry which is there for you all – and see pages 601, 610, 611, 626, or 628, which you will find helpful. You can also access this information from the Church of England website under "Prayer and Worship", under the Common Worship headline – but the book is easier to find in the vestry!)

And also:

"Christmas Shoe-box Appeal: we have been sending our filled boxes to 'Operation Christmas Child' for 15 years and much has been achieved. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and to those who have helped organise. This year, we as a church are looking at supporting a different charity which might operate a similar project. There is no rush to fill your box just yet; further details will be announced at the beginning of October."

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!**"

Quiz Nights in the QCC on Saturday September

24th & Friday December 9th both at 7.00pm - tables of 4 £6.

Contact Lu for more info. Thank you

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.