

**The church is open daily for private prayer, from 9.15am – 5pm (Summer-time) or 4pm (Winter-time).**



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

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**31<sup>st</sup> May: Trinity Sunday**

**10.00am The Parish Eucharist**

cel: Fr. David Hu. pr: The Ven. David Sutch

**Bible Readings for the Eucharist**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 40. 12-17,27-31

Reader: Andrew Wakely

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13. 11 - 13

Reader: Christopher Adamu

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel:** St Matthew 28. v. 16 - 20

**Intercessions:** led by Mary Wild

**Collect for Trinity Sunday:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

**Prayer after Communion**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

**Hymns : 286, 684, 686, *Grace greater than sin* (words inside), 285, 685.**

**11.45am STJ's Worship & Praise**

**please pray for:** those who are ill: Marita Westgate, Elizabeth, Jane & Doug Drakeley, June, Jo Miles, Kevin Dewhirst, Janet Dewhirst, Nicholas Lee, Mary Ellis, Rita Cornwall, Marie Spicer, Barbara Valander, Millie Worrell, Joy Cockerton, Cathy, Pam Westwood, Shirley Buckle, Di Allen, Paul Keenan, Lovell Cornwall, Barbara Eve, Marie Taylor, Lu Pearce, Caroline Meek, Jason, Dave Webber

those who have died: Margaret Hartley; all those whom we have known & loved; all who have worshipped with us here; all victims of domestic abuse; those who have died as a result of political violence; victims of natural disasters.

### **In St James Church: in the near future:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:** "Corpus Christi" - Thanksgiving for Holy Communion  
10am Eucharist *Fr. Mark*  
*1 Corinthians 11.23-26; St John 6.51-58*

11.00am "**Sing & Play**" for babies, toddlers, & carers

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm.** The funeral of our dear friend Margaret Hartley will take place in St James

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Afternoon Tea Party at the Old Mill House has sadly had to be cancelled.

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10am: Parish Eucharist .**

Hosea 5.15 – 6.6; Romans 4.13-25; St Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

**11.45am: StJs** Worship & Praise

### **Pray for Gloucester: 11am June 20th Gloucester Cathedral**

Last year a strong group from St. James joined Christians from churches all over Gloucester for this ecumenical event at the Cathedral. We walked there together along the canal. Join us again for this year for a mini pilgrimage (4 miles)! Meet at church for departure at 9.15am and remember there is no bad weather just unsuitable clothing. If you can't manage the walk just meet us at the Cathedral. We make your own way back after the service. It would be useful to know how many to expect – if possible, let the Revd. Stan Brown know you are coming: [revstanbrown@googlemail.com](mailto:revstanbrown@googlemail.com)

**"Songs of Praise":** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm, followed by refreshments Everyone welcome!

The annual **Sponsored Cycle Ride** in aid of the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to take part - as a rider or a sponsor – please contact Paul Bridges – email: [lesponts45@gmail.com](mailto:lesponts45@gmail.com)

**"Around the Spire" - combined July/August edition:** Notes to Jackie Hall by **15<sup>th</sup> June** please!

### **From the Revd. Mark:**

**Calling anyone interested in Confirmation:** A service of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at St George's, Tuffley** at 10.30am. If you would like to explore Confirmation then please let Revd Mark know.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Outdoors Baptism** at 11.30am, followed by **Church Barbecue and Picnic**.

### **Lu and Ian Pearce are to be admitted to The Company of St Kyneburga**

The Company of St Kyneburga was created by Bishop Michael Perham some years ago to recognise folk who have made exceptional contributions to the life of the Church in this diocese. Between them Lu and Ian Pearce have served St James in almost every Church Office, in practical ways, and by raising thousands for church funds at their annual afternoon tea at the Old Mill. You are invited to support them and give thanks by coming to their admission at Cathedral Evensong on Tuesday, 16 June 2026, at 5.30 pm in Gloucester Cathedral, with refreshments afterwards at the back of the Nave.

**First-Aider Training:** Our team of First-Aiders are about to renew their certificates; would anyone like to join the team – especially from the STJ congregation? The Training Day is fixed for **23<sup>rd</sup> June** at Church House, Standish Lane. Please contact Lu Pearce for further details.

### **Hymn during Communion, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

*Chorus:*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;  
What can we do to wash it away?  
Look, there is flowing a crimson tide,  
Brighter than snow you may be today.

*Chorus:*

Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*Chorus:*