



18th August 2019
9th Sunday After Trinity
Proper 15

St James' Church
www.stjamesexeter.org Exeter

Rector

Fr Henry Pryse 01392 431297
Day off: Thursday

Assistant Priest

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Day off: Saturday

Licensed Lay Worker

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Mon	11.00 am – 12.00 noon
	12.45 pm – 2.00 pm
Tue	11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Wed	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Thu	11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Fri	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Charity register number: 1128877

A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. Please make yourself known to Fr Henry, Fr Martin, the churchwardens or the sidespeople, or complete a contact card from chair pocket in front of you and leave it in the box.

Large-print copies of the bulletin, service card and hymns are always available from the sidespeople. Gift Aid envelopes are also available. Please ask if you are unsure. A loop system is in place for those who use a hearing aid; set your hearing aid to 'T'.

Pastoral Care Team

Please address all pastoral care matters through the parish office.

We welcome the family and friends of Eleanor Stanton who will be baptised here later today.

TODAY

1.30 pm Holy Baptism
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn 366
Gradual hymn 524
Offertory hymn 630
Communion hymn 644
Recessional hymn 108

Organ Voluntary

Music setting: Inwood et al.

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour
O Thou Who Camest from Above
The Head That Once was Crowned with Thorns
There is a Redeemer
Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
O My Soul, Rejoice with Gladness (by Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23 vv. 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Second Reading: Hebrews 11 v. 29 - 12 v. 2

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12 vv. 49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'



This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 19th August Matthew 19 vv. 16 – 22

10.15 am Home Communions

12.00 noon Mass

3.30 pm Fr Henry: Deaconing practice with Steve Turner

5.30 pm Fr Henry, Fr Martin and Steve Turner meet

Tue 20th August Matthew 19 vv. 23 – 30

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153
William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

11.00 am No Mass with Healing

1.30 pm Fr Henry: Rectory office

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm Mass

Wed 21st August Matthew 20 vv. 1 – 16

4.00 pm Fr Henry: Tax interview

5.00 pm Slimming World in the church

Thu 22nd August Matthew 21 vv. 1 – 14

Fri 23rd August Matthew 22 vv. 34 – 40

12.00 noon Mass

Sat 24th August Luke 22 vv. 24 – 30

Bartholomew, apostle

Next Sunday: 25th August

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Gospel: Luke 3 vv. 10 – 17

3.00 pm Celebrate Together tea party in the hall

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Dates Ahead

Tue 27th August

2.00 pm Church cleaning party

Sun 1st September

4.30 pm Celebrate Together at St Michael's, Alphington

Wed 4th September

3.30 pm Messy Church in the hall

Thu 5th September

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

7.30 pm Fellowship: Clavinova recital by Christa McKittrick

Fri 6th September

2.00 pm Craft group

Tue 10th September

11.00 am Mass with Healing

12.30 pm Luncheon Club

2.00 pm Outreach

Wed 11th September

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Sat 14th September

3.00 pm Ordination of Steve Turner at Exeter Cathedral

5.30 pm Post-ordination celebration in the hall

Sun 15th September

12.00 noon Bring-and-share lunch to celebrate Steve's ordination

Mon 16th September

10.00 am Churchwardens meet

Thu 19th September

7.30 pm Fellowship: Beetle Drive

On Display at St Petrock's

During August, St Petrock's Church has a 'Justice, Peace and Creation' display focusing on the Clewer Initiative. Pop in to have a look! Further information is also available on the Clewer Initiative website, (www.theclewerinitiative.org)

The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider Church networks to raise awareness of modern slavery and to help with providing victim support and care.



Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Notices

JAM

During the summer break, activities for children are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a box when you arrive and take it to your seat or the children's area at the back of the church.

Party!

Between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 27th August, come along for a fun afternoon cleaning in the church! Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own cleaning materials and apron. For more information, see Judith Wedgwood or Sue Pinn.

Confirmation

If you are interested in Confirmation or would like to know more about it. Please speak to Rachel Martindill or Sue Pinn.

Race for Life

Many thanks to all who supported Hannah, Marcie, Rachel and Zoe, who took part in the recent 'Race for Life' in aid of Cancer Research. Collectively they raised £1005.

Foodbank Collection

Boxes for your donations will be available at the back of the church on Sunday 25th August and Sunday 1st September. Items especially needed include shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, breakfast cereal, canned tuna and others. Over the last six months, you have given 102 kg; thank you for your generosity.

Rectory Garden Party

The raffle at the relocated Rectory Garden Party raised £95 for Church funds. Thank you to all who supported the event and especially to the social committee.

Daily Bread

Do you find it hard to read your Bible regularly or wish you had some guidance on where to start? Try *Daily Bread!* This is available here for free. Pick up your three-month guide at the back of the church to find out whether this is the plan for you. There is no charge but donations can be left in the wall safe by the main entrance door.

Quiz for Christian Aid

You're invited!

General Knowledge Team Quiz

Friday 27th September

Palace Gate Centre
3 Palace Gate
EX1 1JA

Doors open from 6.30 pm
Quiz begins at 7.00 pm

Come alone, with a friend
or as a team of up to 6 people

No admission charge:
Donations to Christian Aid

Ordination

If you will be attending Steve's ordination at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 14th September and/or the celebration afterwards in our hall, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. For the lunch the following day, please add your name and contribution to the list at the back of the church; alternatively, you can make a cash donation through a churchwarden or a member of the social committee.

Melanesian Mission UK

Katie Drew from the Melanesian Mission UK will speak at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 17th November. This is part of an event organised by the Social Justice Group, focusing on the impact of climate change.