

St John's Church Silverdale.



**Sunday 25th July 2021
St James**

**@ 10:30am Morning Prayer
@ 3pm Holy Communion**

Online service - this week the service will be streamed live at 10:30am.

It can be found here:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11645/page/71839/view/>

A play list of songs and hymns can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2F0rI9CMp-082HuhajfIPCgddAIBITvr>

Reading

Ephesians 3.14-21

Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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

This Sunday marks the day when St James the apostle is remembered in the Church calendar.

You will notice that the colours in the Church have changed from the green of ordinary time to red to represent that James was martyred.

James is thought to be the son of Zebedee and the one of the first to respond to Jesus call to follow him, with his brother John.

He is also the Patron Saint of Spain. No doubt you will have heard of Santiago de Compostela and of the many hundreds of people who make pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago (or St James).

There are many pilgrimage routes of many hundreds of miles. When the pilgrims arrive in Santiago they take their pilgrim's passports, stamped at every overnight stop, and receive a compostela, a certificate to say that they have completed the pilgrimage. To receive that they need to have completed the last 100km (62miles). If they are in time they visit the Cathedral for the Pilgrim's Mass held twice a day.

For many embarking on the Camino there is no religious reason for doing so but many find it life changing.

in 2010 a film was made called 'The Way' which gives a flavour of the pilgrimage.

This week

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@ 12noon - Big Church Picnic

Sunday 25th July @ 3pm Holy Communion

Monday 26th July @ 10am Little Angels

Tuesday 27th July @ 7:30pm PCC meeting

Thursday 29th July

@ 10:30am Holy Communion

Big Church Picnic -

Sunday 25th July @ 12noon

Bring a picnic and something comfortable to sit on. Join us on the school field for a picnic and some games, or sit and chat with friends. All welcome.

Little Angels - Mondays at 10am

We have made the decision for Little Angels to run during the summer holidays for under 5s only: to give an opportunity to drop in for a coffee, chat and play.

Opening of the Church

With the lifting of restrictions the decision has been taken to open the church building daily from 10am until 4pm.

While infection rates are still high, at services we are still asking that people wear a face covering when moving around the Church. When sat in the pew the face covering can be removed.

We are going to introduce 2 hymns at the morning service and ask that a face covering is worn while singing.

We continue to observe social distancing, so alternate pews remain empty.

Please be considerate to one another. Some are very anxious at this time.

Prayer

With the daily opening of the Church, I will be praying Morning and Evening Prayer once more in the Church. You are welcome to join me at 9:00am on Monday and Friday and 4pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Opportunities to serve

The Parish Room is a great asset to the Church and the wider community. The Church is looking for someone who is able to manage the bookings of the Parish Room. Is this something that you could do or do you know someone you would be ideal?

Also, we are looking for someone who can be the PCC secretary. Louise has been the PCC secretary for the last 6 years and now as she begins to take on a new role within the Church she would like to lay down this responsibility.

If you are interested in either of these roles or know someone who may be, please **contact Mary for more information.**

Next week

Sunday 1st August
@ 10:30am Holy Communion

Monday 2nd August @ 10am Little Angels

Thursday 5th August
@ 10:30am Holy Communion

Prayers for the week

Sunday - We pray for family, friends and loved ones.

Monday - We pray for schools and colleges, children and young people.

Tuesday – We pray for the Elderly, isolated and vulnerable

Wednesday - We pray for businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing

Thursday - We pray for the NHS and other key workers.

Friday – We pray for National and Local government

Saturday – We pray for all who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health.

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Thursday and Friday
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