

Sunday 25 July 2021

James / Trinity 8
James the Apostle

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.

Readings

Acts 11.27—12.2

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

¹² About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.20–28

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹ And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’ ²² But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’ ²³ He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear friends

On the 25th July the church celebrates the life of St James one of the apostles. An international survey some years ago asked: 'Would you die for your beliefs?' James and John would have ticked 'yes', yet when Jesus dies they are nowhere to be seen. Committing yourself to Jesus is a pledge you learn to keep by breaking. That is how we learn to distrust our own strength and trust in God's. And James found the strength in the end. He died by the sword of Herod because he was known to be committed to Jesus.

Services this week

Sunday July 25th St James

Acts 11.27-12.2/Matthew 20.20-28

10.30am Holy Communion-Milborne Port

12.15pm Baptism- Milborne Port

6pm Evensong Goathill

Wednesday 28th

10.30am Midweek communion Milborne Port

Sunday August 1st Trinity 9

Ephesians 4.1-16/John 6.24-35

9am Holy Communion-Charlton Horethorne

10.30am Holy communion-Milborne Port

3pm Baptism -Milborne Port

6pm Evensong Stowell

St John's Fete July 31st

Please help us prepare for the Church Fete!

We are giving every church member two books of Draw tickets and we would be very grateful if you could sell these or buy them yourself. Please bring completed counterfoils and money, or unsold tickets, to church and hand to Jan Sharpless or any events committee member - or drop them in to Jan at Davlen, Bathwell Lane. If you need more tickets, please contact Jan (250933).

We also need contributions for stalls, but please do not leave them in church this year. If you ring the people listed below, they will let you know where and when they can accept donations.

Chocolate Tombola:	Lesley McConnell 251511 - see below
Books:	Anne Salkeld: 250529
Toiletries/ Gifts:	Sue Cooper 250503
Tombola:	Anne Briggs 251000
Bottles:	Jan Sharpless 250933
Plants:	Scilla Copper 250405 or ring Anne Salkeld
Cakes:	bring on day please

“Remember, remember the Chocolate Tombola at the Fete on 31st July 2021.

Donations of chocolate in any form will be greatly appreciated. Sweets, biscuits, drinks etc give this stall a special feel.

Please contact Lesley McConnell on 01963 251511 with your kind offers.

Let us help make the fete a resounding success!

Sponsor a Date 2021

We would like to thank God for the kindness of the following people for contributing to the daily costs of running our beautiful Church on their memorable date.

Harold Clarke - 1st July

Anne Redman - 8th July

David and Susan Wales - 8th July

Anne Salkeld - 14th July

Graham and Jan Sharpless - 15th July

Nicki Edwards - 26th July

Felicity and Trevor John - 30th July

Thank you Lord for their memories of these special dates.

If you too, would like to help us with the day-to-day running costs of our lovely Church, please choose a special date, e.g.. birthday, anniversary etc, and pledge £25 towards the running costs on that date.

Forms are at the back of Church or from a Churchwarden or email jacquie.hall@me.com / 01963 250328.