



St James the Great, Daisy Hill

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Epiphany 2

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PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

We will now receive Communion kneeling at the rail in a row. Please come up when directed, and take your place along the rail, either kneeling or standing, depending on your preference. The Priest and server will make their way along the line, please then leave back down the organ side of the chancel. Communion will remain the same, if you wish to either take bread only or bread then shared cup, put out one hand. If you then wish to take wine, hold out your hands again as the server with the cup passes.

If you wish to stick with an intincted wafer, then the Priest will have a separate chalice in their hand, and will give you an intincted wafer, please hold both hands out for this option.

Blessing stays the same, hands folded to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Please see the board for today's hymns.

The Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Old Testament - Isaiah 49.1-7

(Steph Gregory)

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—

he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 40

(Bill Martland)

A reading of Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;

he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us!

There is none that can be compared with you.

If I were to proclaim them and tell of them, they would be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;

Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.

'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God;

I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;

behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.

Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;

let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

(Eileen Mercer)

The Epistle is from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Gospel - John 1.29-42

(Vicar)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ

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NOTICES

Study Group The next Study group will be held on Sunday 25th January at 6.00 PM at Malcolm's house.

Messy Church Upcoming messy Church dates are: **31st January, 21st March and 20th June.** From **10.00 until 12.00** with a sandwich lunch at the end, great fun for everyone, please come along and join in.

Ignite Youth - Sparks Initiative (with the Places Team) We are holding a special

event in January. Ignite Youth will be taking place on four **Saturdays (10,17, 24 & 31) 7-8.30pm at St John's Wingates.**

Olga from the Places Team will be helping us lead the Sparks Initiative sessions. These will help you explore how God can help you to use the gifts he has given you to serve others. The sessions are for Year 6 and up and will include activities, food and games. Don't worry if you can't make all of the sessions! RSVP or any questions to: igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

Thank You Many thanks to everyone at St James for their generous donations to our Christmas appeal for toys for Sarah Lodge and Toiletries for the Children's Society. Both were very very pleased and most appreciative, and have sent their thanks to us all. We must mention the Beanie Hats and the grand total this year was 646 - Isn't that marvellous! We thank everyone who knit the lovely hats, people from St James and all those kind friends of friends who joined in. Thank you!

Although this seems a great number please remember there are thousands of needy children throughout the world so...Keep Knitting!

Church Readers and Intercessors This is a general call to anyone who thinks they might want to have a go at reading or leading intersessions in Church, but a particular call for any children and young people who may wish to read at our Second Sunday Services. We have moved to using the International Children's Bible for our All age Services, and would like to have a pattern where readings at the Second Sunday are mostly or always led by children and young people. If you have a child or young person who is a competent reader, and you feel they could do it, please have a word with me, and we can chat about what it entails, and have a practice run to see how they fair in church. We are probably looking at Year 6 and above, unless someone is a really good reader.

We also always need more people to read as adults, and especially to lead our prayers. It is so much better to have lay led prayers as they speak from the heart of the community. You don't need to be really good at fancy words; you just need to express what you feel the church community should be speaking to

God. We will help you with the general format, and ideas of how to structure prayers, but your authentic voice is so important. Please email Malcolm if you have a child to put forward to read, if you would like to read, or especially if you would like to lead prayers, where we always struggle to find enough people. malcolm@revmw.co.uk

Mayor of Westhoughton's Charity Ball Will be held on **21st February**, **Tickets £45** to include a 3 course meal and Gary Barlow Tribute Act. Money raised will be split between Westhoughton Assist and The Hoggery Please see poster at back of church for details.

Easy Fundraising Please help to raise funds for our church when shopping online. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjameswesthoughton/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

200 Club Winners Dec £50 K Downs, **£25** K Rainford, **£10** J Davies

Wiggle Worship – Wednesdays during term time. For all pre-school children, from babies to school age and their carers. Join Wiggle the bookworm with stories, crafts, songs, play and refreshments – no cost to attend.

Open Doors St. James Church **10 am-12 pm** the **first Saturday of the month**. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like

Why not consider supporting St James' Church by standing order, it is much less fuss than bringing cash each week, and makes it easier for the Church and treasurer.

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