

ST JAMES  
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THE VIEW FROM LISTER STREET



The transfiguration of Jesus by Salvador Dalí

## Dear Friends

This Sunday, we hear Matthew’s re-telling of the Transfiguration. It appears in all three synoptic gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but only Matthew links the event explicitly to Moses. “His face shone like the sun,” just as Moses’ face did in Exodus 34:29–35. Here, Moses is somehow face-to-face with the very prophet he once foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15: “It is to him you should listen.” In this moment, Jesus reveals to his disciples that he is both fully human and fully divine—the incarnate God.

I love this story. Every time I return to it, I discover something new—something beautiful that draws me back to God. I could write endlessly about what we can learn from this moment, but I’ll try to keep it brief.

One thing I always come back to is the idea of mountaintop moments—those times in life when something lifts the veil just a little. An answer to prayer. A conversation that stirs the soul. A moment of quiet clarity. These are the glimpses that lift us, that help us see the face of our Saviour just a little more clearly.

But it’s easy to forget them when we descend back into the ordinary—into the mundane, or even the misery, of life. Still, these moments are there. So this week, take a moment. Remember your mountaintop. Thank God for it. And let it remind you who He is—still shining, still speaking, still walking with you, even now.

**“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”**

With prayers and blessings,  
Mthr Caroline

## Dates for your Diary

17 February - 9.30-11.30am Warm Space  
11am Weekday Eucharist  
18 February - 6pm Ash Wednesday Service  
19 February - 2pm Mission Area Prayer meeting at St James  
6pm Taizé

This year’s Lent course will be on ‘The Lord’s Prayer. There are three opportunities to meet starting the week beginning 23 February: Monday’s at 2pm at Whiston, and Wednesday’s at 1.30pm at St Cuthbert’s and 6pm at Sharon’s from St James’.

## Readings

Click below to read the passages

[Exodus 24.12-18](#)

[Psalm 2](#)

[2 Peter 1.16-21](#)

[Matthew 17.1-9](#)

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Please pray for:

We pray for all those considering and preparing for baptism and confirmation

For all those who will be leading Lent groups in the coming weeks.

Gratitude for those mountaintop moments

For the appointment of a Community Worker

If you would like us to pray for someone or something in particular, send an email to Mthr Caroline to add to the list (*please ensure you have the person’s permission*)

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