

Second Reading James 5

¹ Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. ² Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. ⁴ Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you. ⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Contactless Giving

A card reader is at the back of St. Mary's Church, for contactless card payments to Church funds. You can select one of the pre-set amounts, or you can select the exact amount you wish to donate. **Please select the Gift Aid option if you are a UK Taxpayer.** You can then select 'all future donations' so you only have to do this once. Please see Phil, Andy or Susanne if you have any questions or issues with using it.

Bank details for both St. Mary's and Holy Spirit are now on the back of this Newsletter.

Help With Fuel Poverty

Yasmin Harlow from an energy advice charity which helps those in or nearing fuel poverty has sent the poster below. The charity offers free and tailored advice for any income and tenure but are most beneficial to those with a low income, homes that don't heat easily, and those with high fuel bills.

It is hoped some advisers from the charity can come and speak with residents in person on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April at one of our Churches (venue still to be confirmed).

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Dissertation Questionnaire:**The Use of the Organ in Christian Worship today**

Our organist, Shaun Brady, is a third-year music student at Plymouth University. As part of his dissertation he is researching whether the Organ still has a place leading our Christian Worship today as it did in previous centuries.

As part of his research, he is hoping that you will be able to complete an online questionnaire to help him get an understanding of what the feeling is in Plymouth.

Please **click here** to complete the questionnaire, visit <https://forms.office.com/e/wMNIqBdgzU> or scan the QR Code below.

Thank you.

