

ST JAMES CHURCH CLIFTON

THE VIEW FROM LISTER STREET



Golden Vision - Agape, 2014, by Makoto Fujimura

Dear Friends

This week's Gospel reading focuses on agape—not romantic love, but an active, selfless devotion. It is this exact kind of love we want to foster in our church: a welcoming community where everyone is unconditionally valued and loved.

One way we are building this community is through Michael's vital work. This Thursday at our Ascension Day service, we will officially commission him as our Community Engagement Officer. Ascension Day is the perfect occasion for this, as it reminds us that Christ has entrusted His ongoing earthly mission to us.

We are also putting this love into action practically! Starting this Thursday morning, we are thrilled to welcome the Community Pantry and launch a new, regular weekly drop-in. We hope to see you there as we continue to grow in love and mission together. Thank you for helping us make this love a reality in our neighbourhood.

With love and prayers
Mother Caroline

Dates for your Diary

10 May - 10.30am Service of Holy Communion,
- 11.45am APCM
- Bring and share farewell lunch for Louise
12 May - 9.30-11.30am Warm Space
11am Weekday Eucharist
13 May - 10.30am Weekday Eucharist at Whiston
14 May - 10am Drop-in with Community Pantry at 11am
- 7pm Ascension Day Service with commissioning of
Michael and start of Thy Kingdom Come
16 May - 10am - 4pm Day of Prayer
17 May - 10.30am Service of Holy Communion,
24 May - 10.30am Pentecost
4 June - 7pm Corpus Christ Service at St James

Readings

*Click on the link to read
the passages*

[Genesis 8.20-9.17](#)

[Acts 17.22-31](#)

[1 Peter 3.13-22](#)

[John 14.15-21](#)

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to
eternal joy;
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.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Donate

The life and ministry
of our church is made
possible by the
generosity of people
like you. To support
our mission and work
in the community ,
please click [here](#).

Pray for:

For the staff of Church House, for their work to support parishes and the mission of the diocese

For new opportunities to engage with our community in positive and fruitful ways.

For Louise as she prepares to take up her new role as as Priest in Charge of the parishes of Deepcar, Stocksbridge and Bolsterstone on June 4th 7pm at St John's Church in Deepcar.

For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit. For our friends, Enid, and Claire.

For the future mission of St James' church.

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*)

News from the Mission Area

As a Mission Area, we work in fellowship with St Cuthbert's Herringthorpe and St Mary Magdalene Whiston, supporting one another in worship, ministry, and community mission.

St Cuthbert's

Sunbeams Every Tuesday at 9.30am: Social and play for carers and their pre-school children held in the church hall on Bent Lathes Avenue. First visit is free then £2.50 per child per visit, includes drink and biscuit for all visitors. Term-time only.

Coffee Pot Every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1pm: Meet old friends and make new ones having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and some cake. Drop in for some or all of the time.

St Mary Magdalene

Weekday Holy Communion Every Wednesday at 10.30am, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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