

25 July 2021:
St James the
Apostle

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Covid restrictions have been lifted, but it's up to us locally what precautions we put in place - and we're being cautious here at St Mary's. There is a separate sheet with the changes, but things will be reviewed again in September.

We need a **Stamp Tsar!** For many years Ted has collected and sent off stamps, but he's wanting to hand over to somebody else. If this could be you, please have a word with one of the clergy.

Tonight as the final part of the East Preston Festival Weekend, we're joining together with Our Lady Star of the Sea at **3pm** for **Songs of Praise** in the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Do come and join us - bring a chair of you want to sit down!

St Mary's is using the **Parish Giving Scheme** to support our finances - over the next few weeks there should be forms and details for everybody. The PGS is designed to replace envelopes, putting cash on a collection plate and bank standing orders - with a simple Direct Debit which automatically reclaims any Gift Aid with each donation and will increase each year by the rate of inflation (if you tick that box).

Huge thanks for all who have returned the Green Questionnaires - it was very much appreciated.

Alison Grant writes: Steve and I did it! The Mighty Hike conquered! A wonderful day of camaraderie, memories and beautiful scenery walking 14.5 miles from Penrice Castle to Rhossili on the Gower raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your generous donations, our current total is an amazing £660 - £160 over our target! Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Alison. You can still donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-grant26>

Sunday Club we'll be back on 12 September - have a great summer! Also there will be no **Families @ 3** in August - the next one on 5 September will be a 'Blessing of Backpacks' (lunchboxes, book bags etc) as the new school year begins.

Sacristan needed! Since becoming Church Warden, Mary is stepping back from her Sacristan duties - could

you be her replacement? More details from Mary, Jean or Gloria.

Little Angels for 0-5 years & their parents/carers has restarted in the Spire Room (Fridays, 10-11.30am) & will continue to run during the Summer holidays (older children welcome). If you have some time on a Friday morning to come along to welcome families & to help make tea/coffee, perhaps on a monthly basis (or more regularly if you can!), please let Lucy or Rev'd Emma know.

Inside every prison there is an **Independent Monitoring Board**, a group of ordinary members of the public doing an extraordinary job. Ford Prison is currently inviting applications for these roles. For more information: <https://www.imb.org.uk/join-now/current-vacancies/>

Coming up: **Creation Sunday** 5 Sept; **Patronal Festival** (Wed 8 Sept mass at 10am); **Ride & Stride** Sat 11 Sep (volunteers + participants needed!) **Pet Service!** (3pm Sun 10 Oct) - so polish your python, buff your bulldog, scrub your Shetland and put the date in your diary...

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; June Kirkham; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Andrew Moore; John White, Ann Mitchell; Timothy Lovett; Ray Hand; Jean Hornby.

We remember those who've died recently: Ruby Bluck; **and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** Sisters Edith & Grace of the Cross; Charles Boughton-Leigh; Selma John; Christopher Nicholson; Sybil Seymour; Frederick Cunnew; Jessie Fold; Lewis Darby; Eric Gamble; Edith Harrison.

Next Sunday's readings (1 Aug: Trinity 9 Yr B Track 2, Proper 13, OT wk 18): Exodus 16. 2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

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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. Amen

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go."

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 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. The disciples determined that according to their ability,

each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul...

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

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew:

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. 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." 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." 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."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. 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. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; 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:

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.