

In Christ's name, welcome!

We hope that in this place of prayer and praise, you will encounter the one true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.



TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 22:19-23 ; Romans 11:33-36 ; Matthew 16:13-20



Today is the 12th Sunday after Trinity

The Week Ahead:

Monday 24th August

S. Bartholemew, Ap

Tuesday 25th August

Weekday

Wednesday 26th August

Weekday

Thursday 27th August

St Monica, V

Friday 28th August

Weekday

Saturday 29th August

Weekday

NEXT SUNDAY: The 13th Sunday after Trinity

Solemn Mass 1030, Family Mass 1215

Welcome to St James's on the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Dear friends, the question that Jesus posed to Peter echoes down through the centuries: 'who am I to you?'. Who is Jesus to you? Many people who agree with John Lennon who viewed Jesus as an historically real, wise and and admirable teacher, but who rejected the divinity of Christ. He famously stated that he considered himself one of "*Christ's biggest fans*", expressing deep respect for Jesus's core message of love while criticizing institutional Christianity and its followers as hypocritical. But our faith does not allow us that path. Peter's confession is hugely important because it is the foundation of belief in the Incarnation. In the person of Jesus we see what God is like, and what it means to be truly, perfectly, and authentically human. Jesus is God in a body and that body exemplifies how we are to live best as humans: living lives of humble, sacrificial love.

Summer break

Fr Tim is on leave from August 10-29th.

During the holiday season, weekday Masses will be paused from Monday 20th July until Tuesday 1st September when the daily office and Mass resumes. The church will be closed on Monday Bank Holiday, 31st August.

The first Family Mass after the summer holiday will be next Sunday, 30th August.

In the absence of Fr William, there will be no 5pm evening Mass on Sunday.

Alpha Course

St James will be running a Life Course in the autumn.

This is designed for newcomers to the Christian faith or returnees. There will be a light supper followed by a talk and discussion. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Fr Tim.

The course will run every Thursday evening from 24th September to 29th October and will start at 7.30pm.

Flower rota

Would you consider volunteering to be part of a small

group who would be prepared to buy flowers for church once a week? If you are interested, please email Fr Tim

Please pray for those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit.

Fr William Allen, Jackie Hetherington, Matiana, Cynthia, Amalia, Emmanuel, Vera, Belane, Saffron, Linda, Sarina, Mayah, Helen, Laura, Sally, Martha, Colin and Peter.

Pray also for the Faithful Departed in Christ.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed. Pray, too, for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Audrey Metters, Gillian Ascott, Carole Paramor, Mungo Walker, Alice Gross, Michael Nimblette, and all those whose year's mind this is.

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MUSIC AT THE HIGH MASS

Setting: Missa Brevis – Berkeley

Voluntary: Duet for organ – Wesley

Motet: Tu es Petrus – Widor

Hymns: 567, 582, 603, 550

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