

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Worship at Home

Sunday 7th August 2022

8th Sunday after Trinity



Services This Coming Week

Wednesday 10th August - 9.30am. Said Eucharist

Thursday 11th August - 6.15pm. Family Eucharist

Sunday 14th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am. Said Eucharist

10.15am. Sung Eucharist

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Epistle to the Hebrews (Ch. 11: 1-3, 8-16)

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel of St Luke (Ch. 12: 32-40)

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Prayers of Intercession

In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, including: Dave, Craig, Everly, Hilary, Kerry, Maureen, Issac, Ronnie, Shaiju

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them.

and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including Glenys Gill, Phyllis Hastings

And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on Hodder Street, Thames Avenue, Eastern Avenue, Brent Street



Vision 2026 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for a new Vicar

Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change. Fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer. May we be true to our calling to be a living church bringing new life to our community. Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new incumbent. May the person you are calling be ready to serve us with joy in faith and obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen
Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Grace

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

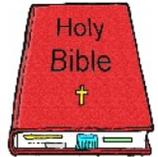


The **Prayer Group** meet tomorrow, Monday, at 6.30pm.
in the church vestry - *All are welcome*

Advance Notices

There will be no 6.15pm. **Family Service** on Thursday 18th August

Commencing on Wednesday September 14th at 7.00pm. In the vestry
there will be an 8 week **Bible Course - Exploring the Big Story**
Everyone is welcome - refreshments served
Further details shortly



You can regularly give to St. James Church by direct
debit, through the **Parish Giving Scheme**

*Further details can be found on the separate sheet available from the Warden's table,
on this website, or have a word with Alec, our Church Treasurer (details below).*

You can still give to church either through bank standing order or the weekly
envelope scheme.

Fabric Fund collecting boxes are available from the back of church
under the noticeboard - please take one. If you are a UK tax payer,
please complete the declaration on the box and also tick the gift aid box.



Please join us in the vestry for **refreshments** after the 10.15am.
service and also after the 9.30am. Wednesday morning service

Our Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps, to be a prayerful,
worshipping church who welcomes all to know his gracious love.



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