

# The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

## Worship at Home

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Services This Coming Week

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30am. Said Eucharist**  
Gospel Reading - John 15: 1-8

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 6.15pm. Family Eucharist**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**9.00am Said Eucharist**  
**10.15am. Sung Eucharist**

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch. 11: 1-18)**

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>8</sup>But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

## **The Gospel of St John (Ch. 13: 31-35)**

<sup>31</sup>During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

## 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

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them, including  
Katie Kenyon

and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, Including  
William Grant, Bill Nuttall, Roger Warn



And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on  
Cuerdale Street, Gorple Street, Netherwood Street, Gilbert Street, Moorview Close

## 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 the People of Ukraine

Almighty God, seated above all the affairs of humankind and sovereign over nations and leaders, hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war, that lives may be spared, that national boundaries be respected and that forces of aggression be restrained. Grant, Lord God, peace in your world in our time. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

**Fundraising** Items that have been on sale at the back of church over the past weeks have raised a total of **£735.00** for church funds. Thank you to Marie Kinnear for all the time and work on this project.



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

The next **Mothers' Union meeting** is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. in the vestry.



At the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Janet Hartley was elected as Churchwarden for the coming year. We thank the outgoing Churchwardens, Andrea Bettany and Chris Holdsworth for their work over the past 2 years.

Copies of the Annual Reports & Financial Statement for 2021 are available from the Wardens' table in church.

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



*Further details can be found on the separate information sheet available from the Wardens table in church, or on our church website, or by having a word with Alec, our Treasurer.*

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

If you know of someone who would like a **home visit**, please contact Janet Hartley (ALM in Pastoral Care) - Mobile: 07942717947

### 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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