

Notices

Mothers' Union meets on Tuesday 8th April at 7.00pm. in the Vestry.

The **Church Electoral Roll** is now in the process of being renewed (this happens every 6 years) and everyone who wishes to be on the new Roll needs to complete a new form. The closing date for this to be completed is the 28th April.

Also, a new **Data Protection Form** needs to be completed by every adult who attends church. Forms are available on the Wardens' table for both these and should be returned to church once completed.

Music for an April Evening

Saturday 26th April at 6.00pm.

at St James Church

Pianists, organist and violin duet

Tickets Adults £5, Children £3, Family £10

Programme & Refreshments provided



Donations towards the **Easter Flowers** can be given to Alec or Janet. Please use a yellow gift aid envelope, mark it 'Flower Fund,' and complete the declaration if you are a UK tax payer.

Cakes are needed for the refreshments after the service on Easter Day, please let Janet know if you can help. *Thankyou.*



Please join us in the vestry for **refreshments** after this service, and also on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Eucharist

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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The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Sunday 6th April 2025



Hymns at Today's Eucharist

Introit 83 - Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains

Gradual 393 - Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Offertory (s)68 - Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity

Communion 89 - O dearest Lord, thy sacred head

Communion (s)29 - From heaven you can helpless babe

Final 93 - Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Services at St James' this Week

Wednesday at 9.30am. - Said Eucharist

Thursday at 6.00pm. - Family Service

Next Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

10.00am. Sung Eucharist

The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Epistle to the Philippians (Ch. 3: 4b-14)

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Please stand to listen to:

The Gospel of St John (Ch12: 1-8)

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the intercessions is:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer.**



In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, Alan, Amanda, Hilary, June, Justin, Michael

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them including, Diane Clark and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including, Ronald Astin

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for all the Residents and Businesses on Gorple Street, Cuerdale Street, Netherwood Street, Gilbert Street, Moorview Close

In our Deanery, please pray for parishes of St Andrew with St Margaret & St James, Burnley

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.

and at the end:

Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**