

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Worship at Home

Sunday 19th June 2022

1st Sunday after Trinity



Services This Coming Week

Wednesday 22nd June - 9.30am. Said Eucharist
Gospel Reading - Matthew 7: 15-20

Thursday 23rd June - 6.15pm. Family Eucharist

Sunday 26th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity
9.00am. Said Eucharist
10.15am. Sung Eucharist

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Galatians (Ch. 3: 23-end)

²³Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel of St Luke (Ch. 8: 26-39)

²⁶Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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,

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

and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including
Mabel Kay, Rene Townsend



And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on
Clockhouse Avenue, Clockhouse Court, Clockhouse Grove, Malham Road,
Oakwood 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 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



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. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete the declaration on the box and also tick the gift aid box.

The **Funeral of Barbara Stephenson** will take place on Monday 27th June in St James Church at 11.45am., followed by committal at Accrington Crematorium.

The next **Mothers' Union** meeting is on Tuesday 28th June for a meal at the Sparrowhawk Inn, Fence - all welcome.



On **Wednesday 29th June** at the 9.30am morning Eucharist, Janet Hartley will be commissioned as the Churchwarden of St James Church by the Rev'd Munawar Din, Area Dean of Burnley and Vicar of St Cuthbert's Burnley and St Luke's Brierfield.
Please come along and support Janet



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

Enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, etc. should initially go to the Parish Administrator (*details below*)

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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