



## Sunday 25th July 2021

## The Feast of St James

**In Memory.** Sheila Stacey, Andy Vickerstaff and William Easterbrook.

**Look out for the wonderful cards on sale to raise funds for our churches.** Thank you to Robin and Pam Thomas for organising this. Fantastic picture Robin!

**Church Office cover for August.** Please note for the period of August, Andrew and Caren will be working to a different pattern as well as having specific time off which will be advertised in this weekly notice sheet. They will only be covering essential work for this period. Non-essential work will be picked up again in September.

**Lifting of lockdown rules** Each of our churches is in the process of making step 4 in the easing of restrictions. This will mean slightly different practices in each community due to our buildings and congregations varying in size. Clear guidance will be given at all our services. In broad terms we are recommending the continuation of social distancing and wearing of masks in our buildings. Each community will be considering how to reintroduce singing and refreshments.

**Living in Love and Faith recommended reading list:** The Living in Love and Faith resources hub is full of useful articles, podcasts and books which are helpful to read alongside doing the Living in Love and Faith Course. The LLF national team have now produced a helpful recommended reading list if you want to explore some of the themes more deeply but don't have time to read everything!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-learning-hub>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/A-selection-of-resources-from-the-LLF-Online-Library.pdf>

**June and July Edition of the Beacon** is now available for you to collect from our churches. We are always looking for new contributors. If you have an idea or article do contact the editor.

**Points for Prayer.** We pray for the end of the school year, holidays and a time of rest. We pray for the steering group, PCCs and church wardens as they consider our response to the lifting of restrictions and planning for our life as a mission community over these next few months.

### Readings

	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	2 Kings 4:42-End	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm	145:10-19	78:23-29
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:14-End	Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel	Matt 20:20-28	John 6:24-35

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
	Matt 20.20-28	Matt 13.36-43	Matt 13:44-46	John 12:1-8	Matt 13:54-End	Matt 14:1-12

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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### Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Baptism rehearsal	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

**Telephone support/chat following the church services:** Sheila Sheldon is available to speak to following our church services. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

### Morning Prayer

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	- For the Zoom password, email: <a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a>
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation at Broadhempston)

### Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Please note, St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer and reflection.

### Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down on Annual leave on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Church Office closed for annual leave on Thursday and Friday.

Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	11.30 am	Interment of Ashes of Valerie Watson-Jackson	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Saturday	9.45am	Baptism of Imogen Vickerstaff	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Next Sunday – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Baptism of Regan Heale	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	- Online via Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: [rachelbelringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com)

**Online Sermon this Sunday:** This week the Rev'd Rosie Austin reflects on the feast of Saint James in her sermon, 'Called to serve'. She will discuss how Jesus called James to put serving others first, and shows us the way to do the same. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>



## Reflection by Rev'd Andrew Down

Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
The Feast of St James  
Matthew 20:20-28  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

So back to our wonderful church. We can be tempted to hanker after a by gone age when more fully the church was given by right the best places in society. However, this would be missing the work of the spirit in the church's life today. Missing the invitation to share in Jesus' cup of suffering and its call to find faith, hope and love there. We are called as a church back to the true seat of security, honour and prestige that of loving service. When the church down the ages has been called back to this loving service and the support of the wellbeing and flourishing of all, it has found that it has been renewed and refreshed. In our service of others our church will flourish.

I wonder what this passage has to say to our church?

Being part of the 'established church' that is the official Church of England set up under Henry VIII we certainly know something or indeed quite a bit of what it is to have privilege, power and status. We have certainly often been given the best places in society. We do well to remember this is our story.

In our gospel passage we have a wonderful mum wanting the best for her children and falling down on her knees to ask Jesus to give it to them. Who can criticise her for that? Jesus certainly doesn't. However, James and John's mum is looking for their flourishing and wellbeing in all the wrong places or should I say by the wrong means. This is very understandable and we often do the same both in our personal life and in our church life. We want to have the best place and when we and others focus on this, inevitably conflict arises as it did between the disciples.

The life Jesus advocates and offers to this faithful mum and his disciples has a very different understanding of what security, honour and power look like. It is forged through the difficulties and sufferings of life. We like James, John and the other disciples will inevitably share this cup of suffering and in it and through it we find life and love and the ground of all being. Jesus speaks in our passage of true security, honour and power being marked by the service to others. Finding our own wellbeing and flourishing in the wellbeing and flourishing of all and not in being better than others.



Sieger Koder, Jesus Washes Peter's Feet