

# Welcome to ST JAMES' WEST END

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE 9.30AM PARISH EUCHARIST

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 forever. Amen.

### PSALM 63.1-9

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; •  
my soul is athirst for you.
- 2 My flesh also faints for you, •  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.
- 3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place •  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself •  
and so my lips shall praise you.
- 5 I will bless you as long as I live •  
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, •  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed •  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- 8 For you have been my helper •  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul clings to you; •  
your right hand shall hold me fast.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and

without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**GRADUAL HYMN:** 130 My spirit longs for thee

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 13:1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** 448 I come with joy, a child of God

## **DURING COMMUNION:**

Anthem (choir): Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant/Hilton)  
Hymn for all to sing: 132 O for a heart to praise my God

**FINAL HYMN:** 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide

*All are welcome to stay for Refreshments in Church after the service.*

## **EVENING SERVICES at 6.30pm**

**Today:** Informal worship

**Next Sunday:** Sung Evensong

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## **PEW NEWS (cont from back page)**

### **CONCERT AT ST. JAMES' FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 7.30PM**

Mezzo Soprano - Lillian Sedilles; Keyboard - Graham Kidd; Cello - Thomas Wharton. Programme to include works by Purcell, Handel, Vivaldi and Marcello. Entrance free but donations gratefully received in support of Enham Trust disability charity (Thomas' London Marathon charity).

### **CONCERT AT ST. JAMES' SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 7.30PM**

Botley Choral Society will be performing Mozart Vesperae Solunnes de Confessore and Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle. Tickets are available from All Saints Church Botley or online [www.Botleychoral.co.uk](http://www.Botleychoral.co.uk) (£12).

**EASTER LILIES** This Easter as in previous years, we will be remembering those who have departed with a dedicated floral arrangement. A lily will be purchased in memory of your loved one and their name displayed along with the flowers. If you would like to contribute to this arrangement would you please put a donation of £2.50 and the name of your loved one in an envelope and hand it to a sides-person at Church or send it to June Holloway at 18 Yeovil Chase, SO18 5PA (cheques payable to "West End PCC of St James" please) by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**THE REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** is due to take place during February and March. Please see the noticeboard for information.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** Traidcraft stall in church today and next Sunday.

## PEW NEWS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*Morning Prayer 9am only on Thursday this week, in Lady Chapel*

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Lunch Club
	2.30pm	Dawson Lodge Communion Service
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Stay and Play parent and toddler group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Harefield prayers
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Open Door at Harefield Surgery
	12.00noon	SO18 Big Local Away Day lunch
	8.00pm	Lent Group at 39 Princess Close
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Church Cleaning
	10.00am	Wedding meeting, vestry
	7.30pm	Concert at St. James' (see separate item)

*More details can be found on our Online Calendar [www.stjameswestend.org.uk](http://www.stjameswestend.org.uk)*

**LENT APPEAL BOXES** are available at the back of church to support Said Foundation's Syrian Relief Project. Please take one and return after Easter. Thank you.

**GUTTER MAINTENANCE** For your safety, the south side of the churchyard will be closed for at least the next two weeks while the scaffolding is in place to replace the gutters. Please obey the signs and access the West End Road car park via the pavement. The main access to the church for the next few weeks will be via the west door at all times.

**ST JAMES' MAGAZINE** Just a reminder that the deadline for copy for the April edition is Tuesday 1 March. Please send to me at [magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjameswestend.org.uk) or leave a hard-copy in my in-tray in the vestry. Many thanks, Caroline Wigley (023 8046 4115)

**ROSEMARY SPRIGS** We need rosemary sprigs for Mothering Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> March). If you have any you could spare, please let Jan Barrett know.

**TWIDDLEMUFF PATTERNS** are available at the back of the church. Please return completed items to Betty Wood (choir). Thank you.