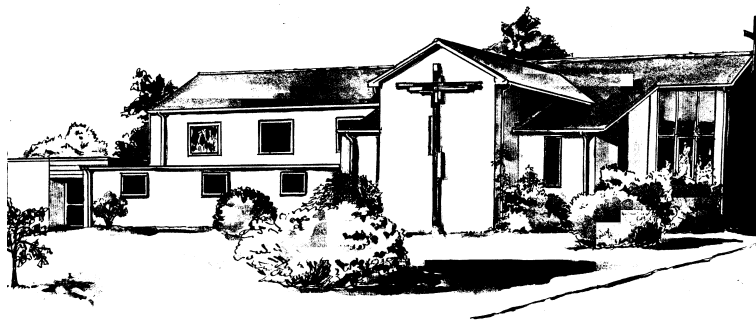


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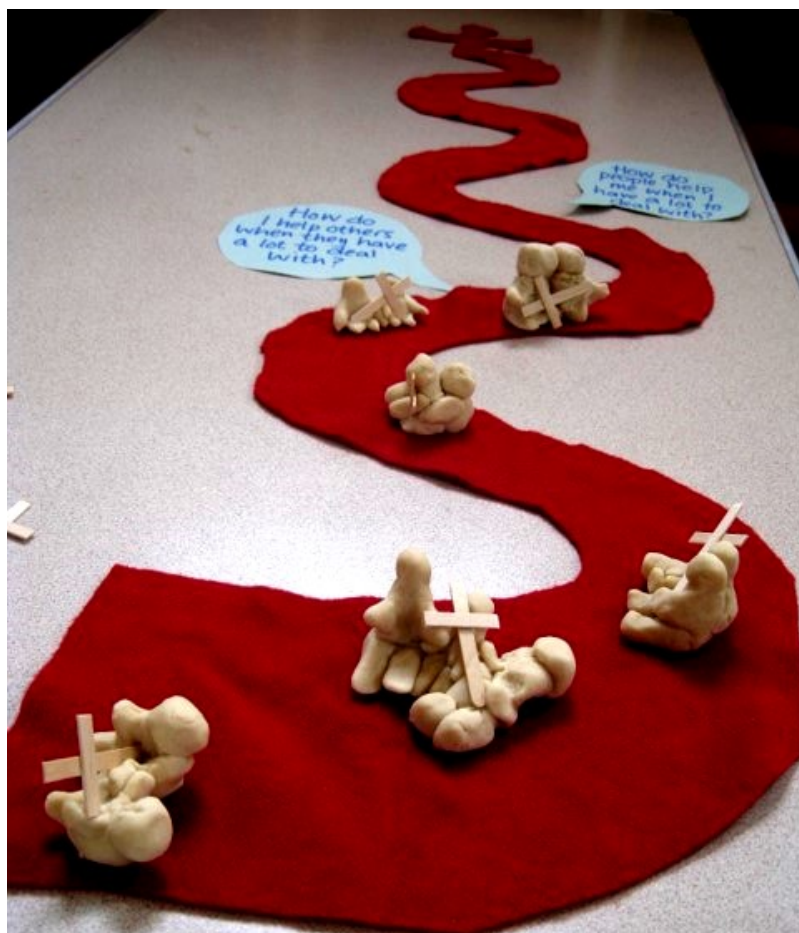
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Clay sculptures from the Good Friday workshop on the Stations of the Cross, illustrating Jesus falling and receiving help, with the question "How do I help others when they have a lot to deal with?"

### Words from the Vicarage

Dear Readers,

I'm a bit of a traditionalist when it comes to football. I still wish all games kicked off at 3 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon, I'm not keen on music being played every time a goal is scored and I'd rather not pay £50 for a ticket. Despite all this, I'm looking forward to the World Cup finals in Russia this summer. I have always watched the World Cup finals and have vivid memories of being a young boy poring over my World Cup wallchart with my brother, trying to predict whether Scotland might beat Iran and what chance Tunisia had against West Germany (as it was then). There was something exotic and enticing about all these teams coming together to play in a tournament, with players whose names we'd never heard of.

All that has changed with the international market of players joining teams all over Europe over the past 20 years or so. And I've changed too; I've lost that innocent wonder and naivety. Instead of just obsessing about the players, the colour of the kits and filling in my wallchart I am now wondering what the cost to the local economy will be for the host nation, will the poorer areas see any benefit from the whole spectacle, will it just be a huge publicity exercise for Putin, and what are the risks of violence between the supporters?

Sport and politics are inextricably linked whether we want to admit that or not; sport doesn't

exist in a vacuum and the plight of people who live in poverty or through times of war can't be ignored because of a football match. In some way sport, and especially football, might be able to bring people together in a spirit of harmony and respect. The shame is that this respect might only be temporary. It's a bit like the recent royal wedding: the richness of diversity represented and expressed within the whole occasion seemed impressive, and yet I wonder, perhaps cynically, what difference it will make in reality to those who live in multi-cultural and diverse communities in Britain and the USA.

When we gather in a place of worship it's tempting to shut the world out and exist for a short time in a refuge from all that is distasteful or hurtful. But God is not immune to the problems of the world and we cannot keep God out of suffering. In the Gospel stories, Jesus drew attention to those who were poor, outcast and oppressed. Surely God wants us to celebrate our lives and the diversity of humanity? The Gospel of love does not allow us to wallow in what is wrong (like I do about football) but instead, invites us to change what is unjust so that everyone, absolutely everyone, can rejoice in the freedom of God's love.

May this summertime be enriched with colourful celebrations and new experiences for all who pray for that.

**Revd Steven Rothwell**

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### Focus@StJames: William Blake, Biblical Prophecy and Jesus

On Monday 14th May at 7.30 pm Focus@StJames presented 'William Blake, Biblical Prophecy and Jesus'. I have always found Blake difficult and for me this evening of lectures and discussion made him much more comprehensible. Both speakers set Blake in his historical context reacting against the rationality of the 'Age of Reason' and asserting the love and forgiveness of God. In his eyes the church establishment had betrayed the true religion of Jesus.

Christopher Rowland spoke about Blake as a prophet who pointed out the consequences of the ways in which humankind acted. He also elucidated the reasons for some of the obscurities of Blake's images, supporting his explanation with a number of

Blake's drawings and paintings. Malcolm Guite concentrated on the centrality of the love of God and on love as the core of Man's nature in Blake's interpretation of Christianity. In his battle with rationalism and sceptical materialism Blake saw imagination as the key to man's spiritual survival. This was a most interesting evening and I for one look forward to future Focus@StJames events.

**Michael Smale**

## A welcome

### *Supporting adoptive families in church*

Some readers may be aware that a child has recently joined our church family via adoption. We wanted to welcome them in Crosspiece but have to be considerate about their security (particularly the longevity of things published online) and as such cannot name them or their family here.

Anyone reading about adoption in the UK nowadays will notice it has changed dramatically over the past half century. Adoption is talked about more openly and children have the right to know their life story. Babies are no longer adopted due to societal pressure on their mothers. Children are taken into care as a last resort, due to chronic neglect and abuse. It is therefore no wonder that they are affected both by their history and by being taken from everything they know. Having settled into foster care they are then moved on again to their new families. Adoptive parents are caring for traumatised children and the church family can help through prayer, friendship and support.

The family have shared these useful points taken from the most recent magazine of 'Home for Good', a Christian charity which encourages and supports church members who are thinking of fostering or adopting:



[www.homeforgood.org.uk](http://www.homeforgood.org.uk)

*Five things adopters and foster carers would love you to know*

*1 We can't tell you everything about our family. We appreciate your interest and concern and it means a lot that you are praying for us.*

*2 There are no quick-fix solutions when a child has suffered trauma. We appreciate your commitment to walking with us through ongoing challenges.*

*3 Please ask how you can help rather than assuming what works for most children will work for ours. We may have to be careful with keeping to our routine, but we appreciate your practical help.*

*4 There are extra challenges during changes or special occasions, such as new school terms, Christmas or birthdays. We appreciate your sensitivity at these times.*

*5 We couldn't do this without you! Your love and support can be a lifeline to us. Thank you.*

The adoptive mother notes that 'church services which differ from the weekly norm, for example our monthly family service' can lead to a change in behaviour stemming from an understandable fear of the unknown (see point 4).

She would like to thank Jutta and Steve for their support both before and after her daughter arrived. Also members of the pastoral team and the parishioners who prayed, during the lengthy 'before' period. Thirdly the many people in church who make a weekly difference, through their loving patience, supportive chat and understanding smiles.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Letter of Paul to the Romans, 8:14-17, NRSV**

**Martha Mitchell (23 October 1920 – 21 March 2018)***From a tribute by her son Alan at her funeral*

Martha's home town of Osnabruck in Lower Saxony had for centuries been known as the City of Peace but it was under the flight path of allied aircraft on their way to - and from - Berlin. It was over seventy five percent wiped out. She endured the most appalling horrors during the war, many far too awful to describe. One small insight: sheltering every night under a bridge for nine months - as protection of sorts - from bombing raids. She didn't even have a bath that whole time. When she worked with the British helping run Osnabruck as the war ended, soldiers gave her cups of tea. "It tasted like nectar," she once said. "I hadn't drunk tea in years." There was so little food around she was often very weak. One officer noticed this and put his cap on her desk. She said: "Sir, you have forgotten your cap." And as she lifted it up she noticed a sandwich hidden underneath it. "And your sandwich," Martha said. "No that's for you," he replied.

In St Paul's letter, he speaks of trials through which we triumph, and that nothing can come between us and the love of Christ. For my mother, she suffered those trials - and more besides - yet triumphed; and her faith, that love of Christ, remained steadfast for all her 97 long years.

Marta Sophie Lippek was born less than two years after the end of the First World War, in what was then the Weimar Republic. She lived through the era of hyper-inflation: a loaf of bread once cost 200,000 million marks! Along with her younger

brother Bruno, she was raised in a very modest but deeply religious home by their parents Karl and Frieda. The little girl with the long plaits, Martha loved life, ice skating with her father, dancing, all kinds of athletics, even climbing up buildings, and swimming was her great passion. As a schoolgirl, English was the subject she loved best. But she had to leave school at 16 as her parents couldn't afford to send her to the next level despite her teachers imploring them to. Much of the family income now had to go to relatives in East Prussia after hyper-inflation left them on very hard times indeed.

A local soft furnishing company gave her a job. She started off doing the cleaning, then worked her way up and later had some staff under her. And then the war came. Almost six terrifying years of it. Fighting in Osnabruck ceased on April 3rd 1945. There was no water, no gas, no electricity. The building where my mother worked had been destroyed and she was jobless. The Mayor however needed English-speaking German civilians to act as translators to aid the British military government run this dreadfully devastated city. She began work in the secretariat office where she set eyes upon her future husband, Stanley. He had interrupted his German and French studies at Jesus College, Cambridge to serve in the army, and was now stationed in Osnabruck as an interpreter. In late 1945, Stanley returned to Cambridge to complete his degree while Martha rose to the position of Chief Clerk in the Local Government office under the British.

She didn't see Stanley again until August 1947 when he attended the Summer School at the University of Munster. Martha and Stanley married a year later in Bradford. There was no father of the bride present - Martha's parents were not allowed to travel by the German authorities. So she gave her own wedding speech. The new Mr and Mrs Mitchell set up home in Cambridge. On her first visit to King's College, Martha was so overwhelmed she broke down in tears and told my father: "I think I've gone to heaven."

My father went on to become Head of Modern Languages at the Perse School. In the late 1940s, Martha also began doing some German teaching of her own in the Cambridge area. Three children then came along, Martin, myself and then Janet. Our nursery rhymes, by the way, were in

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German, she knew no English ones! She was a loving mother and a most remarkably devoted wife. Arguably her proudest moment was watching Her Majesty the Queen present my father with the MBE at Buckingham Palace for his services to the school's Combined Cadet Force.

In 1966, my father was appointed Housemaster at the Perse's junior boarding house. Martha took charge of the domestic side of things – staffing, catering, administrative and secretarial support among many other responsibilities. But she was also heavily involved in the pastoral side of the House – looking after dozens and dozens of boys, some very young and far away from home. This is a Martha we all recognise. She was goodness personified. And her faith, so strong, was at her very core. She was compassionate, deeply Christian in all she did: loving and forgiving, perhaps especially forgiving.

After my father's death in 1975, Martha moved out of the boarding house, and we three children one by one, had begun to leave home too. She found a job working nights as a receptionist at a nurses' accommodation block at Addenbrooke's and then got one as an auxiliary nurse at the hospital. She absolutely loved looking after patients and hugely regretted having to retire at 60.

She was a widow for 43 long years. Hers became a simple but rewarding life in widowhood; she took holidays abroad on her own, she'd take

keep fit classes here at St James' right into her late seventies for what she famously called the old people! And of course the fellowship of the church itself was of supreme importance to her along with the wonderful friendships she found within these walls. She'd listen to German radio stations, give *English* lessons to Bell School students, and take a very active part in the University of the Third Age, where she enjoyed both the company and the intellectual stimulation. She'd crochet away for hours on end and ride everywhere on her bike. She promised to pray for us all every night. And she did. The Bible was always open next to her bed.

And she also lost a son, my brother Martin. But she delighted in the arrival of her grandchildren and then her great-grandchildren. In her last decade or so, her eyesight failed her and later her mobility too, so she became very housebound. Ultimately, she had to enter a care home, Home Close in Fulbourn, to ensure round the clock attention. Last Christmas there, she sang in German, word perfect, an old carol to my children - a very treasured memory.

My very special gratitude goes to Jutta for taking the service. We are most blessed to have her here today, back in her old church. As Jutta told me as Martha began to slip away in hospital, her journey has only just begun! Indeed, as the great English cleric and poet John Donne wrote: "No ends, no beginnings but one equal eternity".

*The book stall at a recent Bring-and-Buy sale with Coffee Morning. The next event will be held on 30th June - come and hunt for bargains and support St James'.*



### Maureen Dixon (9 May 1937 - 24 April 2018)

*From a tribute by her friend June Huntsman*

In 1977 we came to live in Wort's Causeway with our two sons to find a warm community of folk to welcome us. Among those was Maureen, who appeared on our doorstep not long after we had moved in. She came with a huge smile and a warm invitation to visit her family of Mike, Jacqui, Alan and herself. It was truly marvellous, we felt at home immediately and knew that this was the place to put down our roots for a while. I found that this new friend was lively, intelligent and full of energy and at times had a great sense of humour. We had much in common, both being new to Cambridge, and with children of roughly the same age. It was the beginning of a friendship which lasted over forty years.

One summer Maureen invited us to holiday with them in Durham, sharing a house for a week. We ice-skated, picnicked and played family games together. The youngsters had a great time as well as the adults.

In 2000, Maureen announced that she was going to study for a degree in English literature. She was a passionate reader and quite determined to get a qualification. Her tenacity carried her through and three years later she was awarded a BA degree from Anglia Ruskin University. She had worked hard

and long at her studies as well as running a home, and doing a part-time job.

Amongst her passions were cinema, the theatre and gardening, but opera seemed to be top of her agenda, when it came to choosing a special occasion. "June," she would say quite firmly, "to really appreciate opera, it MUST be sung in Italian!" and she would take herself off to wherever there happened to be a performance, distance being no object. After she gained her degree, she was invited to join the British Federation of Women Graduates, where she gave tremendous support to the then President, Pam Gavin. This was followed by becoming a founder member of a book club. She also joined U3AC and was soon on the committee, which gave her a wealth of opportunities to explore fresh and stimulating subjects and make new friends.

When she moved from Hauxton to Edeva Court, we enjoyed choosing pots and plants together to furnish her little patio. She was duly proud of her garden although small. Our own garden was also one of which she was particularly fond, so almost exactly a year ago we had a party there to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Maureen had a deep Christian faith. Latterly in the Manor Care Home, I had the immense privilege of taking Holy Communion to her, together with another dear friend who was a resident. This was a very special time for us, even though her dementia was increasing. I shall remember her most for her generous spirit, her insatiable appetite for life, her family and many friends. She had much love to give, which was returned in abundance. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Eds: After her move to Edeva Court, she was often met from church by her son Alan, and as her dementia increased he frequently accompanied her to Sunday Eucharist. As a tribute to his mother, Alan made the coffin in which she was laid to rest.*



*Maureen supervising the cake cutting at Jutta's installation in Ipswich*

St James' Church, Wulfstan Way

Four balloons (two teal, two pink) are positioned around the title. Two are on the left and two are on the right, each with a black string.

# SUMMER CELEBRATION



2—5 pm

SATURDAY 16th JUNE 2018

Games **RAFFLE**  
CAKES Bouncy Castle  
*Refreshments* Activities

Fun for all ages

You are all invited!



### Farewell and Thanks from Rebecca Tuck

Now that my training here is finishing we are preparing to move to Horsham, in Chichester diocese. I will serve my curacy at St Mary's Church as part of the Horsham Parish Team Ministry. We are not returning to our own diocese because there were so many of us from Chelmsford due to be ordained this year that I was offered the opportunity to be released, which I felt called to take.

This will be a difficult move for us as we have all been very active members of the Ridley Hall community, as well as the St James community and our local community of Cherry Hinton whilst in Cambridge. But this move will bring us closer to family, which we especially look forward to.

We would love your prayers for a smooth transition when we move, for school places in years 1 and 4, prayers for Simon as he seeks suitable work and discerns his own vocation and for me to grow gracefully into mine, trusting in God's provision for us all.

I am due to be ordained at 3pm on Saturday 30th June in Chichester Cathedral. Do please be praying for me and for all others due to be ordained on that day including the 11 others with me from Chichester diocese. I realise it is far to come, but if anyone does wish to attend, or send prayers and encouragement do contact me at [rebecca.tuck.rt@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.tuck.rt@gmail.com)

Simon, Abi, Noah and myself would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for the wonderful community of St James. We have very much enjoyed belonging here, growing in faith with you and being a part of all that God is doing in this community. You have blessed us richly and will always be in our prayers.



### Farewell to Ben Edwards

Ben Edwards has also been a valued ordinand and member of the St James community, who will be ordained in Bury St Edmunds at 10.30 am on 30th June.

Please pray for Ben, his wife Caroline and children Dora, Bertie and Trinity as they prepare for this event and for a move to Beccles, where Ben will serve as Assistant Curate at St Michael's Church and St Luke's Church.

Ben may particularly be remembered by some of the younger members of the congregation for his imaginative illustration of God's forgiveness using the medium of football referee spray, where words or patterns can be sprayed onto grass and gradually disappear.



### Youth Group Graffiti Art



On 28th April the St James' Youth Group enjoyed a session with a local graffiti artist. They chose to represent the words 'Hope' and 'Joy' on large boards which are now displayed in the sanctuary.



### Thyme to cook

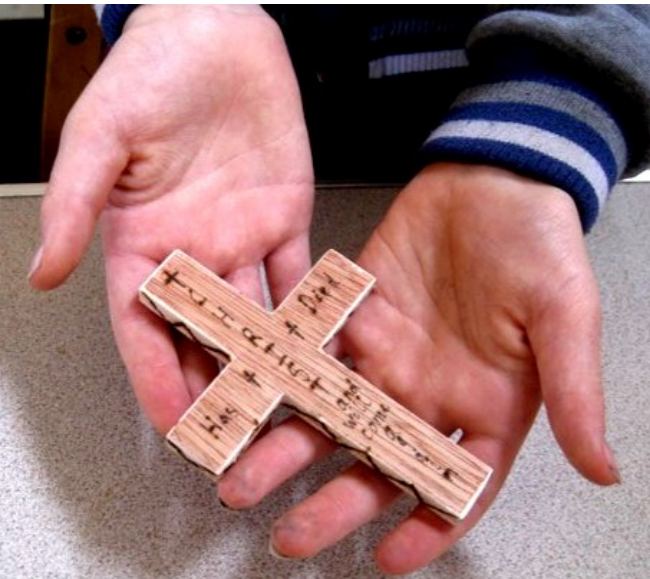
St James' will be hosting six 'Thyme to cook' sessions on Wednesday evenings from 13th June, where families learn how to cook economical and healthy meals, finishing by sharing in the meal together. The course will be run by Cambridge Sustainable Food. Anyone who might benefit from this course is encouraged to sign up by contacting the church office on 01223 246 419 or [stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk).



## Good Friday workshop



The 2018 Good Friday all-age workshop focused on creating representations of the stations of the cross in different media, including clay modelling, collage and wood sculpture. It was an opportunity for members of the St James community of all ages to explore the Good Friday story together through creative activities.



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Friday 20th July

The Editors welcome articles, news items and photographs for inclusion in the magazine. If possible these should be in digital form, photos and words in separate files. However we can accept typed or handwritten items and photographic prints.



## St James's Church, Cambridge: Calendar for June - July 2018

### June

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

2<sup>nd</sup> 5.00 pm Youth group

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.00 am All Age Eucharist  
*The Traidcraft stall will be open after both services*

5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Home Group

6<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist at Dunstan Court

7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Joint Morning Prayer with St Andrew's and St John's

8<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

#### **10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

13<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

15<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

16<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Summer Celebration  
See p7 for details.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

19<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Home Group

20<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

21<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Men's Beer Ministry at Queen Edith Pub

22<sup>nd</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

#### **24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

27<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

29<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

30<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Bring & Buy Coffee Morning  
5.00 pm Youth Group

### July

#### **1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.00 am All Age Eucharist  
*The Traidcraft Stall will be open after both services*

3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm Home Group

4<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist at Dunstan Court

8.00 pm PCC Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Joint Morning Prayer with St Andrew's and St John's

6<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

#### **8<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

10<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm Clergy Chapter Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

13<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

#### **15<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Home Group

18<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

19<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Men's Beer Ministry at Queen Edith Pub

20<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Meditation Group

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

25<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Eucharist

27<sup>th</sup> No Meditation Group

#### **29<sup>th</sup> ST JAMES' DAY Patronal Festival**

No 8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Festival Eucharist  
12.30 pm Bring and Share lunch in the St James' garden  
31<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Home Group