

Collect

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your
Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions
of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer
your call without delay;
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.

New Testament Reading **Acts 11.27 – 12.2**

²⁷ At that time prophets came down
from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of
them named Agabus stood up and
predicted by the Spirit that there would
be a severe famine over all the world;
and this took place during the reign of
Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined
that according to their ability, each
would send relief to the believers living
in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to
the elders by Barnabas and Saul.
12 About that time King Herod laid
violent hands upon some who
belonged to the church. ² He had
James, the brother of John, killed with
the sword.

Psalm 126

**¹ When the LORD restored the
fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.**

² Then our mouth was filled with
laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for
them.'

**³ The LORD has done great things
for us,
and we rejoiced.**

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 20.20-28**

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of
Zebedee came to him with her sons,
and kneeling before him, she asked a
favour of him. ²¹ And he said to her,
'What do you want?' She said to him,
'Declare that these two sons of mine
will sit, one at your right hand and one
at your left, in your kingdom.'
²² But Jesus answered, 'You do not know
what you are asking. Are you able to
drink the cup that I am about to
drink?' They said to him, 'We are
able.'
²³ He said to them, 'You will
indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my
right hand and at my left, this is not
mine to grant, but it is for those for
whom it has been prepared by my
Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were
angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But
Jesus called them to him and said, 'You
know that the rulers of the Gentiles
lord it over them, and their great ones
are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be
so among you; but whoever wishes to
be great among you must be your
servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be
first among you must be your
slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came
not to be served but to serve, and to
give his life a ransom for many.'

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS
ST MICHAEL**

Prayers for marriage

James Brown & Emma Hinsley

Those newly in need of prayer

Marcus Davies-Friend, Sam Hughes,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Steve Baker, Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Doug Little, the Martel family, Marielouise Oliver, Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Lyn Shiel, Anthony Staples aged 7, Graham Stevens, Alison Toplis, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Peter and Sarah Young (interment of ashes), Ronald Bainbridge, Peter Woods

ST JOHN

Prayers for marriage

Thomas Staunton and Aimee Scott

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Moira and Allan Law, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

**SERVICE SHEET
25th July
James the Apostle**

Canticle - The Song of Christ's Glory

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

Christ Jesus was in the form of God, but he did not cling to equality with God.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name above every name.

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**