

Dear Friends,

It's St James Day today, here's the special prayer we use for this festival of our parish saint:

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.

We hope to see many of you tomorrow afternoon: 2-2.30pm for those who are shielding or vulnerable, 2.30pm-4 for everyone else, for the\*St James Gift Day\*. Please bring your prayers, your gifts, your 'answers on a postcard' for what St James means to you and your prayer for our future. We'll be showing the 'what I did in lockdown' photos that many of you have sent in inside the church, please wear a face covering if you enter the building. The forecast looks fine, so there will be socially distanced drinks in the churchyard. Our morning service will come live from St James building, with an actual congregation! You'll find it here from about 10.20am, going live at 10.30am - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS\\_rhjBAJTixz3kIXLMN\\_Xw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_rhjBAJTixz3kIXLMN_Xw/)

If you want to make a gift for the Gift Day, we can collect cash or cheques on the day (or any Lent Boxes or giving envelopes you'd like to bring in), or you can donate directly using the Givt app or through the bank (Account name: Parochial Church Council of Preston Plucknett, Account No: 80649309 Sort code: 40-47-28). Thankyou to those who have already done so. Please pray that we're able to meet our target of £15,000

\*A few other bits of news:\*

- Please pray for \*Lydia and Steven\*, members of St James, who are getting married at 2pm today at St James East Lambrook. Pray that God will bless them, and that even though they can't have all the guests they would like, that it's a special and holy day for them and that God pours out his Spirit and his blessing on them today.

- The last major bit of \*work on St Peters\* starts next week, the sanding and treatment of the floor. In the meantime thank you to the working party which has been hard at work this week doing painting, boxing in of pipework and a dozen other jobs. We hope to soon restart Monday community coffee (outside and socially distanced) and Tuesday morning prayers inside the building.

- \*St Peters Community Centre\* has appointed its first Centre Manager! Details will be released in due course, and we look forward to them starting with us on 1st September. Please pray this all works out well.

- \*Face coverings\*: the latest CofE guidance, published on Thursday, says: /We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship. /So if you are in the building as part of the Sunday congregation, or for Tuesday prayers, please do wear a face mask if it is not a health risk for you to do so. Those of us leading services will not be wearing masks whilst we are 'on camera'. Please pray for wisdom in how to work sensibly with these rules around public worship.

We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow, it's not what we planned, but God is still a great God and we have much to celebrate and give thanks for.

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"Going on from there Jesus saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. they were in a boat with their father, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. "(Matthew 4:21-22)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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