

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Worship at Home

Sunday 19th September 2021

16th Sunday after Trinity



Our Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps, to be a prayerful, worshipping church who welcomes all to know his gracious love.

Services This Week

Wednesday 22nd September - 9.30am. Said Eucharist
Gospel - Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday 23rd September - 6.30pm. Family Eucharist

Sunday 26th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity
9.00am - Said Eucharist
10.15am - Sung Eucharist

The Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading

James 3: 13—4: 3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 30-37

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Prayers of Intercession



In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, including:
Dave, Diana, Samantha, Sheila, Craig, David, Carole, Maralyn, Barry, Everly, Hilary

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them.

and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including:
Edna Livesey, Iris Milne, Trevor Snell, Merle Stuttard

And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on
Kimberley Street, Kimberley Close, New Taylor Fold, North Street, Cobden Street

The Rainbow Prayer

Father God, the rainbow you created is a sign of hope at this time of uncertainty. Like its colours we pray that we, in all shades of difference, may come together as one family of faith to love and support each other through these times of anxiety and distress. Stay by our side and bring us safely to the beginning of each new day. **Amen.**

Vision 2026 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven **Amen.**

The Grace

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Parish Giving Scheme

The new way to give to St. James Church through direct debit. Please have a look at the Parish Giving Scheme leaflet which is on the website or you can pick up a copy in church.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Mothers' Union will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th September, 10.30am. to 12.30pm. at Briercliffe Community Centre. If anyone wishes to donate cakes for this, please let us know.



The next **Mothers' Union** meeting is on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm. in the Church vestry



Harvest Supper

This will be held in Briercliffe Social Club's Function Room (downstairs) on the evening of 2nd October at 7pm. Tickets are now available from church, priced at £4 for adults and £1 for children (limited number available), and include a pie and pea/bean supper to be served at 7.45pm.



On Sunday 3rd October, the **Harvest Eucharist** will be at **10.00am**, there will only be one service on that day.

Burnley Food Bank

Donations can be left at
The Spar Shop, 146 Burnley Road, Harle Syke



Refreshments will be served after the Wednesday morning 9.30am. service and after the 10.15am. Sunday morning service.

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