

READINGS

St James', Southbroom

Sunday 4 September 2016

Daily Readings

<u>Monday 5th</u> I Kings 8:31-62	Psalm 30 Acts 16:6-24
<u>Tuesday 6th</u> I Kings 8:63-9:9	Psalm 36 Acts 16:25-end
<u>Wednesday 7th</u> I Kings 10:1-25	Psalm 34 Acts 17:1-15
<u>Thursday 8th</u> I Kings 11:1-13	Psalm 37 Acts 17:16-end
<u>Friday 9th</u> I Kings 11:26-end	Psalm 31 Acts 18:1-21
<u>Saturday 10th</u> I Kings 12:1-24	Psalm 42 Acts 18:22-19:7
<u>Sunday 11th</u> Isaiah 60	Psalm 124 John 6:51-69

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Collect - Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 43:14-21

- ¹⁴ This is what the LORD says—
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
“For your sake I will send to Babylon
and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians,
in the ships in which they took pride.
- ¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One,
Israel’s Creator, your King.”
- ¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
- ¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
- ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
- ²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
- ²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

John 3:1-15

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”