

St James News: Thought for the Day – Monday 1st June 2020

Thought for the day by Revd John Marshall

Our Doors

When you sit in church with the doors open, sometimes the wind blows the doors or bangs them. During the Hope exhibition, the stands were moving.

Sometimes it is useful to be reminded that the Holy Spirit came as a wind, and comes to refresh and empower the church.

Above the north door, there are symbols of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A striking image is of three fish in a circle. The small images in our windows are worth exploring, when we return.

As the doors of St James' church building remain shut for the time being, we are aware that the church is still a worshipping, praying, caring community in and out of St James' parish.

John Marshall

Prayer:

The Dean of Southwark Cathedral has written this prayer

“The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked.” (John 20.19)

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing
be healing in our sickness,
be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen

we may with zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world
For Jesus sake. Amen.

Bible Verse:

The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” – John 3:8

Song: Spirit Fall by Chris Tomlin – you can listen to it here –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBpgmA1tyog>

Spirit fall
Spirit fall
Holy Spirit fall
Fall on me

Like a mighty wind
Light the fire again
Come and breathe
Your breath on me

Oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, oh

Oh, come magnify the son
Savior of the world
The hope for everyone

St James doors, shut and open, open and shut. If you cannot see the pictures of the doors below, they are also attached!

