

20 September 2015:  
Parish Communion

James 3: 13-4.3, 7-8a    Mark 9: 30-37

Four aspects of the readings / prayers.

- w        **WELCOME:** from the last verse of the gospel. “Whoever welcomes me..... says Jesus”. The importance of the Ministry of welcome. A good welcome could well ensure that people return to church again.
  
- w        **WISDOM:** James says we should pray for wisdom – the ability to do the right thing and to know the will of God.
  
- w        **WORSHIP:** one of the primary tasks of the church is to worship God in spirit and in truth. The Church has a number of important tasks to fulfil but worship must be a priority.
  
- w        **WITNESS:** do our actions reflect our faith? The continuing theme of the book of James about faith and works.
  
- w        May we be a **welcoming, wise, worshipping and witnessing** community.