

Sunday 25th July @ 10am

Readings

Acts 11 27-12 2

2 Corinthians 4 7-15

Matthew 20 20-28

Collect for James the Apostle

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 our Lord.

Thought for the Week The Open Door

Jesus says, 'Look, I have set before you an open door' (Revelation 3:8). God is an expert at opening doors for us. Many a time, if he did not open one, we never would. But often he opens a particular door only once. If we go through it, well and good. If we do not, we may have to wait a long time before he opens another.

At the beginning of a new week, we stand on the threshold of a time we have never lived before: a time which God will use to prepare us for what he is preparing for us, doors which have yet to open. And as God brings us to these doors, we have the choice to proceed, or not.