

## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
With Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Prayer at the Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen.

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**Today's Psalm is:** Psalm 146.4-10. Please see the insert.

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## HERE AT ST JAMES'

**Advent breakfasts on 11 and 18 December**, 8.45 am until 9.30 am—all welcome. Please sign the list on the noticeboard.

**Advent Music** here at St James' **this Tuesday at 2.00 pm** and on **Wednesday at 7.30 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

We will, again, have **coloured baubles on the Christmas tree** bearing labels with names of loved ones you wish to remember. If you wish to remember someone in this way, please write their name on one of the coloured labels provided, **today**. It is suggested a donation of £1 for each label will help support a named charity.

**Calling all Men** - fancy chewing the fat over a pint? St James' MBM - Men's Beer Ministry - are having their first meeting on **Thursday 15 December** at the Queen Edith pub, Wulfstan Way. Drop by any time from 7.30-10pm for friendly chat and a pint of Milton brewery's finest and get to know your fellow congregants. Speak to Steven Ridley or David Mason to find out more.

**U3A choir**, who rehearse here at St James' under their director Brian Watkins, is holding a concert at **11.00 am this Thursday (15 December) in the Nave**. The concert will last about an hour to be followed by mulled wine and festive food. Entrance is free and all are welcome.

**The office** will be **open on Tuesday** this week instead of Thursday.

This term, the **Home Group** are discussing Bible passages from Tom Wright's book 'Advent for Everyone'. The next meeting is **this Tuesday (13 December) 7.30 pm** at 27 Topcliffe Way. The last date will be a bring and share party at David and Beate Green's house, on Tuesday 20 December starting at 7.00 pm.

**CMS boxes.** Please start to bring in to church, and by **Sunday 8 January**. Thank you.

Focus @ St James presents **The Gospel of John for Today**, teaching and discussion led by Prof David Ford, starting in January. See the insert.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Our joint Christmas card is available for delivery around the parish.** A sign-up grid is on the table with the cards. Please note that QE Chapel and Cambridge Presbyterian Church are taking care of the shaded squares on the grid.

It is intended to install the **Church Christmas tree late afternoon on Friday (16 December)**. This requires 3 persons able and prepared to lift the tree from the courtyard garden to the sanctuary and to place strings of lights. If you can help on the afternoon please come along. Thank you.

**Carol Service next Sunday (18 December)** at 6.30 pm. Donations of **mince pies** and other **offers of help** with serving and then clearing up afterwards would be most welcome. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you can help. Thank you.

**Christmas Presents.** We would like to support the **Women's Refuge Centre** again this year. Please note the following:

- Gifts need to be **brand new**
- Gifts need to be **unwrapped**

Sorry, but the Refuge are unable to accept 'nearly new' or 'unwanted' gifts not in their original cellophane/packing etc.

Please consider adding an extra gift to your shopping list and bring in to the office or the Carol Service. Thank you.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND EPIPHANY—A DATE FOR THE NEW YEAR

On Friday 6 January 2017, St John's Hills Road, is hosting an Epiphany sleepover party and would like to invite youth from local churches. There will be food, games, quizzes, a journey of the Magi, midwinter BBQ, prayer and reflection—and some sleep! From 7 pm on the 6th until 9 am on the 7th, including breakfast. Let Steve know if you are interested.

## Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Monday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Tuesday	Maggie Abbott
Wednesday	Sunday Achebe
Thursday	Onnukwe Amarachi
Friday	Linda Appleby and family
Saturday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie

## Contacts

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## Church Activities

Choir Practice, Mondays	6.30 pm—7.30 pm, Junior Choir 7.00 pm—8.00 pm, Adult Choir
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## Community Activities

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	Brendan Murrill, 07864 056648
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Brownies (7-10 yrs, QE Schl)	Kerrie Thackray e-mail 40thbrownies@gmail.com

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church and Transept. Please enable us to claim back tax on your offering.

Our parish magazine **Crosspiece** is available on the website.

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# The Weekly Sheet

11 December 2016

## 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

**Welcome to our services.** Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i>	NEH 3
Communion:	<i>Thy kingdom come O God</i>	NEH 499
Offertory:	<i>O Come O Come Emmanuel</i>	NEH 11
Final:	<i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i>	NEH 443

The readings are: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11.

The Anthem is: *And the glory of the Lord* (Handel).

## This week:

Monday 12th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	2.00—3.30 pm	Advent Music at St James'
Wednesday 14th	10.15 am	Eucharist
	2.30 pm	Christmas service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
	7.30 pm—9.00 pm	Advent Music at St James'
Thursday 15th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 16th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	12.30 pm	Meditation Group

## Next Sunday (18 December) is the 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
The readings (year A) will be: Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20;; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end.	
6.30 pm	Carol Service

**Please stay for tea/coffee after the 10 o'clock service**