

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer at the Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours,
bless your Church preparing for Christmas,
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

Today's Psalm is: Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20

Hear, O / Shepherd of / Israel,
you that led / Joseph / like a / flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the / cherubim,
before Ephraim, / Benjamin / and Ma/nasseh.
Stir up your / mighty / strength
and / come to / our sal/vation.
Turn us a/gain, O / God;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
O Lord / God of / hosts,
how long will you be / angry at your / people's / prayer?
You feed them with the / bread of / tears;
you give them a/bundance of / tears to / drink.
You have made us the de/rision of our / neighbours,
and our / enemies / laugh us to / scorn.
Turn us again, O / God of / hosts;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
Let your hand be upon the / man at your / right hand,
the son of man you / made so / strong for your/self.
And so will we / not go / back from you;
give us life, and we shall / call up/on your / name.
Turn us again, O Lord / God of / hosts;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

HERE AT ST JAMES'

Advent breakfast—TODAY, 8.45 am until 9.30 am—all welcome.

TODAY, after the 10 o'clock service, we will need help to decorate the **Christmas tree**. Please stay and help if you can. Thank you.

TONIGHT, Carol Service, 6.30 pm. All are invited to come along and share mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. **Christmas presents for the Women's Refuge** can still be brought along to the Carol Service tonight. Please remember they need to be brand new, in their original packing/cellophane, and to be left unwrapped—thank you. (Please don't bring along to the office this week as they will already have been collected).

Home Group. The term will finish with a bring and share party this **Tuesday (20 December)** at David and Beate Green's house, starting at 7.00 pm.

There will be **no Morning Prayer** between 19 December and 1 January; normal service resumes on 2 January.

There will be a **mid-week Eucharist** this **Wednesday (21 December)** but not on 28 December.

Joint Christmas card. Thank you to everyone who distributed cards around the parish advertising our Christmas services.

Christmas cards. Please check the pigeonholes for any cards you may have been sent.

"I would like to thank the six volunteers who **cut the grass** around the church over the season (March—October). Thank you for a job well done. I would also like to take this time to ask if anyone else would like to volunteer. If so, please contact me on 07785 506299—the more volunteers the fewer times individuals require to undertake the activity".
Stanley Wilson

Thank you to everyone who supported our **coffee morning** on Saturday; £280 was raised. Over the last 15 years approximately £20,000 has been collected for church funds. Grateful thanks to everyone who has supported the mornings over the years. Rosemary Monk.

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

Focus @ St James presents **The Gospel of John for Today**, teaching and discussion led by Prof David Ford, starting in January. Additional inserts (handed out last week) are on the table in the foyer.

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	Helen Arnold and family
Monday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Tuesday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Wednesday	Jim and Ethel Bentley and family
Thursday	Jillian Bradley and Emily
Friday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Saturday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst

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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

18 December 2016

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8.00 am	Eucharist followed by Advent breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
6.30 pm	Carol Service

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

Opening:	<i>Lo he comes with clouds descending</i>	NEH 9
Communion:	<i>Long ago prophets knew</i>	NEH 10
Offertory:	<i>On Jordan's bank</i>	NEH 12
Final:	<i>Tell out my soul</i>	NEH 186

The readings are: Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end.

The Anthem is: *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* (Edgar Pettman)

This week:

Today	6.30 pm	Carol Service <u>No</u> Morning Prayer this week
Wednesday 21st	10.15 am	Eucharist
Christmas Eve	5.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass

Next Sunday (25 December) is Christmas Day

10.00 am All Age Eucharist
The readings (year A) will be: Isaiah 62.6-12; Luke 2.8-20

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