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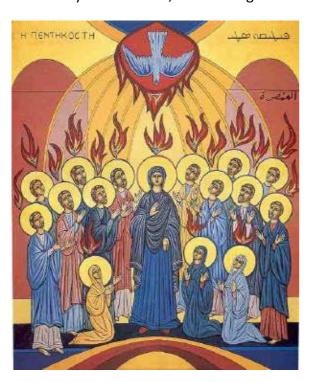
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Words from the Vicarage

Humanity has always had an ambivalent relationship with fire. Fire is both a threat and a necessity to our survival. A fire that is out of control can cause enormous destruction and yet fire can also provide essential warmth, food and is part of industrial processes. It has been an important part of cultures and religions from pre-history to modern day and was vital to the development of civilization. Fire is one of the four classical elements in ancient Greek philosophy, often linked to the qualities of energy, assertiveness, and passion.

The Judeo-Christian tradition makes use of the imagery of fire; it frequently appears in the Old Testament as a symbol of God's anger and of the judgment and destruction that sometimes are extensions of that anger. In the New Testament fire is used differently; its imagery is connected with baptism. John the Baptist predicted that Jesus would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and with fire," a promise that was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when "tongues of fire"



rested upon those gathered in the upper room with the result that they "were filled with the Holy Spirit". The fire here is a manifestation of God. This event, as recorded in the book of Acts, is what we the church now celebrate as Pentecost, and for some this is seen as the birth of the Christian church. Churches will be decorated with fiery flames depicting the Pentecost story this particular Sunday. It is the moment in the church's calendar when we pay special attention to the Holy Spirit.

Christians have an ambivalent relationship to the Holy Spirit, a bit like fire. There is no clear definition as to what it is or what it's like. Pope Francis, delivering a homily at a service in the Vatican, said that The Holy Spirit does everything, knows everything, reminds us what Jesus said, but warned that we needn't keep the Holy Spirit as a "luxury prisoner" in our hearts: like someone who is welcomed to stay, but not allowed to act or move us forward. The Holy Spirit is "the protagonist of the Living Church," he said, while cautioning against simply reducing the Christian life to a code of "morals and ethics."

The feast of Pentecost brings the Easter season to a culmination and the Paschal or Easter candle is lit for the last time. For us in the northern hemisphere Pentecost signals an invigorating time when we observe and taste the colours and fruits of summer, where life seems to be in full bloom and the human soul is filled with anticipation and a wonderfully disconcerting feeling that anything might be possible. And that's what the Holy Spirit is all about - a mysterious and unexplained sense that God is at work.

Steve Rothwell

The Authorisation and Re-authorisation of ALMs, Saturday 18 March 2017



Rosemary Monk and I were reauthorised here at St James' Church on Saturday 18 March, to serve as Pastoral Assistants for the next four years. It was the day after St Patrick's Day, and I had been struck by Bishop Richard Harries' "Thought for the day" on the BBC Radio 4 "Today" programme the previous day. The bishop told us that Patrick had a keen sense of God's guidance throughout his life, and had been confident that wherever God led him, He would provide strength to carry out the task. Bishop Harries quoted a verse from the great hymn which we know as "St Patrick's Breastplate", the familiar stanza starting, "Christ be with me, Christ within me" and which ends "Christ in hearts of all who love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger".

During the past three and a half years of ministry as a pastoral assistant at St James', I have been very aware of Christ with me and of his grace and strength mediated through all those who have helped, supported and worked with me. Rosemary has been a constant companion and friend, and the pastoral group members have always helped and supported us both. But it was when I broke my leg in October 2015 that I became most aware of "Christ in hearts of all who love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger". In Hospital I was surrounded by love, from the ward sister down to the care assistants and those giving out food and drinks; all were full of love and kindness. When I returned home, not only my family, but

many from St James' visited me, brought gifts, including home cooked meals and cakes, sent cards, and made me feel more loved than ever before.

It is truly humbling and a privilege to serve Christ in this church and parish community of St James. And it was a particular joy that five members of my family came to support me at the service on 18 March, as well as the churchwardens, choir, organist and other members of St James' congregation.

Mary Calladine



The Authorisation and now Reauthorisation as an A.L.M. to help with pastoral work in the parish has been a very daunting but special undertaking. Mary and I have been touched by the support and help we have been given by the parish. I am very grateful to have had Mary to work with during the course and in the parish as we support each other in the tasks we undertake. I have felt that God has been leading me in taking on this work although at times with great trepidation on my part. I hope others will feel called to take up an A.L.M training in pastoral or one of the other branches of the ALM course, which will be starting again in the autumn.

Rosemary Monk



With warm expectancy, we entered St James' Church last Saturday 18th March, to be greeted by very friendly and helpful faces.

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This well attended Eucharist service was celebrated by Revd Steve Rothwell for the commissioning of authorised and re-authorised lay ministers in the South Cambridge deanery, Diocese of Ely. He had trained Rosemary and Mary for their mission to use their talents in God's love.

It was a service of faith, hope and the glory of Christ. Seven people were presented from the deanery churches, including Rosemary Monk and Mary Calladine from St James' Church, who were re-authorised for their ministry in pastoral care in the parish. The five others were authorised in the ministry of children, the elderly and worship.

Steve introduced Revd Les Oglesby, who gave the address. Les reminded us to bring hope and confidence in transforming our lives, of the resurrection homecoming, encouraging us to feel hope in the glory of Christ.

The seven candidates were presented, and promised faithfully and reverently to preach the gospel of Christ in their mission. Commissioning was effected by Steve on behalf of the Bishop, giving his permission to practice, to trust in God's grace and further God's mission. The Lay Ministers were presented with their certificates of authorisation. Communion was taken at the altar followed by the choir singing a motet, a blessing, dismissal and final hymn.

We were then invited to a reception with tea and coffee and amazing cakes while we enjoyed lively chatter which added to the blessings received.

Rob and Vanessa Calladine



My Journey and Searching by Maureen Gibbs

In recent years it has become a tradition during Lent for members of the St James' congregation to speak about their faith at Sunday services. In this issue we feature Maureen's journey of faith. We will print other people's accounts in future issues of Crosspiece.



I was born and raised in Ipswich as was Derrick. My journey began when I was small: my parents and myself used to visit my maternal Grandad on Sundays. Near to where he lived there was a Gospel Hall Chapel, where Mum used to go sometimes when she was young. The times for the Sunday School were 3pm – 4ish, so my parents decided I should go. As soon as I entered the Chapel I was warmly welcomed. I loved going there. There was a short service, a short introduction from the minister, then Sunday School started. Boys sat on one side, girls on the other, and there were lots of children and teachers. We spent a year in one class, then moved up to the next year according to age.

I loved the Bible teachings, stories of Jesus, hymns and choruses for children, like "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam", "Jesus bids us shine", and "I'm H, A, P, P, Y". I loved it all, and at the end of the service we were given texts to learn. I went along until I was twelve, and was sad to leave, but by then Grandad had passed away and my parents then moved nearer to my paternal Nana. My aunt lived with her and was my

godmother. She was an Anglican and suggested I started St Andrew Rushmere Sunday School. The times were 9.45 to 10.45 and at 11 there was Matins if you chose to go. The church was quite close. I was confirmed at 14. I left the Sunday School and attended the 8am communion service. Derrick and I were married there in November 1962. He was a Christian and attended a different church, but it had always been good to share services together.

We moved straight to Norwich because of Derrick's work and our beloved children Alison and Paul were born there. We didn't attend the church very often, as there were no facilities for young children at St Andrew's Eaton. We were then asked to move to Cambridge (another promotion for Derrick) and here we stayed.

A lady from St James' asked if we would like to have the church magazine. We came along and became members in 1972. Revd David Ford welcomed us and we all became involved in the life of St James'. It felt good to be in a church again. There was a large Sunday School and Youth Group, which Alison and Paul attended. They were confirmed in their very early teens and became servers. Alison is still a server, having served now about 38 years. Paul is married and he and his family are involved in St Luke's.

Now after all this time I thought there must be more than going to church and then forgetting until the next Sunday. For a while Judith and Jonathan held a prayer meeting once a week in an evening, which a few people attended. I was finding sermons difficult to understand by a different minister. I had heard that Revd Martin of St Martin's Church was holding a

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Praise and Prayer Evening once a month in an evening. I really enjoyed going: I am a "happy-clappy" person as well as a prayerful one. One particular time we had a visiting team. The theme was "Healing Life's Hurts", which was really powerful and Spirit-led. There were people who would pray with you if you had concerns. I was not used to that, but I learned a lot. The Spirit of the Lord was moving in that place, and it gave me an inner peace. I attended two Alpha courses at QE Chapel about the Holy Spirit, and visited Taizé on two occasions: again a wonderful sense of peace.

I still worry, have fears and doubts, but I learnt that you can speak to God in an every-day way, so each morning I hand every day over to Him. I think I plan my day and tell Him,

then something happens and He changes the plans, and of course His plans are much better. I'd love to feel His hand on my shoulder, particularly when I am sad. There have been sorrows and joys, which are a part of life, but God said he would never leave us or forsake us. On the front of my confirmation book there is a prayer that I use: Trust Him when darkest thoughts assail thee. Trust Him when thy faith is small. Trust Him when just to trust Him is the hardest thing to do.

I feel I am still on a journey, not so much searching, but with my childlike faith I am in God's care always. God bless you all and thank you for your prayers over the years.

Eve Rowland: 3 July 1932 - 4 January 2017



Eve grew up in Cheveley Newmarket, where her father was the gardener at the Jockey Club. She had a humble childhood, living in a small cottage, but she did have the opportunity to take an exam to move into further education. She kept this to herself though, didn't tell

her father because she knew he couldn't really afford to pay the fees. When she left school she went to work for the Co-op and it was there that she met her future husband David.

When they were married they moved to Wiltshire. Ian spoke about his earliest memories being of going to the New Forest and Stonehenge, and it was the few years there that Eve described as the happiest of her life. She loved village life and the surrounding countryside environment. She confided in Ian many years later that when they left Wiltshire she cried.

The family came to Cambridge and Eve worked as a full time housewife and mother, but after David started to run the Maid Marion Foodstore, Eve started to work there with him and she became well known to the local community. Some of the children who came into the shop actually thought she was called Maid

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Marion! This was an important time for Eve – she became a point of contact for the locals around here and she was loyal and committed to the duties of running the shop. When David retired Ian took over the managing of the business and Eve continued to play an integral part. She always gave the shop duties a high priority: she spent one Boxing Day ironing so that she could be free to work the shop hours when it reopened. This sense of commitment and reliability was typical of someone who lived her life with a spirit of generosity.

She was a self-taught and talented weaver and seamstress – she made many, many tapestries which adorn the walls and furniture at 40 Wulfstan Way. She won a prize for her tapestry work at an event in Arbury and her embroidery was so precise it was difficult to tell which side of her tapestry was the rough side.

Along with David she sang in the church choir back at Cheveley and she enjoyed going to church when she lived in Cambridge and was always disappointed to miss a service. Her faith was a consistent feature in her life. Ian remembers Eve quoting verses from the Bible to him when he was young. She kept a Bible that her father had given her and used it so much that the book literally fell apart. Eve was an avid reader of all kinds of literature but clearly she had thumbed through the pages of that Bible many times. Ian bought her a new one as a present one Mothering Sunday. She continued the theme of being behind the counter through helping Ian with the regular Traidcraft stall in

church.

Eve was diagnosed with a heart condition but she lived on a further 6 years, which must have been devastating, but it was Eve's spirit of faithfulness rather than resignation that perhaps kept her going. Debbie Ford mentioned her indomitable spirit, and she echoed what others have said, that Eve didn't really complain about the pain she felt. Indeed despite how she might have been feeling inside, Eve always had a twinkle about her. The last time Debbie saw her, Eve talked about things being pretty difficult and yet how in Paul's words 'Even though the outer spirit is wasting away, the inner spirit is being renewed day by day') and she said she really believed that.

She continued to enjoy the company of others and was holding conversations right up until the last moments of her life. Sadly she had to be taken to hospital on Christmas morning but the ambulance driver was kind enough to wait until she had opened her presents. Ian has selected a poem by John Betjeman which encapsulates a sentiment that perhaps many people may identify with.

The Last Laugh

I made hay while the sun shone. My work sold. Now, if the harvest is over And the world cold, Give me the bonus of laughter As I lose hold.



A tribute to The Revd Professor James Rigney, former curate at St James' Church, who died in January at the age of 57.



It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of James Rigney in his homeland of Australia. For those of us who remember him, he is held in great affection and we have much to be grateful for during the time of his association with St James' Church. He and his wife Anna met while they were both studying in Sydney. She came to England in 1989 and he a little later. After finishing his doctorate in Oxford, he taught in London and then became director of Studies in English at Hughes Hall. They were married in Cambridge, their daughter was born here, and James went on to train for ordination at Westcott House.

James was our last curate, and he lived with wife Anna and daughter Cressida in the newly built curate's house in Hulatt Road. Since then we have had no curate and the house has been let. The whole family entered fully into the life of our church. James was invaluable to us during his curacy, particularly as he came at a tricky time. Our vicar, Revd David Deboys, had been given a good deal of responsibility for the church of St Mary and St Michael, Trumpington, which was going through a critical period. David not only took services but met with a bruised and troubled congregation and sympathetically led them through some of their darkest days. Consequently, far more fell upon the shoulders of James than would normally do so upon a curate. He presided at many services and entered into the life of the parish calmly and sensitively and we valued his wisdom and his kind-heartedness. In addition he played a valuable part in the administration of the Focus Christian Institute.

Jackie Bartholomew, who kept the church archive for so many years, remembers one hot August afternoon when she had enlisted James's help to make a photographic record of all the vestments that St James's possesses. This entailed him dressing up in the various robes, while she photographed him from the front and the rear, a task that was rather a warm one!

A somewhat more lengthy and serious task in which he became involved along with James Day, Jackie Bartholomew and Revd David Deboys was compiling the booklet "The First Fifty Years", telling the story of St James' Church from 1955 to 2005. This twenty-page history, illustrated with well-chosen photographs, is a wonderful record, but was quite an undertaking as record-keeping had been erratic at times, and information was sometimes scanty.

After James left St James' he became chaplain and director of theology studies at Magdalene College, and the family lived in a house at the bottom of Hertford Street. After a total period of 18 years in the UK, James returned with the family to Australia, and he became 14th Anglican Dean of Newcastle. He then moved to become Warden of St John's College, Brisbane. He died suddenly in January and a memorial service was held for him on 10 March, at which the sermon was preached by the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, who had been at Westcott at the same time as James.

We give thanks for his time spent with us and we remember him, Anna and Cressida in our prayers.



Pentecost 2017: Prayer 48 and "Thy Kingdom Come 2017" May 26 – May 28

This year will be the fifth consecutive year in which St James will devote 48 hours to prayer for the parish, the local community, and the wider world. But this year's Prayer 48 event will be different, as we are combining with our two neighbouring parishes of St John, Hills Road and St Andrew, Cherry Hinton, to participate in the Archbishop of Canterbury's call to the whole church, to pray "Thy Kingdom Come", during the period from Ascension Day to Pentecost 2017.

We shall be following our familiar pattern of previous years by delivering a prayer request card to each household in the parish. The card is an invitation to visit us during the weekend and to join in any of the activities; and it includes a tear-off portion to be returned to us with any specific prayer needs. There will be a rota of people committed to come to church, and to pray throughout the 48 hour period. As before we will start with Morning Prayer at 9.30 on Friday 26 May, and conclude with our 10 am Pentecost Eucharist on Sunday 28 May.

But this year there will also be events shared with our sister churches. We shall share the overnight sleepovers, which will take place at St James' on Friday night to Saturday morning, and at St John's on Saturday night to Sunday morning. There will be a joint walking pilgrimage on Saturday between the three churches, with a picnic lunch in St Andrew's churchyard and tea at St John's. This will include prayer stops, similar to those on our "beating the bounds" walk in June 2015.

There will be a prayer breakfast with a speaker at St Andrew's on Saturday morning, and "Messy play" at St John's on Saturday afternoon. While we at St James' will complete our 48 hours prayer after our Sunday morning Eucharist, St John's will celebrate with a "Come and Sing" Choral Evensong at 6.00 on Sunday evening to which we are all invited.

Thy Kingdom Come 2017

In May 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York called upon the whole church in England to use the 10-day period between Ascension Day and Pentecost, to pray for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to make Christ real in our

midst, for the flourishing of all. These ten days have been a traditional time of prayer, since the first apostles after Christ's ascension (Acts chapter 1 verse 14). For 2017, the Archbishops have been joined by the leaders of the different churches comprising Churches Together in England, to participate in this nationwide initiative. It is hoped that 80% of churches will take part this year.

The aim of "Thy Kingdom Come 2017" is simple and threefold:-

- ⇒ To join with the whole family of God the Father
- ⇒ To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit
- ⇒ That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.

When we decided that our Prayer 48 should this year be a joint venture with our two sister churches, and the end of May weekend was chosen, it became clear that we should align ourselves with this initiative and make "Thy Kingdom Come" our theme for this year.

The prayer for "Thy Kingdom Come" is:Almighty God
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom.
Inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For more information I recommend the website: www.thykingdomcome.global particularly a series of short videos with Archbishop Justin Welby on "Sharing Jesus: how to talk about your faith".

May we all pray about this in the coming weeks as we relive the Easter story and celebrate Jesus, our risen Lord.

Mary Calladine

The Cambridge Stations of the Cross project

Some weeks ago the Revd Ally Barrett preached a sermon, in which she told us of a project by Westcott House. It is a pop-up art and mission project for Lent: 14 churches and chapels have installed artworks representing the 14 Biblical stations of the cross, making up a trail for prayer and meditation on the events surrounding the death of Jesus.

(See http://www.cambridgestations.co.uk)

Ally has created the picture featured on our cover page, and this is installed in St Botolph's Church. She brought it along for the sermon in question and spoke about how she approached the task of making this picture, the ideas she wanted to incorporate, in particular the significance of the great diagonal golden slash.

The trail to see the 14 stations follows this route:

1: Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane *Gonville and Caius College Chapel*

2: The betrayal and arrest: Michaelhouse Chapel

3: The trial by the Sanhedrin: Westminster College Chapel

4: The denial by Peter: St Giles' Church

5: Jesus is judged by Pilate: St Clement's Church

6: The scourging and crowning with thorns: *Westcott House cloister*

7: Jesus bears the cross: Jesus College Chapel

8: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus: *Wesley Methodist Church*

9: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem: *St Paul's Church*

10: Jesus is crucified: *Emmanuel College Chapel*

11: Jesus promises his kingdom to the good thief: *Great St Mary's Church railings*

12: Jesus speaks to his mother and disciple: *St Benet's Church*

13: Jesus dies: St Botolph's Church

14: Jesus is placed in the tomb: *Great St Mary's Church*

It is possible to follow the whole or part of the trail yourself, or to pop into any of the churches, but I am hoping to lead a group to do the trail on Friday 7 April. Further information from the church or by contacting me

jenniferdayok@hotmail.com or on 07503 938920

Jennifer Day

Ethan McGrath, Organist and Director of Music



St James's Church and especially its choir are pleased to welcome Ethan McGrath as our acting Director of Music. He comes as a graduate in music composition of the University of

Tennessee at Chattanooga (2014) and of music theory and literature at the Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee (2012) in the USA. Ethan is now studying for a Cambridge University master's degree in conducting. He has an impressive list of compositions to his name, mainly in church and choral music.

The St James's choir are particularly appreciating Ethan's gentle but firm and professional approach to their choral well-being. Alas he has to leave us at the end of this academic year to return to the USA and we wish him well in his future musical career.

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Thursday 18 May

The Editors welcome articles, news items and photographs for inclusion in the magazine. If possible these should be in digital form, photos and words in separate files. However we can accept typed or handwritten items and photographic prints.

St James's Church, Cambridge: Calendar for April—May 2017

April

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

2nd 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am Eucharist (BCP) followed by Lent breakfast

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School

11.30 am APCM

5th 10.15 am Eucharist at Dunstan Court 8th 10 am—4 pm Focus@StJames day session "The Gospel of John for Today"

9th PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am **Eucharist** 10.00 am Palm Sunday service 10th 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross at St John's Church, Hills Road Taizé Service at St James']] th 7.30 pm 12th 10.15 am **Eucharist** Compline at St Andrew's 7.30 pm Church, Cherry Hinton 13th 2.30 pm Hymn service at Hinton Grange Care Home

Altar and Vigil

14th

8.00 pm

Good Friday

10.00 am Children's Workshop for children up to 11 years old 1.00 pm Meditation Service

Sung Eucharist with Washing of

Feet followed by Stripping of

2.00 pm Veneration of the Cross and

Communion

15th Holy Saturday

8.30 pm Easter Vigil with Lighting of the new fire and first Eucharist of

Easter

16th EASTER DAY

10.00 am All Age Eucharist followed by egg hunt for the children

18th 2.30 pm Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home

19th 10.15 am Eucharist

21st 12.30 pm Meditation Group

23rd 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School

4.30 (Singers) 6pm (performance)

The Messiah

26th 10.15 am Eucharist

28th 12.30 pm Meditation Group

30th 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School

May

3rd 10.15 am Eucharist at Dunstan Court

4th CHURCH IN USE TODAY AS POLLING

STATION

5th 12.30 pm Meditation Group

6th 10.00 am Bring & Buy with Coffee

Morning

7th 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am All Age Eucharist
9th 8.00 pm Focus course 1/4
10th 10.15 am Eucharist
12th 12.30 pm Meditation Group

14th 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER / STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAI

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School

17th 10.15 am Eucharist

19th 12.30 pm Meditation Group

21st 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (COGWHEEL SUNDAY)

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School

24th 10.15 am Eucharist

25th time tbc Ascension Day: Confirmation

service at Little St Mary's

 26^{th} $12.30 \, pm$ Meditation Group / Start of

Prayer 48 weekend

27th Prayer 48 weekend

28th 8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday

School / End of Prayer 48