

## Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17 December	6.30 pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 19 December	7.30 pm	Home Group at 27 Topcliffe Way

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

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## Prayer for lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love. Amen.

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## Today's Psalm is: Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

Lord, you were gracious / to your / land;  
you re/stored the / fortunes of / Jacob.  
You forgave the of/fence of your / people  
And / covered / all their / sins.  
I will listen to what the Lord / God will / say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they / turn not a/gain to / folly.  
Truly, his salvation is near to / those who / fear him,  
that his / glory may / dwell in our / land. [R]  
Mercy and truth are / met to/gether,  
righteousness and / peace have / kissed each other;  
Truth shall spring / up from the / earth  
And / righteousness look / down from / heaven.  
The Lord will indeed give / all that is / good,  
and our / land will / yield its / increase.  
Righteousness shall / go be/fore him  
and di/rect his / steps in the / way.

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**Today** we will be holding our second **Advent breakfast**. There is another one next Sunday. To help with numbers please sign the list on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

**Christmas Services.** Further copies of the insert with details of our Christmas services can be found on the entrance foyer table.

For our **Crib service** children are invited to dress as a nativity character. If anyone would like a speaking role please let Steve know.

## Care Home Carol Services this week:

### Tomorrow at Cherry Hinton Care Home, on Wednesday at Hinton Grange.

Both are at 2.30 pm. There is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard in the entrance foyer if you able to come along and help. Thank you.

Please consider buying an extra gift for a woman, boy or girl, who will be staying in the **Women's Refuge over Christmas**. Please bring to our Carol Service next Sunday or bring in to the office this week. (Suitable unwanted gifts are acceptable as long as they are brand new and in their original packaging). Please do not Christmas wrap your gift as the Refuge need to check all donations and will wrap them for you. Thank you.

**Christmas tree.** We will be decorating the tree from 5.00 pm this Saturday (16 December). Please come along to help.

**Carol Service, next Sunday, 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.

We are looking for volunteers to **prepare a display board in the foyer for Christmas** please. If you are interested please let Dawn or Steven know. In addition, we are looking for **volunteers** who will be happy to prepare display boards at other **special occasions and festivals throughout the church year** in 2018. A sign up sheet is on the noticeboard.

**Vision for Mission'**. Thank you to everyone who participated in our special session on 'Vision for Mission' recently. A group met this week to put together all the thoughts and ideas that we shared. There will be more news of this in the new year.

"I would like to take this opportunity to **thank the 6 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 would like to volunteer for next season. If so please contact me on 07785 506299—the more volunteers the fewer times individuals require to undertake the activity". Stanley Wilson

## Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Judy and Ron Ferrari and family
Monday	Denise Finlay and family
Tuesday	Matthew Gaskarth, Alison Maguire, Edward, William, Charlotte and Henry
Wednesday	Maureen Gibbs
Thursday	Alison and Graham Giles
Friday	Hatty Harris
Saturday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock

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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
Meditation Group, Fridays	1.30 pm—2.00 pm

## Community Activities

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	<a href="mailto:16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com">16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com</a>
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421

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

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# The Weekly Sheet

10 December 2017

## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8.00 am	Eucharist
8.45 am	Advent Breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

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

Opening:	<i>Hark! A herald voice is calling</i>	NEH 5
Offertory:	<i>Thy Kingdom come O God</i>	NEH 499
Communion:	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>	NEH 11
Final:	<i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i>	NEH 443

The readings are Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8.

The Anthem is *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* (harmonized by Praetorius).

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## This week:

Monday 11th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Carol Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Tuesday 12th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th	10.15 am	Eucharist
	2.30 pm	Carol Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Thursday 14th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	1.30 pm	Funeral in church for Jean Banyard
Friday 15th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	1.30 pm	Meditation Group

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## Next Sunday (17 December) is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist
8.45 am	Advent Breakfast
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
	The readings will be: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

**6.30 pm Carol Service**

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