

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17 January 8.00 pm PCC Meeting

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.

Prayer for lighting the Third 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.

Today's Psalm is: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion,
Then were / we like / those who / dream.
Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter
And our / tongue with / songs of / joy.
Then said they a/mong the / nations,
'The / Lord has done / great things / for them'.
The Lord has indeed done / great things / for us,
And / therefore / we re/joyiced.
Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord,
As the / river beds / of the / desert.
Those who / sow in / tears
Shall / reap with / songs of / joy.
Those who go out weeping, / bearing the / seed,
Will come back with shouts of joy,
/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

Today we will be holding our last **Advent breakfast**. All are welcome.

Carol Service, TONIGHT, 6.30 pm. It's not too late to bring along some mince pies or to help with setting up and clearing away. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you can help. Thank you. Everyone is welcome.

Joint Christmas Card. Please take a bundle of cards and copies of *Christmas Hope* magazine to deliver around the parish. St James' and CAC are delivering to roads listed on the white squares on the grid. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Crib Service, Christmas Eve, 5.00 pm. Children are invited to dress as a nativity character.

Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, 11.00 pm.

All Age Eucharist, Christmas Day, 10.00 am

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our services. Bring along family and friends.

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

There will be no **Morning Prayer** after Christmas until Thursday 4 January which will be a joint morning prayer with St Andrew's and St John's.

There will be a **mid week Eucharist** as usual this **Wednesday (20 December)** but not on 27 December. The Eucharist on Wednesday 3 January will be at Dunstan Court.

Meditation Group has now finished, re-starting on **Friday 5 January**.

"Calling all Men - fancy chewing the fat over a pint? St.James' Men's Beer Ministry are meeting on **Thursday 21st December** at the Queen Edith pub, Wulfstan Way. Drop by from 7.30 pm for a friendly chat and pint of Milton brewery's finest and get to know your fellow congregants. Speak to Steven Ridley or David Mason to find out more."

CMS boxes. Please start to bring in to church, and **by 14 January** please.

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. Thank you.

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.

"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	David and Anneke Heslam
Monday	Jane Hewer and family
Tuesday	Beryl Hobbs and family
Wednesday	Ruth Holdstock, Matilda and Theo
Thursday	Jean Holland
Friday	Christina Hood and Elena
Saturday	Geoff Howard

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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)	16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421

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

 17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist

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

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

The readings are Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28
The Anthem is *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* (Farrant).

This week:

Monday 18th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 19th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20th	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 21st	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Men's Beer Ministry at Queen Edith Pub
Friday 22nd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

Next Sunday (24 December) is Christmas Eve / the 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Eucharist (no 10.00 am Eucharist)
5.00 pm	Crib service (children are invited to dress as a Nativity character)
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass

The readings at 8 o'clock will be: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Psalm 89.1-4;
Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38.

The readings at Midnight Mass will be: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4;
John 1.1-14.

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