St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

*The* **Weekly Sheet 19 April 2020**

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Our church is now closed to all services, meetings and gatherings, but we will carry on praying, caring and serving the local community as best we can. We will be providing a variety of resources for creative worship, prayers and learning over the coming weeks and the best way to access these is to keep visiting the website for more details and checking your emails for regular updates. We plan to host worship and prayer time via Zoom each Sunday at 10 o’clock.

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**Collect for today**

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

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**Today’s readings are:**

Acts 2.14*a*, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end.

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**Acts 2.14*a*, 22-32**

**Peter Addresses the Crowd**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,
“I saw the Lord always before me,
   for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
   moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
   or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
   you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
“He was not abandoned to Hades,
   nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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 **Psalm 16**

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I / taken / refuge; ♦

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,

all my / good de/pends on / you’.

All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land, ♦

upon / those ● who are / noble in / heart.

Though the idols are legion that / many run / after, ♦

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their / names up/on my / lips.

The Lord himself is my portion / and my / cup; ♦

in your hands a/lone / is my / fortune.

My share has fallen in a / fair / land; ♦

indeed, I / have a / goodly / heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has / given me / counsel, ♦

and in the night watches / he in/structs my / heart.

I have set the Lord / always be/fore me; ♦

he is at my right / hand; I / shall not / fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my / spirit re/joices; ♦

my flesh / also shall / rest se/cure.

For you will not abandon my / soul to / Death, ♦

nor suffer your / faithful one to / see the / Pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the / fullness of / joy♦

and in your right hand are / pleasures for / ever/more.

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**1 Peter 1.3-9**

**A Living Hope**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**John 20.19-end**

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

**Jesus and Thomas**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

**The Purpose of This Book**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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**Readings for Next Sunday, 26 April, (3rd Sunday of Easter) are:**

Acts 2.14*a*, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-end; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

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Caroline returns from holiday tomorrow (Monday). Her working mornings will be as usual, please continue to email or phone as you would normally. Caroline can access both the internet and the church office phone from home.

Thank you to everyone for **your continued financial support** of St James' Church. The week by week giving enables us to pay the essential running costs of the church, such as utility bills and the ministry share. Since we are unable to meet together in our building on a Sunday morning, it is all the more important that planned giving continues. Thank you to those of you who have arranged direct debits etc and may we remind those of you who use the envelope scheme to fill and save your envelopes, week by week, for a time when we can meet together once again.

**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 & Matthew

Wednesday Jim and Ethel Bentley and family

Thursday Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda

Friday Josephine and Alan Brearley and family

Saturday Bill and Fiona Broadhurst

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**Weekly Church Activities** – *currently suspended*

Junior Choir Practice Sundays, 11.15 am – 12 noon

Choir Practice Mondays 6.30 pm—7.30 pm

Meditation Group Fridays 1.30 pm—2.00 pm

**Community Activities** – *currently suspended*

Beavers (6-8 yrs) 16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com

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Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs, QE Schl) 16thcambridgescouts@gmail.com

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

If you are ordering goods from **Amazon**, please remember to use the Amazon link on the

St James’ website fundraising page. It doesn’t cost you any more but gives St James a percentage of the price you pay.