

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

26 April 2020

3rd 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 today at 10 o'clock.

Collect for today

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

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

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

The First Converts

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116.1-3, 10-end

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my / suppli/cation;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the / day I / called to / him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of / hell took / hold of me;
by grief and / sorrow / was I / held.
Then I called upon the / name of the / Lord;
'O Lord, I / beg you, de/liver my / soul.'
How shall I re/pay the / Lord
For all the benefits / he has / given to / me?
I will lift up the / cup of sal/vation
And / call upon the / name of the / Lord.
I will fulfil my / vows to the / Lord
In the / presence of / all his / people.
Precious in the / sight of the / Lord
Is the ' death of his / faithful / servants.
O Lord, / I am your / servant,
Your servant, the child of your handmaid;
You have / freed me / from my / bonds.
I will offer to you a / sacrifice of / thanksgiving
And / call upon the / name of the / Lord.
I will fulfil my / vows to the / Lord
In the / presence of / all his / people.
In the courts of the / house of the / Lord,
In the midst of you, O Je/rusalem.
/ Alle/luia.

1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24.13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Readings for Next Sunday, 3 May, (4th Sunday of Easter) are:

Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-end; John 10.1-10

Caroline is working from home. Please continue to email or phone as you would normally (details on the back sheet). 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.

If you would like to add your name to our **prayer list of names that appear on the back of the weekly sheet**, please contact Caroline. We are currently updating the list and it would be lovely to include the names of newcomers to our congregation but also the names of others who regularly worship with us but may not have forwarded their wish to be included on the list.

Christian Aid Week, 10 – 16 May, is still going ahead, albeit taking a different form to the way we would usually support the week by envelope donations. Below is a copy of a communication from our local Christian Aid contact with details of how you can still donate this year. Thank you.

"The people with whom Christian Aid works, in many countries of the world, are not 'facing' a climate change emergency but are 'living' with it, today in the present. Now they are also today facing and sharing in the more obviously global emergency of the Corona Virus19 pandemic. This pandemic is causing serious and tragic problems for us here in Europe, and it is causing even more problems in countries with less developed systems of communication and health care. The disasters of drought, related crop failures, hurricanes and subsequent flooding all lead to great poverty, and these countries have even less resources to use to combat the Corona Virus 19.

A significant amount of money is raised in Christian Aid Week each year, but this year the usual door to door/house to house collection cannot take place, because of the national situation. Also the fundraising activities and collections elsewhere have had to be cancelled. Christian Aid will be launching an on-line Christian Aid Week appeal and we can join in with asking its supporters to give as generously as they can so that the funds are there to help swiftly where help is needed.

To make a telephone donation please phone : 020 7523 2269

To give directly into the Christian Aid Bank account please telephone : 020 7523 2226 for information.

Please continue to pray regarding the risks and tragedies relating to the Covid 19 pandemic, and also regarding the problems of Global Climate Change. The 2020 Climate Change Conference - UNFCCC COP26 was to have taken place in Glasgow in November 2020, but has been postponed to an as yet undecided date in 2021, because of the Covid 19 pandemic. I hope each of us will think deeply and choose to act as we can to reduce our own carbon footprint, and to equalise the world's wealth and share resources with all humanity."

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Pam Butler and family
Monday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family
Tuesday	Peter Canning
Wednesday	Denis Chandler
Thursday	Vera Chapman and family
Friday	Eric and Rhena Clouston and family
Saturday	Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy

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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
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs, QE Schl)	16thcambridgescouts@gmail.com

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.