

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

10 May 2020

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER /Start of Christian Aid Week

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 will host worship and prayer time via Zoom today at 10 o'clock. We are now also hosting a weekly Bible reading and prayer time, via Zoom, on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm. This is open to all and will be for about an hour. It's a chance to offer prayer support for one another and to share Bible reading together.

Collect for today

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be / put to / shame;
de/liver me / in your / righteousness.
Incline your / ear to / me;
make / haste / to de/liver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my / rock and my / stronghold;
guide me, and / lead me / for your / name's sake.
Take me out of the net that they have laid / secretly / for me,
for / you / are my / strength.
Into your hands I com/mend my / spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O / Lord / God of / truth.
'My times are / in your / hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from / those who / persecute / me.'
'Make your face to / shine up on your / servant,
and save me / for your / mercy's / sake.'

1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
and
'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy

John 14.1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How

can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Readings for Next Sunday, 17 May, (6th Sunday of Easter) are:

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21

We are now hosting a weekly Bible reading and prayer time, via Zoom, on **Wednesday evenings at 8 pm**. This is open to all, and will be for about an hour. It's a chance to offer prayer support for one another and to share Bible reading together. If you're interested please click on the Zoom link that Steve will send out via email before each meeting. It may be helpful to have a Bible to hand when you join.

If you can't join but would like something or someone mentioned in our prayers do let Steve know.

Food Hub. St James' building is going to be used as a Food Hub. People are invited to collect food from St James on a Saturday morning, between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. The food will be a basic food package and is ideally for those who are either struggling to pay for provisions or cannot get to the shops or book an online delivery. We will also be delivering in some circumstances. This is an initiative arranged by volunteers from the Happy to Help scheme which the Queen Edith Community Forum is organising. There will be a protocol observing health and safety guidelines relevant to Covid19. If you have any queries about how this is working get in touch with Steve or Anne.

Phone line. The Church of England central team have supported the release of the Daily Hope phone line. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Find out more here - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/daily-hope-phone-line>

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. If you are not sure whether you are already on the list and would like to add your name, do please check with Caroline.

Caroline is working from home. Please continue to email or phone as you would normally (details on the last page). Caroline can access both the internet and the church office phone from home.

TODAY is the start of Christian Aid Week – please consider supporting.

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	Hatty Harris
Monday	Flo Hawkes
Tuesday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Wednesday	David Heslam
Thursday	Beryl Hobbs and family
Friday	Ruth Holdstock, John Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Saturday	Jean Holland

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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.