

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

24 May 2020

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our church remains closed for 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. Please contact Rev'd Steve Rothwell for more details s.rothwell3@btinternet.com

Collect for today

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 32-end; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

Acts 1.6-14

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,

Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-end

LET God arise, and let his / enemies be / scattered;
let those that / hate him / flee be/fore him.
As the smoke vanishes, so may they / vanish a/way;
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked / perish at the / presence of / God.
But let the righteous be glad and re/joyce before / God;
let / them make / merry with / gladness.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name:
exalt him who / rides on the / clouds.
The Lord is his / name; re/joyce be/fore him.
Father of the fatherless, de/fender of widows,
God in his / holy / habi/tation!
God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to / songs of / welcome,
but the rebellious in/habit a / burning / desert.
O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people,
when you / marched / through the / wilderness,
the earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the / Lord of / Sinai,
at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.
You sent down a gracious / rain, O / God;
you refreshed your in/heritance when / it was / weary.
Your people / came to / dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, / you pro/vide for the / poor
sing to God, you / kingdoms of the / earth;
make music in / praise / of the / Lord;
he rides on the ancient / heaven of / heavens
and sends forth his / voice, a / mighty / voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is / over / Israel,
whose / power is a/bove the / clouds.
How terrible is God in his / holy / sanctuary,
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his / people!
/ Blessed be / God.

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Suffering as a Christian

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

John 17.1-11

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Readings for Next Sunday, 31 May, (Pentecost) are:

Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b -13 or Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39

Grass cutting volunteers: Please can those on the rota check your designated dates and let Stanley Wilson know if you are not able to cut the grass, if you have not already done so. Now that the church is in use for the Food Hub it would be good to keep it tidy. 01223 247507 or email sue@wilsontudorhouse.plus.com

CROSSPIECE NEEDS YOU! We did not publish the April/May edition of *Crosspiece*, but are hoping to publish a special edition in June and July to bring together a record of our church and community during these unusual times.

We would like you to share your thoughts and experiences. We invite you to submit a written piece or photograph(s).

Has life been easy or difficult to adapt to? Have you been able to work? Do you work on the frontline in health or social care? Are you an essential worker? Are you in lockdown? Have

you or your household suffered from Covid 19? How have you kept in touch? Have you given help or received help from others? Do you take away any positives from your experience? How has your Christian faith played a part in your response? Whatever you wish to write about, please submit any contributions to jenniferdayok@hotmail.com or to stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk by 27 May

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 being 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.

There is also the opportunity to donate to the Food hub and donations should be dropped off at St James' on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm – thank you. Look on the Queen Edith Community Forum website to find more details about the food hub and to see a list of the most needed items. Read also about the opportunity to now donate financially as well. https://queen-ediths.info/donate-to-the-queen-ediths-community-food-hub/?utm_source=Queen+Edith%27s+Community+News+Email&utm_campaign=a26f24ce88-COVID-19_nightly_emails_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_760a733bc5-a26f24ce88-393985325

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.

Congratulations to Max and Charlotte Drinkwater on the arrival of their baby daughter, Cynthia. Many of you will remember Max, our ordinand on attachment from Westcott House, from about 5 years ago. Max will be taking up position of Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's in Haverhill in the summer.

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.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Lucie Kibblewhite
Monday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola
Tuesday	Brian Landukin
Wednesday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Thursday	Mark Molloy
Friday	Marianne and Tom Monie, Matthew, Rhiannon, Cleo & Elsa
Saturday	Robert and Rosemary Monk and family

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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.