

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

3 May 2020

4th 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 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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

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

Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

The Lord / is my / shepherd;
therefore / can I / lack / nothing.
He makes me lie down in / green / pastures
and leads me be/side / still / waters.
He shall re/fresh my / soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness / for his / name's / sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will / fear no / evil;
for you are with me;
your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of / those who / trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
/ and my / cup shall be / full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the /days of my / life,
and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

1 Peter 2.19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10.1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Readings for Next Sunday, 10 May, (5th Sunday of Easter) are:

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

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.

PCC Members. We will be holding a meeting via Zoom, this Thursday (6 May) at 8 pm. Please click on the Zoom link that Steve will send out just beforehand.

Food Hub. St James' building is going to be used as a Food Hub from 9th May. People are invited to collect food from St James on a Saturday morning, probably between 10.30 and 12.30 am. 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.

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.

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.

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	James and Jennifer Day and family
Monday	Caroline and Tony Dickson and Helen
Tuesday	Judy and Ron Ferrari and family
Wednesday	Denise Finlay and family
Thursday	Matthew Gaskarth, Alison Maguire, Edward, William, Charlotte and Henry
Friday	Maureen Gibbs
Saturday	Alison and Graham Giles

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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.