

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

21 June 2020

2nd Sunday after Trinity

We are pleased to announce the re-opening of the church for private prayer and reflection. The church will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon. More details available further on in these notices.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the different ways that we are trying to maintain our work as a church community. People are regularly phoning each other and praying for one another, we are hosting times of prayer and fellowship online and in a diverse range of ways, everyone is still supporting the work of the church within the Queen Edith ward and beyond. Whatever changes these next few weeks and months will bring, we will continue to try and offer support, prayer and worship. Please continue to visit the website and to check your emails for regular updates.

We will host worship and prayer time via Zoom today at 10 o'clock and host a weekly Bible reading and prayer time, via Zoom, on Wednesday at 8 pm.

If you would like more details, please contact me at s.rothwell3@btinternet.com

Collect for today

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.8-11 [12-17] 18-20; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69.8-11 [12-17] 18-20

For your sake have I suffered reproach;
shame has / covered my / face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien/ to my / mother's / children.
Zeal for your house has / eaten me / up;
the scorn of those who / scorn you has / fallen up/on me.
I humbled my/self with / fasting,
but that was / turned to / my re/proach.
I put on / sackcloth / also
and be/came a / byword a/mong them.
Those who sit at the gate / murmur a/gainst me,
and the / drunkards make / songs a/bout me.
But as for me, I make my prayer to / you, O / Lord;
at an ac/ceptable / time, O / God.
Answer me, O God, in the abundance / of your / mercy
and / with your / sure sal/vation.
Draw me out of the mire, / that I / sink not;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and / out of the / deep / waters.
Let not the water flood drown me,
neither the deep / swallow me / up;
Let not the Pit / shut its / mouth up/on me.

answer me, Lord, for your loving/kindness is / good;
turn to me in the / multitude / of your / mercies.
Hide not your / face from your / servant;
be swift to answer me, / for I / am in / trouble.
Draw near to my / soul and re/deem me;
de/liver me be/cause of my / enemies.

Romans 6.1b-11

Dying and Rising with Christ

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10.24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Readings for Next Sunday, 28 June, (3rd Sunday after Trinity) are:

Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end.

St James' is now open again for private prayer and reflection on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10.00 am and 12 noon. You are very welcome to come in to church for some quiet time alone during these times. We ask that you please use the hand sanitiser upon entering and leaving and observe social distancing of 2 metres. Please do not touch Bibles and other literature.

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.

We are continuing to host 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.

Grass cutting volunteers: The mower is back in the shed after its recent repair. 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

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 or on Friday afternoons between 3.00 pm and 5.00 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>

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.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Anne Streater, Mark and Catherine
Monday	Julie Turner and family
Tuesday	Una Turner and family
Wednesday	Kathleen and John Waterhouse
Thursday	Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo
Friday	Stan and Sue Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Saturday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline

Contacts

Priest-in-charge	Rev'd Steve Rothwell 246419 s.rothwell3@btinternet.com
Curate	Rev'd Anne Strauss stjamescurate@gmail.com
Churchwardens	Pam Butler, 07745 591235 pambutler27@hotmail.com Michael Smale, (01223) 478650 michaelsmale05@gmail.com
Pastoral Assistants	Mary Calladine, (01223) 246742 Rosemary Monk, (01223) 246421
Director of Music	position vacant
The Music Group	Grae Worster, 846295 mgw1@cam.ac.uk
Safeguarding Officer	Jill Bradley, 07971 013645 happybeadsuk@gmail.com
Church Office:	246419 (Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.15 am - 1.15 pm)
e-mail:	stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk
Website:	stjamescambridge.org.uk

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.