

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

19 July 2020

The 6th Sunday after Trinity

Our church has re-opened 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.

There will be worship and prayer time via Zoom on Wednesday this week.

Collect for today

Creator God,
you made us all in your image;
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-end; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

God's Lessons for Israel

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,

and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

or

Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm 86.11-end

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will / walk in your / truth;
knit my heart to you, that / I may / fear your / name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with / all my / heart,
and glorify your / name for / ever/more:
for great is your steadfast / love to/wards me,
for you have delivered my / soul from the / depths of the / grave.
O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek / after my / life:
they have not / set you be/fore their / eyes.
But you, Lord, are gracious and / full of com/passion,
slow to anger and / full of / kindness and / truth.
Turn to me and have / mercy up/on me;
give your strength to your servant
and / save the / child of your / handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and / be a/shamed;
because you, O / Lord, have / helped and / comforted me.

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the
deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of
God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a
spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Readings for Next Sunday, 26 July (James the Apostle) are:

Acts 11.27-12.2; Psalm 126; 2 Corinthians 4.7-15; Matthew 20.20-28

There will be a **worship and prayer time**, via Zoom, on Wednesday this week at 8.00 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.

St James Day festival. We will be celebrating St James Day **next Sunday (26 July)**. We are looking forward to holding an outdoor service at the front of the church at **11.00 am**. We will be observing social distancing and ask please that families bring a rug to share to sit on together, or if rugs aren't your thing, your own folding chairs. It will be a short, simple service, after which we will walk to Cherry Hinton Hall for a socially distanced picnic. Remember to bring your own food!

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.

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	Matthew Gaskarth, Alison Maguire, Edward, William, Charlotte and Henry
Monday	Maureen Gibbs
Tuesday	Alison and Graham Giles
Wednesday	Hatty Harris
Thursday	Flo Hawkes
Friday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Saturday	David Heslam

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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.