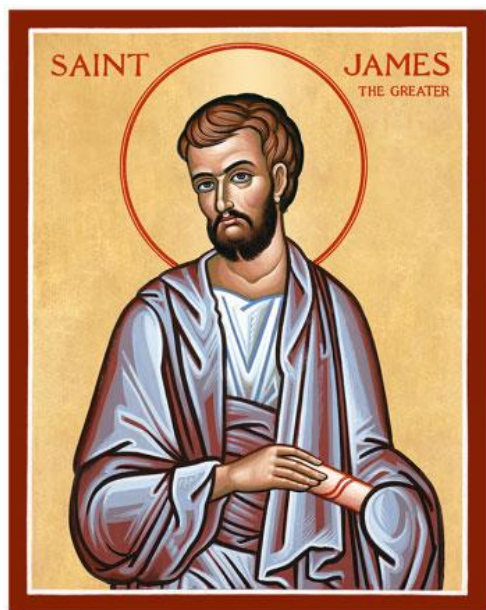


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

26 July 2020

JAMES THE APOSTLE



Today is our St James' Day Festival. We will celebrate with a short service at 11.00 am in the church garden, observing social distancing.

The church will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings this week between 10 am and 12 noon for private prayer and reflection. During August there may be changes to opening times for private prayer – please keep checking the website and the weekly sheet. Our Wednesday mid-week bible reading and prayer support will be at 8.00 pm. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the different ways that we are maintaining our work as a church community.

Collect for today

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Brother and our Lord, Amen.

Today's readings are:

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

Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

James Killed and Peter Imprisoned

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion,
then were / we like / those who / dream.
Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter
and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.
Then said they a/mong the / nations,
'The / Lord has done / great things / for them'.
The Lord has indeed done / great things / for us,
and / therefore / we re/joyced.
Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord,
as the / river beds / of the / desert.
Those who / sow in / tears
shall / reap with / songs of / joy.
Those who go out weeping, / bearing the / seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Matthew 20.20-28

The Request of the Mother of James and John

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Readings for Next Sunday, 2 August (8th Sunday after Trinity) are:

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9, 15-end; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

TODAY we are celebrating St James Day. We are looking forward to holding an outdoor service in the church garden 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.

There will be **bible reading and prayer support**, 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' 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.

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.

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.

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>

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	Beryl Hobbs and family
Monday	Ruth Holdstock, John Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Tuesday	Jean Holland
Wednesday	Christina Hood, Elena and Lukas
Thursday	Geoff Howard
Friday	Julia Hullyer
Saturday	Elsbeth Hutchison 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.