

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

5 July 2020

The 4th 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.

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

Eternal God
Our beginning and our end,
Bring us with the whole of creation
To your glory, hidden through past ages
And made known
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Today's readings are:

Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Zechariah 9.9-12

The Coming Ruler of God's People

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145.8-15

The Lord is / gracious and / merciful,
long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.
The Lord is / loving to / everyone
and his mercy is / over / all his / creatures.
All your works / praise you, O / Lord,
and your / faithful / servants / bless you.
They tell of the / glory of your / kingdom
and / speak of your / mighty / power,
to make known to all peoples your / mighty / acts
and the glorious / splendour / of your / kingdom.
Your kingdom is an ever/lasting / kingdom;
your dominion en/dures through/out all / ages.
The Lord is sure in / all his / words
and / faithful in / all his / deeds.
The Lord upholds all / those who / fall
and lifts up all / those who are / bowed / down.

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

Jesus Thanks His Father

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Readings for Next Sunday, 12 July (5th Sunday after Trinity) are:

Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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.

There will be a **PCC meeting** on Wednesday 15 July at 7.30 pm, via Zoom.

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	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Monday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Tuesday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Wednesday	Pam Butler and family
Thursday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family
Friday	Peter Canning
Saturday	Dennis Chandler

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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.