

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

16 August 2020

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Children's Activity
10.00 am Sunday Worship for everyone, via Zoom,
with reflection by Steve

The church will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings this week between 10 am and 12 noon for private prayer and reflection.

Morning Prayer will be said as usual at 8.30 am via Zoom.

Our Wednesday mid-week bible reading and prayer support, via Zoom, 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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

The Covenant Extended to All Who Obey

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

God be gracious to / us and / bless us
and make his / face to / shine up/on us.
That your way may be / known upon / earth,
your saving / power a/mong all / nations.
*Let the peoples / praise you, O / God;
let / all the / peoples / praise you.*
O let the nations re/joyce and be / glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and / govern the / nations upon / earth.
*Let the peoples / praise you, O / God;
let / all the / peoples / praise you.*
Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase,
and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.
God / will / bless us,
and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Things That Defile

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever

goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’]

The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

Readings for Next Sunday, 23 August (11th Sunday after Trinity) are:

Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Arrangements during August

Sunday Zoom services will continue as usual at 10.00 am.

The church will continue to open regularly for **private prayer and reflection** on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. You are very welcome to come in to church for some quiet time for private prayer and reflection. Please respect social distancing rules of 2 metres and use hand sanitiser upon entering and leaving the church. Please do not touch Bibles and other literature.

Morning Prayer will be said as usual at 8.30 am, via Zoom. Please contact Steve if you would like to join and he will send you the invite.

There will be **bible reading and prayer support**, via Zoom, on Wednesdays 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. It may be helpful to have a Bible to hand when you join.

Food Hub. The Food Hub will continue to open on a Saturday morning between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm during August. 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 now on holiday until Wednesday 2 September when the office will reopen from 9.15 am until 1.15 pm.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Lesley Payne and family
Monday	Anne Phillips
Tuesday	Judith and Jonathan Pinhey and family
Wednesday	Eleanor Pippard
Thursday	Margaret Revell and family
Friday	Daphne Ridge
Saturday	Dawn and Steven Ridley

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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.