

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

13 September 2020

14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 am 'Season of Creation' service via Zoom

Today's service continues with our 'Season of Creation' series. The theme is 'Jubilee for the earth'.

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We will know more once information is received from the Diocese.*

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

Morning Prayer will be held on weekdays in church at 9.30 am.

There will be no mid-week Bible reading and Prayer group this week as we have a PCC meeting on the same evening.

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,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Exodus 14.19-end; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

Exodus 14.19-end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The

Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

The Pursuers Drowned

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of a / strange / tongue,
Judah became his sanctuary,
/ Israel / his do/minion.
The sea saw that, and fled;
Jordan was / driven / back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the little / hills like / young / sheep.
What ailed you, O / sea, that you / fled?
O Jordan, that / you were / driven / back?
You mountains, that you / skipped like / rams,
you little / hills like / young / sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the / presence of the / Lord,
at the / presence of the / God of / Jacob.
Who turns the hard rock into a / pool of / water,
the flint-stone / into a / springing / well.

Romans 14.1-12

Do Not Judge Another

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Readings for Next Sunday, 20 September (15th Sunday after Trinity) are:

Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end; Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

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TODAY is Stewardship Sunday, a time to renew our financial commitment to the church and parish as a whole, and it is particularly important at this difficult time. An email is in the process of being sent out to all those on the electoral roll explaining the importance of planned giving and asking everyone to consider their financial support towards the work of St James'. A few paper copies will be available in the entrance foyer later this week for those who don't receive an emailed copy.

There will be a **PCC Meeting**, via Zoom, this Wednesday (16 September) at 7.30 pm.

Morning Prayer will be in church on weekday mornings at 9.30 am. You will need to wear a face mask and please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided. Thank you.

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 wear a mask and 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.

Looking ahead: We are looking at ways that we might start to gather back in church in a safe way. Our aim is to offer a communion service at 8.00 am in church from Sunday 20 September and to hold mid-week eucharists in church from Wednesday 23 September. Our 10.00 am Sunday worship will continue via Zoom for the time being.

Crosspiece Magazine. The September issue will be available shortly. If you wish to submit anything for our next magazine please send to jenniferdayok@hotmail.com We welcome contributions, and are especially happy to include more items relating to your experiences with church, work, family life, etc during the ongoing Covid restrictions. There are many questions involving the future of *Crosspiece*, and help would be welcome from anyone wishing to become involved even on a small scale. There is scope for editors, writers, photographers, distributors, people with ideas. Please contact Jennifer Day, Christina Hood or Mary Calladine or Steve.

Food Hub. The Food Hub will continue opening on a Saturday morning between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm during the autumn term. 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 Friday afternoons between 3.00 pm and 4.30 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 and how to donate financially.

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>

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Monday	Jim and Ethel Bentley and family
Tuesday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Wednesday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Thursday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Friday	Pam Butler and family
Saturday	Chris and Mary Calladine 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.