

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

27 September 2020

16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today

8.00 am Eucharist in church

10.00 am 'Season of Creation' service

Today's service continues with our 'Season of Creation' series. The theme is 'Jubilee for the earth'. Our 10 o'clock service will continue via Zoom.

At 8 o'clock we look forward to welcoming members of the congregation back in to church.

We plan to hold weekly 8 o'clock services now and will be following government guidelines with a maximum of 30. Whilst we do not propose using a booking system, please do let Steve know in advance if you plan to come along – thank you.

The church continues to open on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon for **private prayer and reflection**.

Morning Prayer will be held in church at 9.30 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mid-week Eucharist will take place in church at 10.15 am on Wednesday.

Our mid-week **Bible reading and Prayer group** will take place on Wednesday at 8 pm via Zoom.

Next Sunday we plan to hold our 10 o'clock **Harvest celebration** outside.

All things subject to change.

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 creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

Exodus 17.1-7

Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, / O my / people;
incline your / ears to the / words of my / mouth.
I will open my / mouth in a / parable;
I will pour forth / mysteries / from of / old,
such as we have / heard and / known,
which our / forebears / have / told us.
We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to gene/rations to / come,
the praises of the Lord and his power
and the / wonderful / works he has / done.
For he did marvellous things in the / sight of their / forebears,
in the land of Egypt, / in the / field of / Zoan.
He divided the sea and / let them pass / through
he made the / waters stand / still in a / heap.
He led them with a / cloud by / day
and all the night / through with a / blaze of / fire.
He split the hard / rocks in the / wilderness
and gave them drink as / from the / great / deep.
He brought streams / out of the / rock
and made / water gush / out like / rivers.

Philippians 2.1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ

Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Readings for Next Sunday, 4 October (Harvest) are:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19

Yesterday, Anne was priested at Great St Mary's. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

News from Ben Edwards. Ben was here on placement, with his family a couple of years ago. He has begun a new role at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, where he will serve his final year of curacy. He sends his best wishes to everyone at St James.

Next Sunday we hope to hold our **Harvest celebration service** outside at 10 o'clock. Donations for the Food Hub would be appreciated. Please bring your donation along on Friday afternoon between 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm. Alternatively, a financial donation can be made to Cambridge City Foodbank via <https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CambridgeWarmHomes>

When you come in to church please remember to wear a face covering, keep a 2m distance and to use hand sanitiser upon entering and leaving. Please to not touch Bibles and other literature. Please take away service sheets left on chairs.

For the Sunday 8 o'clock service and the mid-week Eucharist there will be a **Track and Trace sheet to fill in** with your name and contact details. Please bring your own pen. Thank you.

Caroline will now be working from home again as from tomorrow. Caroline has access to the office phone and email so please do contact her as you would normally.

Stewardship, a time to renew our financial commitment to the church and parish as a whole, and it is particularly important at this difficult time. Most people on the electoral roll and Steve's weekly email update list will have now received their stewardship letter. If you haven't received a copy and would like one, call Caroline in the office (01223) 246419 and leave a message. We have decided not to leave spare copies in the entrance foyer this year.

Crosspiece Magazine. If you wish to submit anything for our next magazine (November/December copy) 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	Judy and Ron Ferrari and family
Monday	Denise Finlay and family
Tuesday	Matthew Gaskarth, Alison Maguire, Edward, William, Charlotte and Henry
Wednesday	Maureen Gibbs
Thursday	Alison and Graham Giles
Friday	Hatty Harris
Saturday	Flo Hawkes

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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.