

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# *The Weekly Sheet*

6 September 2020

## 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 am 'Season of Creation' service via Zoom

Today's service is the first in a 'Season of Creation' series which Steve and Anne will explain more about. The theme is 'Jubilee for the earth'.

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 is back in church on weekdays, from tomorrow, at 9.30 am.

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.

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### **Collect for today**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Today's readings are:**

**Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20**

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### **Exodus 12.1-14**

#### **The First Passover Instituted**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted

over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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## **Psalm 149**

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a / new / song;  
sing his praise in the congre/gation / of the / faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice / in their / maker;  
let the children of Zion be / joyful / in their / king.  
Let them praise his / name in the / dance;  
let them sing praise to / him with / timbrel and / lyre.  
For the Lord has pleasure / in his / people  
and adorns the / poor / with sal/vation.  
Let the faithful be / joyful in / glory;  
let them re/joice / in their / ranks.  
With the praises of God / in their / mouths  
and a / two-edged / sword in their / hands;  
to execute vengeance / on the / nations  
and / punishment / on the / peoples;  
to bind their / kings in / chains  
and their / nobles with / fetters of / iron;  
to execute on them the / judgement de/creed:  
such honour have all his faithful / servants.  
/ Alle/luia.

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## **Romans 13.8-end**

### **Love for One Another**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

## An Urgent Appeal

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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## Matthew 18.15-20

### Reproving Another Who Sins

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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## Readings for Next Sunday, 13 September (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity) are:

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

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**Morning Prayer** will be back in church from tomorrow 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.

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.

**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.

Plans are subject to change if the situation alters in terms of restrictions and guidelines regarding Covid19.

**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.

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>

## **Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'**

Sunday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Monday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Tuesday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Wednesday	Linda Appleby and family
Thursday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Friday	Helen Arnold and family
Saturday	John and Jackie Bartholomew 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

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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.