

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

11 October 2020

18th Sunday after Trinity

Our **8 o'clock service will be in church** and we will be following government guidelines with a maximum of 30 – please do let Steve know in advance if you plan to come along.

At **9.30 am we will have Children's Activity group via Zoom.**

Our **10 o'clock service will be via Zoom.**

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 support group, including Compline (Night Prayer)** will take place on Wednesday at 8 pm via Zoom.

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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Exodus 32.1-14

The Golden Calf

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the

gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23

Alleluia. [or Praise the Lord]

Give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious,
for his / faithfulness en/dures for / ever.

Who can express the mighty / acts of the / Lord
or / show forth / all his / praise?

Blessed are those who ob/serve what is / right
and / always / do what is / just.

Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you / bear for your / people;
visit me in the / day of / your sal/vation;

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the / gladness of your / people,
and ex/ult with / your in/heritance.

We have / sinned like our / forebears;
we have done / wrong and / dealt / wickedly.

They made a / calf at / Horeb
and / worshipped the / molten / image;

thus they ex/changed their / glory
for the image of an / ox that / feeds on / hay.

They forgot / God their / saviour,
who had done such / great / things in / Egypt,
wonderful deeds in the / land of / Ham
and fearful things / at the / Red / Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him / in the / breach,
to turn a/way his / wrath from con/suming them.

Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Readings for Next Sunday, 18 October (19th Sunday after Trinity) are:

Exodus 33.12-end; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

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.

The **church APCM** is on Sunday 25 October at 9.00 am. More details to follow.

There are vacancies for lay reps on the PCC; please let Steve know or contact Jennifer Day (PCC Secretary) if you are interested in standing for the PCC.

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.

Caroline is working from home, and has access to the office phone and email, so please do contact her as you would normally.

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	Julia Hullyer
Monday	Elsbeth Hutchison and family
Tuesday	Barbara Irving and family
Wednesday	Judith and Peter Judd
Thursday	Janet and Donald Laming and family
Friday	Lucie Kibblewhite
Saturday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola

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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.