

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

4 October 2020

HARVEST



Today

8.00 am	Eucharist in church
10.00 am	Harvest service via Zoom

Today as we celebrate Harvest we conclude our 'Season of Creation' series and the theme 'Jubilee for the earth'.

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.

Our **10 o'clock Harvest 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 group** 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

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O / God in / Zion;
to you that answer / prayer shall / vows be / paid.
To you shall all flesh come to con/fess their / sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
/ you will / purge them a/way.
Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your / courts to / dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
/ even of your / holy / temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of / our sal/vation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and / of the / farthest/ seas.
In your strength you set / fast the / mountains
and are / girded a/bout with / might.
You still the / raging of the / seas,
the roaring of their waves and the / clamour / of the / peoples,
those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble / at your / marvels;
The gates of the morning and / evening / sing your / praise.
you visit the / earth and / water it;

you / make it / very / plenteous.
The river of God is / full of / water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for / so you pro/vide for the / earth.
You drench the furrows and / smooth out the / ridges;
you soften the ground with / showers and / bless its / increase.
You crown the / year with your / goodness,
and your / paths over/flow with / plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness / flow with / goodness
and the / hills be / girded with / joy.
May the meadows be clothed with / flocks of / sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that / they shall / laugh and / sing.

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Do Not Worry

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do

so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Readings for Next Sunday, 11 October (18th Sunday after Trinity) are:

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

Today we celebrate **Harvest** at 10 o'clock via Zoom. If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to donate to the Food Hub – please bring your donation along on Friday afternoon between 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm. Alternatively, a financial donation can still 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 is working from home, and 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	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Monday	David Heslam
Tuesday	Beryl Hobbs and family
Wednesday	Ruth Holdstock, John Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Thursday	Jean Holland
Friday	Christina Hood, Elena and Lukas
Saturday	Geoff Howard

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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.