

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The **Weekly Sheet**

15 November 2020

2nd Sunday before Advent

Today:

9.30 am Children's Activity via Zoom

10.00 am Sunday service via Zoom

Following the recent government announcement we find ourselves in lockdown once again until 2 December. Our church is forced to close for all services, meetings and gatherings, with the exception of individual private prayer. During this time we will revert back to all services via Zoom.

As before we will continue to pray, care and serve the local community, as best we can. Keep checking the website and your weekly update email for more details.

This week:

Individual private prayer and reflection. The church will be open between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Monday and Wednesday.

You are very welcome to come in to church for some quiet time. Please respect social distancing rules of 2 metres, wear a mask, and use hand sanitiser upon entering and leaving the church. Please do not touch Bibles and other literature.

Morning Prayer will be held via Zoom at 8.45 am every weekday morning.

There is no mid-week Eucharist.

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

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

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12 [or 90.1-8]; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;
Matthew 25.14-30

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the LORD

The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12 [or 90.1-8]

Lord, you have / been our / refuge
from one gene/ration / to a/nother.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the / world were / formed,
from everlasting to ever/lasting / you are / God.
You turn us back to / dust and / say:
'Turn / back, O / children of / earth.'
For a thousand years in your sight are / but as / yesterday,
which passes / like a / watch in the / night.
You sweep them away / like a / dream;
they fade away / suddenly / like the / grass.
In the morning it is / green and / flourishes;
in the evening it is / dried / up and / withered.
For we consume away in / your dis/pleasure;
we are afraid at your / wrathful / indig/nation.
You have set our mis/deeds be/fore you
and our secret / sins in the / light of your / countenance.
When you are angry, all our / days are / gone;
our years come to an / end / like a / sigh.
The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, / even / four score;
yet the sum of them, is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass a/way and / we are / gone.
Who regards the / power of your / wrath
and your indig/nation like / those who / fear you?
So teach us to / number our / days
that we may ap/ply our / hearts to / wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

The Parable of the Talents

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two

talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Readings for next Sunday, 22 November (Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent) are:

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

If you have a favourite **Christmas Carol** and would be willing to record yourself talking about why you enjoy it and what it means to you, please let Steve/Anne know. We are compiling a special resource for Christmas. Thank you.

Following our recent APCM we would like to say a big thank you to Michael Smale who steps down as Churchwarden but who will continue to help look after the fabric side of things for the church. We welcome Hatty Harris as our new churchwarden; Hatty will work alongside Pam from after Christmas, until Pam steps down in April.

Our grateful thanks go to Eleanor Pippard, Matthew Gaskarth and Ian Rowland whose term of office on the PCC has now finished and we welcome Lesley Payne on to the PCC.

Geoff Heathcock's home-based **RNLI** shop will be closed during the lockdown but he may still be able to deliver cards, calendars and diaries. Give him a call on 01223 244901.

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. 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	Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo
Monday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Tuesday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Wednesday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Thursday	Linda Appleby and family
Friday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Saturday	Helen Arnold 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.