

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet 22 November 2020

Christ the King / Sunday next 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.

Fabric Ctee meeting this Wednesday (25th) at 7.30pm via Zoom.

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

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Today's readings are:

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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

God the True Shepherd

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm 95.1-7

O come, let us / sing to the / Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the / rock of / our sal/vation.
Let us come into his / presence with / thanksgiving
and be / glad in / him with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / great / God
and a great / king a/bove all / gods.
In his hand are the / depths of the / earth
and the heights of the / mountains are / his / also.
The sea is his, / for he / made it,
and his hands have / moulded the / dry / land.
Come, let us worship and / bow / down
and kneel be/fore the / Lord our / Maker.
For / he is our / God;
we are the people of his / pasture and the / sheep of his / hand.

Ephesians 1.15-end

Paul's Prayer

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31-end

The Judgement of the Nations

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Readings for next Sunday, 29 November (1st Sunday of Advent) are:

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20 [or 80.1-8]; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-end

Wreath Making Kits. As the Christmas fair and tree festival can't take place this year Jacqui and Anne are planning some wreath making kits, containing a willow hoop base, some greenery and some natural decorations. These will be handed out outside the church on **Saturday 5th December** (revised date) at the end of the Food Hub session. We will be planning carefully to make sure that everything is done safely and in line with current regulations! There's still time to get involved if you'd like to:

- make a batch of decorative orange slices
- collect and donate poppy seed heads, pine cones, bunches of lavender or other decorative natural seed heads and cones.
- cut 5-6 foot lengths of willow. You can make these into wreath hoops yourself or give them to Jacqui to make.
- volunteer to help on Friday or Saturday afternoon.
- let Jacqui know what sort of greenery you could supply closer to 5th December



Many thanks if you've already supplied materials - we now have enough willow to make 30 hoops...but we need more!

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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.

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	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Monday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Tuesday	Jim and Ethel Bentley and family
Wednesday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Thursday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Friday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Saturday	Pam Butler 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.