

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

29 November 2020



Today:

10.00 am Sunday service via Zoom

As the lockdown draws to a close and we await new government guidance, our current plan is that our weekday activities, this week, will continue via Zoom.

We look forward to confirmation as to when we can open up the church again for mid-week Eucharists and our 8 o'clock Sunday services. We will confirm on next week's Weekly Sheet if there will be a mid week Eucharist on 9 December and we will also send out information early next week as to whether there will be an 8 o'clock communion service on 6 December.

Morning Prayer will continue via Zoom until further notice.

In the meantime we continue to pray, care and serve the local community, as best we can.

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.

Staff Meeting, Monday at 10.30 am. Zoom link to follow.

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

There is no mid-week Eucharist this week.

Bible reading and Prayer support group, including Compline (Night Prayer) will take place on Wednesday at 8 pm via Zoom with a special theme for Advent: we will be using the new book *Frequencies of God* by Carys Walsh, which uses the poetry of RS Thomas to reflect on the Advent season. We will still include Compline as part of our time together. The Zoom link will be sent out early next week along with the poem that we'll be looking at.

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

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Today's readings are:

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

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80.1-8 [18-20] or 18.1-8

Hear, O / shepherd of / Israel,
you that led / Joseph / like a / flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the / cherubim,
before Ephraim, / Benjamin / and Ma/nasseh.
Stir up your / mighty / strength
and / come to / our sal/vation.
Turn us a/gain, O / God;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
O Lord / God of / hosts,
how long will you be / angry at your / people's / prayer?
You feed them with the / bread of / tears;
you give them a/bundance of / tears to / drink.
You have made us the de/rision of our / neighbours,
and our / enemies/ laugh us to / scorn.
Turn us again, O / God of / hosts;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
Let your hand be upon the / man at your / right hand,
the son of man you / made so / strong for your/self.
And so will we / not go / back from you;
give us life, and we shall / call up/on your / name.
Turn us again, O Lord / God of / hosts;
show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13.24-end

The Coming of the Son of Man

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

The Necessity for Watchfulness

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Readings for next Sunday, 6 December (2nd Sunday of Advent) are:

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 [or 85.8-end]; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

Annual Charitable Giving. If you have any suggestions for charities that you would like St James to support, please submit your request to Sue Wilson by Sunday 6 December. This year we would particularly welcome suggestions for charities providing support locally during the pandemic.

Advent Calendar of Giving. Also known as a reverse Advent Calendar...the idea is that instead of opening windows as we approach Christmas, you cross them off and put an item for the Food Hub in a bag or box each day.

Anne has prepared some bags and instructions (see pictures on page 5). They can be picked up from church on Friday between 3 and 4.30 pm, or Saturday morning 10-10.30 am.

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.

Pastoral Group. We are hoping to have virtual coffee mornings and tea parties via Zoom. Please email Rosemary Monk with your contact details if you would like to be included. rem66@btinternet.com

When the lockdown finishes Geoff Heathcock's home-based **RNLI** shop will re-open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm at 52 Queen Edith's Way. 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>

Images for Advent Calendar of Giving



Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family
Monday	Peter Canning
Tuesday	Dennis Chandler
Wednesday	Vera Chapman and family
Thursday	Eric and Rhena Clouston and family
Friday	Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy
Saturday	James and Jennifer Day 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.