

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet 8 November 2020

The 3rd Sunday before Advent /Remembrance Sunday



Today:

9.30 am Children's Activity via Zoom

10.00 am Sunday service via Zoom

A 2 minute silence will be observed for Remembrance Sunday

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

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end;
Matthew 25.1-13

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

Description of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

or

Amos 5.18-24

The Day of the LORD a Dark Day

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

O God, make / speed to / save me;
O / Lord, make / haste to / help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to / shame and con/fusion;
let them be turned back and dis/graced
who / wish me / evil.
Let those who / mock and de/ride me
turn / back be/cause of their / shame.
But let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in / you;
let those who love your salvation say / always, / 'Great is the / Lord!'
As for me, I am / poor and / needy;
come to me / quickly, / O / God.
You are my help and / my de/liverer;
O / Lord, do / not de/lay.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Readings for next Sunday, 15 November (2nd Sunday before Advent) 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

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.

Favourite Carols. If you have a favourite verse or line from a Christmas Carol and would be willing to talk about it, and be recorded, please let Steve and Anne know. We are compiling a special resource for Advent.

Pumpkin Picnic 'Pick up & Go'. Due to the Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our usual event, instead offering the chance for children to come along, collect a pumpkin and activity bag, to take and do at home. The event was well received and emails have already come in telling us how children have enjoyed making the activities. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to those who helped prepare the activities in advance.

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

Don't want to mess about with going into town for your festive Christmas cards, calendars and diaries, but do want to support a well known charity? Then pop along to 52 Queen Edith's Way on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoons 2.00-4.00 pm and see Geoff Heathcock. He has the 2020 festive range together with other items on the spot for the **RNLI**. 01223 244901

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	Jordan Skittrall
Monday	Mary and Michael Smale and family
Tuesday	Lisa and Matthew Stocker, Emilia, Olivia, Reece and Talia
Wednesday	Anne Streater, Mark and Catherine
Thursday	Julie Turner and family
Friday	Una Turner and family
Saturday	Kathleen and John Waterhouse

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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.