

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

20 December 2020

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist in Church
10.00 am **CAROL SERVICE via Zoom**

As we enter the week leading to Christmas you are invited to join us for a blend of online and in-person services. Please see details below of all the services we are offering.

This week:

Monday 21st

8.45 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10-12 pm Church open for Individual private prayer

Tuesday 22nd

10.15 am Eucharist in church

Wednesday 23rd

8.45 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.00 pm Advent Reading Group via Zoom

Thursday 24th, Christmas Eve

8.45 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
4.00 pm Christingle Service outside in church garden
11.00 pm Midnight Mass* in church (by reservation only)

The readings are Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

Friday 25th, Christmas Day

8.00 am Eucharist in church* (by reservation only)
10.00 am Christmas Morning Service via Zoom

The readings are Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14



Services marked * require pre-registration. Please email s.rothwell3@btinternet.com
Zoom links will be sent out via the Weekly Update email

The Advent Reading and Compline Group will take place this 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 along with the poem that we'll be looking at.

Collect for today

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings at 8 o'clock are:

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Cantic: 'Magnificat'; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

God's Covenant with David

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Canticle 'Magnificat'

My soul doth / magnify the / Lord
And my spirit hath re/joiced in / God my / Saviour.
For / he hath re/garded
The / lowliness / of his / handmaiden.
For be/hold from / henceforth
All gene/rations shall / call me / blessed.
For he that is mighty hath / magnified / me
And / holy / is his / Name.
And his mercy is on / them that / fear him
Throughout / all / gene/rations.
He hath shewed / strength with his / arm
He hath scattered the proud in the imagi/nation / of their / hearts.
He hath put down the / mighty from their / seat
And hath ex/alted the / humble and / meek.
He hath filled the / hungry with / good things
And the / rich he hath sent / empty a/way.
He re/membering his / mercy
Hath / holpen his / servant / Israel
As he / promised to our / forefathers,
Abraham / and his / seed for / ever.

Romans 16.25-end

Final Doxology

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1.26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the

sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

(No Sunday services on 27 December)

Readings for Sunday 3 January (Epiphany) are:

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.[1-9] 10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Message from Jennifer Day. I am very grateful for all the music Grae and the choir have been providing over the past months and am so glad we will be able to have a carol service. In case anyone would also like to enjoy a **Nine Lessons and Carols Service**, may I recommend one to you. During the pandemic I have been doing lots of singing and recording with the Self Isolation Choir, a body of singers from around the world. We have recorded a full carol service, which will include some familiar carols, some less known and some numbers from Messiah. If you want to view and listen, the live service is at 5pm today but should be available after that as well. This poster gives the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P53dr0Jo40s&feature=youtu.be>

Christmas Eve Christingle service outside the church between 4 and 4.30pm. Come and collect a Christingle and sing a carol or two!

There are **no parish services on Sunday 27 December**. You are invited to visit the Ely cathedral website for information about joining their online services or visiting in person:

<https://www.elycathedral.org/public-worship>

After our Christmas Day services there will be no services or activities in church (with the exception of the Food Hub on the Wednesday) until the following **Sunday (3 January) when we will be celebrating Epiphany** with an 8 o'clock service in church and our 10 o'clock service via Zoom.

Christmas Cards. Please don't post cards to members of the congregation via the church this year as they are unlikely to be collected.

Advent Calendar of Giving. Thank you to everyone who has taken part. Bags can be dropped off during January on Fridays (from 8 January) between 3 and 4.30 pm and on Saturdays between 10 and 10.30 am. Or contact Anne stjamescurate@gmail.com to arrange a different time if these times aren't convenient.

St James' has regularly supported the **Women's Refuge** at Christmas time by donating gifts. Due to the risks posed by COVID-19, the Women's Refuge is currently unable to accept donations of physical items, and have closed their Amazon wish list. However, they would greatly appreciate donations of money at this time so that they can keep supporting women and children to meet their needs.

If you wish to support them, please use the donation link on their website

<https://cambridgewa.org.uk/seasonalgifts.php> or send a donation by cheque made payable to *Cambridge Women's Aid* and send it to CWA, PO Box 302, Cambridge, CB1 1EA. Thank you.

Food Hub. In the New Year the Food Hub will continue operating on a Saturday morning between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm here at St James'. In the run up to Christmas and the New Year, there are some changes to opening times:

There will be an additional weekday session this Wednesday (23 December) 11 am – 1 pm (but no hub on Boxing Day (26 December)).

The hub will then be open on Wednesday 30 December but will then not be open again until Saturday 9 January.

The food remains a basic food package ideally for those who are either struggling to pay for provisions or who cannot get to the shops or book an online delivery.

You can continue 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 (from 8 January) – 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.

Caroline is working from home tomorrow morning and will then be on holiday until the New Year.

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	Julia Hullyer
Monday	Elsbeth Hutchison and family
Tuesday	Barbara Irving and family
Wednesday	Judith and Peter Judd
Thursday	Janet and Donald Laming and family
Friday	Lucie Kibblewhite
Saturday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola

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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.