

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December 2020



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist in Church
10.00 am **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** via Zoom

We welcome you to celebrate the birth of Christ, whether you are joining us in person today or at our online service.

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Today's readings are:

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

Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a / new / song,
for / he has done / marvellous / things.
His own right hand and his / holy / arm
have / won for / him the / victory.
The Lord has made / known his sal/vation;
his deliverance has he openly / shown in the / sight of the / nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the / house of / Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal/vation / of our / God.
Sound praises to the Lord, / all the / earth;
break into / singing / and make / music.
Make music to the / Lord with the / lyre,
with the / lyre and the / voice of / melody.
With trumpets and the / sound of the / horn
sound praises be/fore the / Lord, the / King.
Let the sea thunder and / all that / fills it,
the world and / all that / dwell up/on it.
Let the rivers / clap their / hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he / comes to / judge the / earth.
In righteousness shall he / judge the / world
and the / peoples / with / equity.

Hebrews 1.1-4

God Has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1.1-14

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(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

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>

The church remains closed for services between Sunday 26 December and Saturday 2 January.

We will meet next on **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.

Morning Prayer will resume online at 8.45 am on Monday 4 January and **Midweek Eucharist** on Wednesday 6 January in church.

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. It is not too late 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.

The **Food Hub** will open next on Wednesday (30 December) between 11 am and 1 pm 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 in the New Year and donations should be dropped off at St James' on Friday afternoons (from 8 January) 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.

Caroline is on holiday from work until Wednesday 6 January when she will continue to work from home for the time being. Caroline has access to the office answering machine and email so please do contact her as you would normally.

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>

*May God's love surround you this
Christmastime*



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.