

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# *The* Weekly Sheet

3 January 2021

## EPIPHANY



### Today:

8.00 am Eucharist in Church  
10.00 am All Age Service via Zoom

We welcome you to church for the season of Epiphany and a hopeful beginning to a new year.

### This Week:

**Individual private prayer and reflection.** The church will be open between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Monday. On Wednesday, after the Eucharist service, the church remains open for quiet prayer until 12 noon.

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 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (Ask Steve or Anne for the link).

The **Mid-week Eucharist** is on Wednesday at 10.15 am in Church

**Bible reading and Prayer support group, including Compline (Night Prayer)** will take place on Wednesday at 8 pm via Zoom.

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## Collect for today

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Today's readings are:

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

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### Isaiah 60.1-6

#### The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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### Psalm 72. [1-9] 10-15

Give the king your / judgements, O / God,  
and your righteousness / to the / son of a / king.  
Then shall he judge your / people / righteously  
and your / poor / with / justice.  
May the mountains / bring forth / peace,  
and the little hills / righteousness / for the / people.  
May he defend the poor a/mong the / people,  
deliver the children of the / needy and / crush the op/pressor.  
May he live as long as the sun and / moon en/dure,  
from one gene/ration / to an/other.  
May he come down like rain upon the / mown / grass,  
like the / showers that / water the / earth.  
In his time shall / righteousness / flourish,  
and abundance of peace  
till the / moon shall / be no / more.  
May his dominion extend from / sea to / sea

and from the River / to the / ends of the / earth.  
May his foes / kneel be/fore him  
and his / enemies / lick the / dust.  
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay / tribute;  
the kings of Sheba and / Seba / shall bring / gifts.  
All kings shall fall / down be/fore him;  
all / nations shall / do him / service.  
For he shall deliver the / poor that cry / out,  
the needy and / those who / have no / helper.  
He shall have pity on the / weak and / poor;  
he shall pre/serve the / lives of the / needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from op/pression and / violence,  
and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.  
Long may he live;  
unto him may be given / gold from / Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him continually  
and may they / bless him / all the day / long.

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## **Ephesians 3.1-12**

### **Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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## **Matthew 2.1-12**

### **The Visit of the Wise Men**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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## **Readings for next Sunday, 10 January (Baptism of Christ) are:**

**Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11**

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**Food Hub.** The Food Hub will continue operating on a Saturday morning between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm here at St James' and will open next on 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 – 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.

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

**Caroline** continues to work from home for the time being and can be contacted from Wednesday. She 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>

## Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Brian Landukin
Monday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Tuesday	Mark Molloy
Wednesday	Marianne and Tom Monie, Matthew, Rhiannon, Cleo & Elsa
Thursday	Robert and Rosemary Monk and family
Friday	Anne Nagy and Peter
Saturday	Barbara Nierinck and family

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### Contacts

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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

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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.