

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

10 January 2021

BAPTISM OF CHRIST



Today:

9.30 am Children's Activity via Zoom

10.00 am Sunday Service via Zoom

As you know we are currently in Lockdown and are likely to stay in this high level of restriction for a few weeks at least. It is permissible to hold public worship but having consulted with the PCC Standing Committee we feel that it is not advisable to gather in the church building at the current time. The recent spike in Covid cases means that we need to take a decision that is both caring and responsible to ourselves and the wider community. We hope to return to holding services soon but in the meantime, as we welcome the season of Epiphany and a hopeful beginning to a new year, we will continue with online services on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

This Week:

Individual private prayer and reflection. The church will be open between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Monday and Wednesdays for quiet prayer.

You are very welcome to come in to church but 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).

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 11 January, 10.30 am

Thursday 14 January, 7.45 pm

Thursday 21 January, 7.30 pm

Staff Meeting via Zoom

Special Meeting for PCC members via Zoom
with architect, Nigel Water

PCC Meeting via Zoom

Collect for today

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Today's readings are:

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

Genesis 1.1-5

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven, *
ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his /name; *
worship the / Lord in the / beauty of / holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders; *
the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper/ation; *
the voice of the Lord / is a / glorious / voice.
The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees; *
the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
he makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf *
and Sirion / like a / young wild / ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness; *
The Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the / forests / bare; *
in his / temple / all cry, / 'Glory!'.
The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / water flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/more.
The Lord shall give / strength to his / people;

The Lord shall give / strength to his / people
the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

Acts 19.1-7

Paul in Ephesus

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Readings for next Sunday, 17 January (2nd Sunday of Epiphany) are:

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 [or 139.1-9]; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

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

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 to arrange a different time if these times aren't convenient.

Caroline is working from home and 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	Roger Northfield and family
Monday	Hazel Palmer
Tuesday	Lesley Payne and family
Wednesday	Judith and Jonathan Pinhey and family
Thursday	Eleanor Pippard
Friday	Margaret Revell and family
Saturday	Daphne Ridge

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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.