

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# *The* Weekly Sheet

31 January 2021

## PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



### 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. We will be using a recurring link as explained in last week's Weekly Update email. 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.

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## Collect for today

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

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## Today's readings are:

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24. [1-6] 7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

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## Malachi 3.1-5

### The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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## Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-end

The earth is the Lord's and / all that / fills it,  
the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.  
For he has founded it up/on the / seas  
and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.  
'Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord,  
or who can rise / up in his / holy / place?'  
'Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor / sworn an / oath to a / lie;  
'They shall receive a / blessing from the / Lord,  
a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation'.  
Such is the company of / those who / seek him,  
of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;  
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.  
'Who is the ' King of / glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the / Lord who is / mighty in / battle'.  
Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;  
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.  
'Who is this / King of / glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts,  
/ he is the / King of / glory'.

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## **Hebrews 2.14-end**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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## **Luke 2.22-40**

### **Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,  
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### **The Return to Nazareth**

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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## **Readings for next Sunday, 7 February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

**Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Psalm 104.26-end; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14**

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### **1000000 steps challenge for Arthur Rank Hospice** - a message from Eleanor Pippard

I have decided to attempt the Arthur Rank's fundraising challenge to walk a million steps in a hundred days. This works out at an average of 10000 a day. To make it more interesting I have calculated that this is about the equivalent of walking from my house to Inverness, using roads rather than going 'as the crow flies' which would involve a lot of swimming. This means that each week I shall be able to see where I have got to in the country. The walk started on 11 January and finishes on 20 April.

Any sponsorship would be gratefully received to help this excellent charity. The link to my giving page is <https://arhc.enthuse.com/pf/eleanor-pippard-d0c4e>

**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. Now that we are in lockdown again, please do not return your bag at the present time. Please hold on to it and return when restrictions are lifted. Thank you.

**Pam** would like to let members of the congregation know that she recently became a grandmother to Ella Nicole. Congratulations!

**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	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Monday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Tuesday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Wednesday	Linda Appleby and family
Thursday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Friday	Helen Arnold and family
Saturday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family

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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)	<a href="mailto:16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com">16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com</a>
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	Stephen Harrison, 07548 765421
Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs, QE Schl)	<a href="mailto:16thcambridgescouts@gmail.com">16thcambridgescouts@gmail.com</a>

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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.