

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

7 February 2021

THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



Today:

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 given out in the 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.

Collect for today

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

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

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

The Gifts of Wisdom

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

Wisdom's Part in Creation

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 104.26-end

O Lord, how manifold / are your / works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the / earth is / full of your / creatures.
There is the sea, spread / far and / wide,
and there move creatures beyond / number, both / small and / great.
There go the ships, and there is / that Leviathan
which you have / made to / play in the / deep.
All of these / look to / you
to give them their / food in / due / season.
When you give it / them, they / gather it;
you open your hand and / they are / filled with / good.
When you hide your face / they are / troubled;
when you take away their breath,

they die and re/turn a/gain to the / dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated,
and you re/new the / face of the / earth.
May the glory of the Lord en/dure for /ever;
may the / Lord re/joice in his / works;
he looks on the / earth and it / trembles;
he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live,
I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.
So shall my / song / please him
while I re/joice / in the / Lord.
Let sinners be consumed / out of the / earth
and the / wicked / be no / more.
Bless the Lord, / O my / soul.
Alle/luia, / Alle/luia. [or Praise the / Lord, / praise the / Lord.]

Colossians 1.15-20

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

Readings for next Sunday, 14 February (Sunday next before Lent)

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

CMS Boxes. Thank you to those who collect for CMS. Please hold on to your boxes until further notice. Thank you.

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.

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.
During lockdown the Food Hub is unable to receive or collect personal donations from people, but if you would still like to help, look on the Queen Edith Community Forum website to find more details about how to donate financially. Thank you.

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	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Monday	Jim and Ethel Bentley and family
Tuesday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Wednesday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Thursday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Friday	Pam Butler and family
Saturday	Chris and Mary Calladine 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)	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.