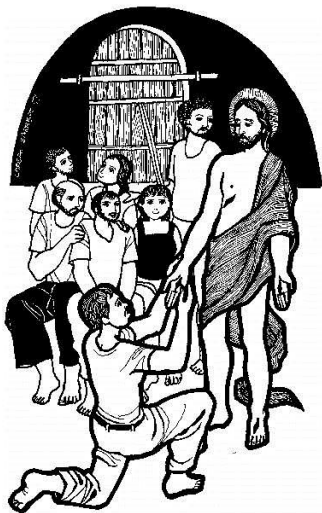


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

11 April 2021

2nd Sunday after Easter



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am Sunday Service via Zoom

As we continue to work within the government roadmap out of lockdown, we are now opening up the church for Sunday 8 o'clock Holy Communion – please let Steve know in advance if you plan to come along (s.rothwell3@btinternet.com). Our 10 o'clock Sunday services will continue via Zoom for the time being. Guidelines for social distancing, hand sanitizing and the wearing of face masks, will be followed.

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

Mid-week Eucharist resumes this week on Wednesday, at 10.15 am, in church.

Bible reading and Compline. Please join us on Wednesday, at 8 pm, via Zoom.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 11 April	Deadline for APCM reports and changes to Electoral Roll
Tuesday 13 April	PMC Steering Committee Meeting, 7.45 pm, via Zoom
Sunday 25 April	APCM, 11.00 am, via Zoom. See page 4 for more details.

Collect for today

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

[Exodus 14.10-end; 15, 20, 21]; Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-end

Acts 4.32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

Behold how good and / pleasant it / is
to / dwell to/gether in / unity.
It is like the precious oil up/on the / head,
running / down up/on the / beard,
even on / Aaron's / beard,
running down upon the collar / of his / clothing.
It is like the / dew of / Hermon
running / down upon the / hills of / Zion.
For there the Lord has / promised his / blessing:
even / life for / ever/more.

1 John 1.1-2.2

The Word of Life

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is

with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

God Is Light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20.19-end

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Readings for next Sunday, 18 April (3rd Sunday of Easter)

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]; Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48

APCM: Our APCM meeting will be held on Sunday 25th April at 11.00 am via Zoom. Pam Butler is retiring after long and faithful service as churchwarden. Hatty Harris was elected as second churchwarden in October, and it is too much to ask her to fulfil this position on her own. **We urgently need another churchwarden.** In addition members of the PCC who have served their 3 year term will be retiring and we really need to elect **3 more members** to fill vacancies. Could you fill any of these positions? If you want more information please speak to Steve or Anne or Hatty.

APCM Reports. We recognise that many groups haven't been able to meet, but if your group or church activity has met over Zoom, even for a few sessions, please consider writing a few lines for our annual report. Please forward as a Word document to Caroline by 11 April at the very latest. Thank you. stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk

The **Electoral Roll** is currently being updated in preparation for the APCM. The list of names on the roll can be found on the St James website under the PCC tab. The full details can be found as usual on the church noticeboard. If any of your details have changed, e.g. you have moved house over the last year, please email the church office stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk giving the email the subject Electoral Roll. If you have started coming to St James in the last year and would like to be on the roll, please download a form from the website, complete and email a scanned copy to the church office. All completed forms or information about changed details need to be received by 11 April.

Grass-cutting rota. Stanley Wilson would like to thank all those who helped with the grass cutting last season. For the coming months, he is asking for new volunteers to join the rota. It is likely to be every 6 weeks (or longer if the numbers increase). The more volunteers we have, the fewer times those on the rota will have to participate. Please get in touch with Stanley by emailing sue@wilsonstutorhouse.plus.com – thank you.

CMS Boxes. Please hold on to your box until further notice. 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 continues to operate 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.

The Food Hub is now able to receive donations again and these should be dropped off at church between 3 and 4 pm on a Friday afternoon. Look on the Queen Edith Community

Forum website to find more details about those items most needed - and about how to donate financially. Thank you.

Caroline will be working from home for the early part of this week but will be in the church office on Thursday morning.

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	Linda Appleby and family
Monday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Tuesday	Helen Arnold and family
Wednesday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Thursday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Friday	Jim Bentley and family
Saturday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda

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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.