

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

2 May 2021

5th 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. 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.

This Week:

Individual private prayer and reflection. The church will remain open after mid-week eucharist for quiet prayer, but just on Wednesday, this week.

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 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (not Monday this week). We will be using a recurring link as given out in the Weekly Update email.

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

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

Thursday 6 May - Polling in church. St James's building will be used for Polling between 7am and 11pm on 6th May. Please do not visit the church unless you are voting.

Dates for your Diary:

Sundays in May

At the 10am service (on Zoom) we will be reflecting on what the past year has felt like and what the effect has been on our neighbourhood and what we hope for as we plan ahead. We will reflect together as part of our worship time at 10am today and on 9th and 16th May.

Collect for today

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Today's readings are:

Acts 8.26-end; Psalm 22.25-end; John 15.1-8

Acts 8.26-end

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.25-end

From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation;
I will perform my vows in the / presence of / those that / fear you.
The poor shall / eat and be / satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their / hearts shall / live for / ever.
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and / turn to the / Lord,
and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.
For the kingdom / is the / Lord's
and he / rules over the / nations.
How can those who sleep in the earth
bow / down in / worship,
or those who go down to the / dust / kneel be/fore him?
He has saved my life for himself;
my des/cendants shall / serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for / gene/rations to / come.

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Readings for next Sunday, 9 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

[Isaiah 55.1-11] Acts 10.44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

APCM: Thank you to everyone who attended our on-line APCM Meeting. We are pleased to welcome Paul Cairns, John Griffiths, Rachel Shirley, Gordon West and Jennie Brandon as our new PCC members. Our grateful thanks to Pam Butler who stepped down as churchwarden, and also to Bill Broadhurst, Judy Ferrari and Christina Hood, who retired from their three year service on the PCC. Robert Monk continues as our Deanery Synod representative and Bill Broadhurst was elected as our second representative.

Christian Aid Week, 9 – 15 May. We would still like to support Christian Aid this year and there will be a few envelopes in the foyer for you to take if you come to Sunday 8 o'clock next week or the Wednesday mid-week Eucharist. Alternatively there is the option to donate direct at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Notice of Election for Diocesan Synod. Election for members to the Diocesan Synod for 2021-2024 (13 clergy and 9 lay representatives) takes place between 30 April and 1 August. The Notice of Election is displayed on our website; if any member on our electoral roll wishes to be nominated, please have a word with Steve.

If you would like to add your name to our **prayer list of names that appear on the back of the weekly sheet**, please email Caroline (stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk). We are currently updating the list and it would be lovely to include the names of newcomers to our congregation but also the names of others who regularly worship with us but may not have forwarded their wish to be included on the list.

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@wilsontudorhouse.plus.com – thank you.

CMS Boxes. Please hold on to your box until further notice. Thank you.

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 this week.

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	Alison and Graham Giles
Monday	Hatty Harris
Tuesday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Wednesday	David Heslam
Thursday	Beryl Hobbs and family
Friday	Ruth Holdstock, John Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Saturday	Jean Holland

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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.