

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

23 May 2021

Pentecost



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 be open on Monday between 10 am and 12 noon for individual quiet prayer and will remain open on Wednesday after the Eucharist, also until 12 noon.

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 is 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: Further details to follow.

Saturday 29th May - BBQ in the church garden for families, 4.30 – 7.30 pm

Saturday 12th June - wedding in church 2pm (rehearsal Friday 11th at 5.30pm)

Mon 21st June - Steve collated as Vicar of St James (7pm)

Sunday 4th July - Rosie Hewitt ordained at Ely Cathedral before joining us as curate

Sunday 18th July - St James festival service 10am, probably outside in the church garden.

Collect for today

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's readings are:

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 104.-26 end; Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

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;
and 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 return again to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice 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 rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia, Alleluia. [or Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.]

Acts 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Readings for next Sunday, 30 May (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

A note from Jennie Brandon: 'There will be a **BBQ from 4.30-7.30 on the 29th May for all families with kids**. It will be in the church garden (loos will be available). People **MUST** RSVP by the 26th so we can get the right food and keep to the number limit. They can RSVP to this email address jenniebrandon@gmail.com. Families need to bring their own meat or meat alternative (or more to share if they like) and a rug to sit on. We will bring rolls, napkins, sauces and pud. We need one other family to bring additional BBQs. One has already offered so one more would be helpful. We can provide charcoal'.

Help with the Nave floor. We are looking for a volunteer to help our cleaner, Denise, buff the Nave floor. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Caroline in the office asap (stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk) Thank you.

Would those with **CMS Boxes** please bring them to church by Sunday 30th May. Alternatively, please contact Alison Giles at alison.giles64@outlook.com or call 01223 247233 to arrange collection of the box. Thank you.

Outside tap. We are grateful to everyone who is helping water the flowers but please can we ask that the watering can is not left resting on the outside tap as this is causing damage. Thank you.

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 under the 'PCC' tab; 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@wilsonstutorhouse.plus.com – 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 on her usual mornings of Monday and Wednesday, and will be in the office on Thursday morning 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	Anne Nagy and Peter
Monday	Barbara Nierinck and family
Tuesday	Roger Northfield and family
Wednesday	Hazel Palmer
Thursday	Lesley Payne and family
Friday	Judith and Jonathan Pinhey and family
Saturday	Eleanor Pippard

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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.