

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

30 May 2021

Trinity Sunday



Today:

- 8.00 am Holy Communion in Church
- 9.30 am Children's Activity Session
- 10.00 am Sunday Service via Zoom

As we continue to work within the government roadmap out of lockdown, we are 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 Thursday and Friday (not Monday or Tuesday 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.

Dates for your Diary: Further details to follow.

Monday 31 May – Bank Holiday

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

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

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

Tuesday 13 July – PCC Meeting

Sunday 18 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:

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

Isaiah 6.1-8

A Vision of God in the Temple

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
he makes Lebanon skip like a calf

and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'.
The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Romans 8.12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3.1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Readings for next Sunday, 6 June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

1 Samuel 8.4 [12-15] 16-20 [11.14-end]; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end

There will be a half hour **Meditation group** meeting every Wednesday morning at 11 am after the Eucharist, from this Wednesday June 2nd until the end of term. This will take place in the Study Centre and will follow the usual format. All are welcome to attend, but please sign in in the church foyer on arrival, wear a mask while in the church, and use hand sanitizer on arrival and departure. We will observe social distancing, and so the number of those attending may have to be restricted in the unlikely event that too many turn up!

Now that we are having **communion services** twice a week we need to wash the linen that is used. If you are prepared to collect and wash the linen from the vestry please let Steve know.

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.

If you haven't returned your **CMS Box** to church please contact Alison Giles at alison.giles64@outlook.com or call 01223 247233 to arrange collection. 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.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday morning, usual times, during half term 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	Margaret Revell and family
Monday	Daphne Ridge
Tuesday	Dawn and Steven Ridley
Wednesday	Steve and Emma Rothwell, Isaac and Leo
Thursday	Ian Rowland
Friday	David Sanders
Saturday	Michael and Caroline Sanford 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.