St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

13 June 2021

2nd Sunday after Trinity



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion in Church9.30 am Children's Activity Session via Zoom10.00 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 be open on Monday between 10 am and 12 noon, and remain open after mid-week eucharist on Wednesday for quiet prayer, 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 <u>8.45 am</u> 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.

Meditation Group will be held on Wednesday at 11.00 am in the Study Centre for half an hour.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 20 June – we will be saying farewell to Edward Westrip as he prepares to be ordained and to begin his curacy at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury.

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

Sunday 4 July – Ordination of Rosie Hewitt and Edward Westrip. There will be an 8 am communion service in church but no 10 am zoom service. Instead the congregation are invited to watch the livestream of the ordinations at Ely Cathedral (accessed via the Ely Cathedral website).

Tuesday 13 July, 7.30 pm – PCC Meeting via Zoom

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

Collect for today

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4.26-34

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the

youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you; Send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion; Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice; Grant you your heart's desire and fulfil all your mind. May we rejoice in your salvation and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord perform all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven, with the mighty strength of his right hand. Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright. O Lord, save the king And answer us when we call upon you.

2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13] 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.[

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4.26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Readings for next Sunday, 20 June (3rd Sunday after Trinity)

1 Samuel 17.[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49; Psalm 9.9-end or 1 Samuel 17.57-18.5, 10-16; Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41

There will be a half hour **Meditation group** meeting every Wednesday morning at 11 am after the Eucharist 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.

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.

RNLI Open Gardens, The Old Vicarage, Grantchester CB3 9ND on Sunday 27 June, 2.30 – 6.30 pm. *RNLI branded souvenirs, refreshments, sale of local honey, Cantus Singers will perform* madrigals. Adults £2.50, children under 16, free.

Geoff Heathcock would **welcome donations of cakes please, thank you.** geoff.heathcock88@gmx.com

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 Monday and Thursday morning, usual times, and will be in the office on Wednesday 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 Kathleen and John Waterhouse

Monday Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo Tuesday Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy

Wednesday Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline

Thursday Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter

Friday Linda Appleby and family

Saturday Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie

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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.