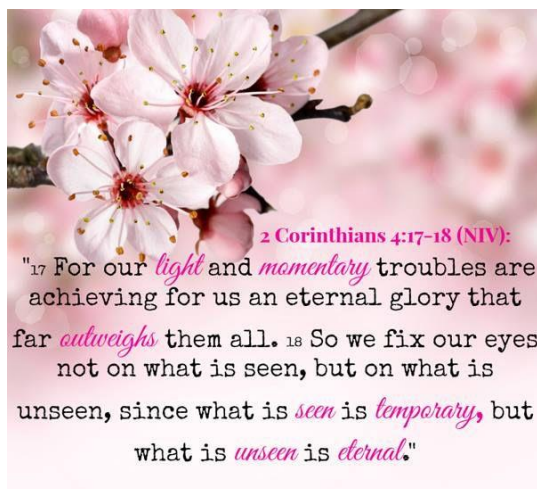


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

6 June 2021

1st Sunday after Trinity



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 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 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.

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: Further details to follow.

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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Today's readings are:

1 Samuel 8.4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11.14-end]; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end

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Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.'

Israel's Request for a King Granted

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' [

Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.' So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
Before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
Because of your love and faithfulness;
For you have glorified your name
And your word above all things.
In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
You put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
For they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
That great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
As for the proud, he regards them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You will preserve me;
You will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
Your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
Forsake not the work of your hands.

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3.20-end

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

The True Kindred of Jesus

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Readings for next Sunday, 13 June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

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

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.

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 Monday and Wednesday morning, usual times, and will be in the 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	Janet and Robert Scott, Anne and Adam
Monday	Peggy Shortley
Tuesday	Mary and Michael Smale and family
Wednesday	Lisa and Matthew Stocker, Emilia, Olivia, Reece and Talia
Thursday	Anne Streater, Mark and Catherine
Friday	Julie Turner and family
Saturday	Una Turner 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.