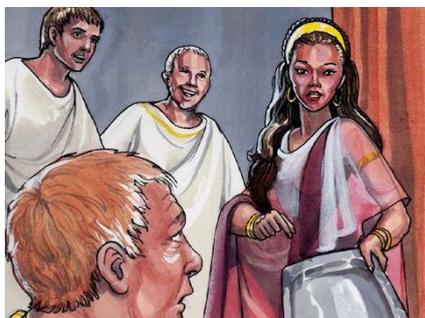


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

11 July 2021

6th Sunday after Trinity



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist in Church

10.30 am Sunday Service via Zoom

We hope to open up for 10 o'clock in-person services towards the end of July and more details will follow in due course. In the meantime guidelines for social distancing, hand sanitizing and the wearing of face masks, still need to be followed when coming in to church.

Next Sunday is our patronal festival service and we will celebrate with a holy communion service outside in the garden at 10 o'clock. Please bring along your own rug/chairs and also your own picnic to eat after the service.

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:

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.

Monday 19 July, 10.30 am – Staff Meeting via Zoom (link to be sent out nearer the time)

Collect for today

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings at 8 o'clock are:

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation'.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is the 'King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle'.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory'.

Ephesians 1.3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6.14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Readings for next Sunday, 18 July - Patronal Festival Service

Acts 11.27-12.2; Psalm 126; Matthew 20.28

Next Sunday is our Patronal Festival Service and we will be celebrating at 10 o'clock with a Holy Communion service outside in the garden. Please bring along your own rug/chairs and also your own picnic to eat after the service.

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, usual times, and will be in the office on Wednesday morning.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Monday	David Heslam
Tuesday	Beryl Hobbs and family
Wednesday	Ruth Holdstock, Jon Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Thursday	Jean Holland
Friday	Christina Hood, Elena and Lukas
Saturday	Geoff Howard

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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
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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.