

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# *The Weekly Sheet*

25 July 2021

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



## Today:

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Eucharist including hymns in Church

Rev'd Helen Arnold is our Celebrant and Preacher

Welcome to our services. We are excited to be returning to our pattern of 8 and 10 o'clock Eucharist services in church.

The PCC has taken the decision to ask everyone who comes inside the church building to continue to wear a mask, to use the hand sanitizer and to sign our 'track and trace' register, for the time being. The chairs will be arranged in a safely-distanced way and we ask people to stay in their household groups.

From this week and throughout August there will be no Morning Prayer or mid week Eucharists. Our Bible reading and Prayer Support group won't be happening this week or next but will resume on 11 August, via Zoom, as usual. Meditation Group has already finished for the summer term.

We will continue to monitor the Government and C of E guidelines and will respond accordingly.

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## **Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:**

The Church's one foundation	NEH 484, omit v3
Christ is made the sure foundation	NEH 205
Faithful Shepherd feed me	NEH 282
Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer	NEH 368

## Collect for today

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Today's readings are:

2 Samuel 11.1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21

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## 2 Samuel 11.1-15

### David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

## David Has Uriah Killed

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

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## Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God;'  
Corrupt are they and abominable in their wickedness;  
there is no one that does good.  
The Lord has looked down from heaven  
upon the children of earth,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise  
and seeks after God.  
But every one has turned back  
all alike have become corrupt  
there is none that does good; no, not one.  
Have they no knowledge, those evil doers,  
who eat up my people as if they ate bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?  
There shall they be in great fear;  
for God is in the company of the righteous.  
Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,  
yet the Lord shall be their refuge.  
O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

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## Ephesians 3.14-end

### Prayer for the Readers

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## John 6.1-21

### Feeding the Five Thousand

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### Jesus Walks on the Water

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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## Readings for next Sunday, 1 August (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Psalm 51.1-13; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

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**Volunteers needed** please to help move chairs after the 10 o'clock service today, and regularly throughout the summer. If you are able, please stay on to help with this. Thank you.

**Watering!** Thanks to Jennie and Jelena and their families who started planting up the containers on the front lawn this Spring. Anne has added some more geraniums and begonias this week. If you're coming to church on Sundays over the summer, or have a key and can come midweek, could you water them? She's left a watering can and a bucket in the foyer.

There will be no rota for **sidespeople** at the 10 am service through until September. This will allow us to get a sense of who wishes to attend in person for this service. Hatty Harris will act as sidesperson and recruit one or two alternatives for while she is away.

**Holiday Lunch and Activities - Monday 2nd August.** Lots of people have volunteered to help (thank you!). We need clear plastic fruit punnets, and especially the large strawberry trays. If you have any, please leave in church this Sunday. If you have bright cotton fabric and could cut it into diamond shapes (a pattern would be provided) please let Anne know.

The funeral for **Jonathan Pinhey** is on Wednesday 4 August at 2 pm in church. People are invited to come along if they would like to do so. There will also be a livestream service.

**James Day RIP:** Jennifer and family would like to thank everyone who sent such lovely messages and cards. It is a pleasure to reread them and see how much James was held in affection.

**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	Alison Maguire, Edward, William, Charlotte and Henry
Monday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Tuesday	Mark Molloy
Wednesday	Marianne and Tom Monie, Matthew, Rhiannon, Cleo and Elsa
Thursday	Robert and Rosemary Monk and family
Friday	Barbara Nierinck and family
Saturday	Roger Northfield 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

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