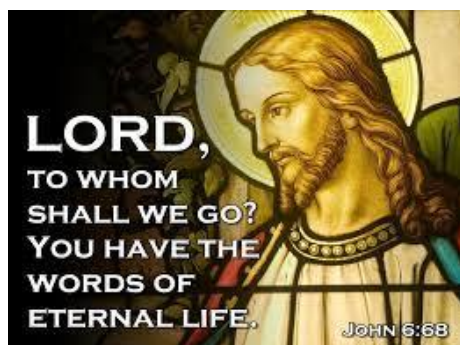


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

22 August 2021

12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Eucharist including hymns in Church

Welcome to our services.

For the time being 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. The chairs will be arranged in a safely-distanced way and we ask people to stay in their household groups. We will continue to monitor the Government and C of E guidelines and will respond accordingly.

This Week:

Wednesday, 8.00 pm Bible Reading and Prayer Support via Zoom

Morning Prayer, mid week Eucharist and Meditation Group will all start back again in September.

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

When morning gilds the skies	NEH 473, omit starred verses
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	NEH 339
Bread of heaven on thee we feed	NEH 276
All my hope on God is founded	NEH 333

Collect for today

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of / hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh re/joyce in the / living / God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young:
at your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my / King and my / God.
Blessed are they who / dwell in your / house:
they will / always be / praising / you.
Blessed are those whose / strength is in / you,
in whose / heart are the / highways to / Zion,
who going through the barren valley find / there a / spring,
and the early / rains will / clothe it with / blessing.
They will go from / strength to / strength

and ap/pear before / God in / Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, / hear my / prayer;
listen, O / God / of / Jacob.
Behold our de/fender, O / God,
and look upon the / face of / your a/nointed.
For one day / in your / courts
is / better / than a / thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the / house of my / God
than / dwell in the / tents of un/godliness.
For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give / grace and / glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from / those who / walk with in/tegrity.
O Lord / God of / hosts,
blessed are those who / put their / trust in / you.

Ephesians 6.10-20

The Whole Armour of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was

before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Readings for next Sunday, 29 August (13th Sunday after Trinity)

Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9 [or 45.1-7]; James 1.17-end;
Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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

Following Jonathan's recent passing, **Judith Pinhey** and her family would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent cards.

Thank you to all who have donated to **CMS**. We have collected £355.97 which has been sent to the charity. If anyone would like to donate to CMS please let Maureen Gibbs or Alison Giles know. The idea is that loose change is put into a box over the year. This is then sent to the charity in January.

Some people are unaware of how to turn on the **outside tap**. The tap is under the wash hand basin in the disabled toilet – turn the handle to the horizontal position. Please ensure you turn it off again afterwards because otherwise it dribbles badly and wastes water. The church isn't routinely unlocked during August and so you will need a key to unlock and lock up again.

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. 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.

Caroline will be working from home on Monday and Wednesday this week, and from the office on Thursday morning.

The office will then be open regularly from 1 September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays mornings, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm.

Food Hub. The Food Hub continues to operate on a Saturday morning between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm here at St James'.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Monday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Tuesday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Wednesday	Linda Appleby and family
Thursday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Friday	Helen Arnold and family
Saturday	John and Jackie Bartholomew 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.