

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

29 August 2021

13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Today:

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| 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

Monday 30th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 1st Sept	10.15 am Eucharist
	8.00 pm Bible Reading and Prayer Support via Zoom

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th	10.30 am	Staff Meeting) Zoom or in-person tbc
Thursday 9th	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty	NEH 146
Off in danger, off in woe	NEH 434
We love the place, O God	NEH 471
Fight the good fight	NEH 359

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings are:

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

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

Springtime Rhapsody

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9

My heart is astir with / gracious / words;
as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the / pen of a / ready / writer.
You are the / fairest of / men;
full of grace are your lips,
for / God has / blest you for / ever.
Your throne is / God's throne, for / ever;
the sceptre of your / kingdom is the sceptre of / righteousness.
You love righteousness and / hate in/iquity;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of / gladness a/bove your / fellows.
All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, / aloes and / cassia;
from ivory palaces the music of / strings / makes you / glad.
Kings' daughters are among your / honourable / women;
at your right hand stands the / queen in / gold of / Ophir.

James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

The Tradition of the Elders

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Readings for next Sunday, 5 September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7.24-end

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

Judith Pinhey and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, for their memories of Jonathan, their kind thoughts, and their prayers, which are a great comfort to us.

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.

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.

The **church office** will be open on Wednesday and Thursday morning, 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'.

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 able to receive donations 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

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Monday	Jim Bentley and family
Tuesday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Wednesday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Thursday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Friday	Pam Butler and family
Saturday	Chris and Mary Calladine 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	Wednesdays, 11.00 am

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.