

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

26 September 2021

17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services. Today, at 10 o'clock, we continue with our 'Season of Creation' series which we will be following each week until Harvest. The service will be accessible via Zoom. Ask Steve for the link.

As we go in to the autumn term, the PCC are continuing to ask everyone who comes inside the church building 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 27th	8.45 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday 29th	8.45 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.15 am	Eucharist in Church
	8.00 pm	Bible Reading and Prayer Support via Zoom
Thursday 30th	8.45 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Friday 1 st Oct	8.45 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Sat 2 nd	2.00 pm	Flower Arranging Workshop for Harvest

Today's readings are:

Esther 7.1-6, 9, 10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Let all the world in every corner sing	NEH 394
Offertory:	Father, hear the prayer we offer	NEH 357
Communion:	Take my life and let it be	see page 4
Final:	The head that once was crowned with thorns	NEH 134
Anthem:	Holy is the true light (William H Harris)	

Collect for today

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Esther 7.1-6, 9, 10; 9.20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Psalm 124

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
Now may / Israel / say;
If the Lord had not been on our side,
When / enemies rose / up a/gainst us;
Then would they have / swallowed us a/live
When their / anger / burned a/gainst us;
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
And the torrent gone / over our / soul;
Over our soul would have / swept the / raging / waters.
But blessed / be the / Lord
Who has not given us over to / be a / prey for their / teeth.
Our soul has escaped
As a bird from the / snare of the / fowler;

The snare is / broken and / we are de/livered.
Our help is in the / name of the / Lord,
Who / has made / heaven and / earth.

James 5.13-end

The Prayer of Faith

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9.38-end

Another Exorcist

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

Temptations to Sin

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.'

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Communion Hymn

1
Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3
Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

5
Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

4
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

6
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Readings for next Sunday, 3 October (Harvest Festival)

Joel 2.21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2.1-7 or 6.6-10; Matthew 6.25-33

Next Sunday is our Harvest Festival. If you would like to stay on after our 10 o'clock service, please bring along your own food and drink – we will be meeting outside weather permitting. You're invited to bring a harvest gift which will be offered to the Food Hub; packets and tins only please. Boxes of cereal, pasta and tinned beans will be especially appreciated. There will be no 8 o'clock Holy Communion.

'Bring, Share and Try' Flower Arranging Workshop for Harvest: Saturday 2 October from 2-4pm at St. James. Similarly to our Advent wreathmaking event, we will be holding a workshop to decorate the church for harvest. Please bring a bunch of flowers (from the garden or supermarket/flower shop) or some vegetables that we can use and come and try your hand at flower arranging or making a vegetable display. We will provide containers and greenery (donations from gardens very welcome) and tips/help on how to use your flowers. Everyone welcome – no experience necessary!

Consultation about Children's and Youth Ministry at St James. Now that COVID restrictions have been eased and we have begun to gather in person again, more possibilities for children's and youth ministry are re-emerging. It seems an important time to think as a community about the future shape of that ministry, and we are especially keen to hear first of all from our children and young people, and their parents. So, we are going to hold an informal consultation on Sunday 10th October. The session with children and young people will take place during the 10 am service, and the session with their parents will take place afterwards. There will be volunteers available to supervise young children after the service, to enable their parents to participate more easily. It would be wonderful to have as many families present on the 10th as possible, but if you won't be able to come, please do be in touch with Rosie (rosie.sjww@gmail.com) who will send you some prompts so that you can share your thoughts via email instead.

There are two different forms on the table in the entrance foyer; one is for **older children and adult Confirmation**, we will organise two different confirmation groups. The other is for **children for Admission to Communion**. If you are interested please complete a form and give to Steve.

Rosemary Monk wishes to say a big thank you to all St James' and friends who have been so supportive in many ways during problems with her hip operation. Rosemary and Robert are both very grateful and appreciate your continuing prayers for a full recovery.

Thank you to everyone who has helped move chairs after our Sunday services throughout the summer. **Please leave your chairs down now** as the Chinese Church have returned to St James' for their Sunday services.

Food Hub. We plan to develop the food hub into a **Saturday venture with QECF** where we will offer tea/coffee and a chance to chat alongside food collection. If you'd like to volunteer to help serve refreshments please let Steve or Anne know.

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	Barbara Irving and family
Monday	Judith and Peter Judd
Tuesday	Janet and Donald Laming and family
Wednesday	Lucie Kibblewhite
Thursday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola
Friday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Saturday	Mark Molloy

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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

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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