

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

28 November 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services.

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 29 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church
	10.00 am	Meditation Group in the Study Centre
	10.00 am	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 30 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7.30 pm	Advent Group, 'Hallelujah' based on Handel's Messiah
Wednesday 1 st Dec	10.15 am	Eucharist in Church
Thursday 2 nd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.00 pm	Funeral in church for Janet Laming
Friday 3 rd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church
	pm	Some setting up for Christmas Market
Saturday 4th	2.00 pm	Christmas Market

Today's readings are:

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Come, thou long expected Jesus	NEH 3
Offertory:	Hark! A herald voice is calling	NEH 5
Communion:	The Lord will come and not be slow	NEH 15
Final:	Lo! He comes with clouds descending	NEH 9
Anthem	Wake, O wake, with tidings thrilling (Philipp Nicolai, harmonised by J S Bach)	

Collect for today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19th December

5.00 pm Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
7.00 pm *Carol Service*

Friday 24th Christmas Eve

3 - 5 pm *Christingle Service*
11.00 pm *Midnight Mass*

Saturday 25th Christmas Day

10.00 am *All Age Eucharist*

Sunday 26th Boxing Day

No services today or during the week between Christmas and New Year

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalms 25.1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in / you I / trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my / enemies / triumph / over me.
Let none who look to you be / put to / shame,
but let the treacherous be / shamed / and frus/trated.
Make me to know your / ways, O / Lord,
and / teach me / your / paths.
Lead me in your / truth and / teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I / hoped / all the day / long.
Remember; Lord, your com/passion and / love,

for they / are from / ever/lasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or / my trans/gressions,
But think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
ac/cording to your / steadfast / love.
Gracious and upright / is the / Lord;
therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.
He will guide the humble in / doing / right
and / teach his / way to the / lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth
to those who keep his / covenant / and his / testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Readings for next Sunday, 5 December (The 2nd Sunday of Advent)

Baruch 5 or Malachi 3.1-4; Cantic: Benedictus; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

The funeral for **Janet Laming** is on Thursday, in church at 1 pm, followed by committal at the crematorium at 3 pm.

Please volunteer to help. Have a word with Steve, Pam or Jacqui, or leave a message for Caroline in the office ...

Christmas Market with Wreath Making, Saturday 4 December, 2 - 4 pm.

As always we will be looking for as much help as possible in making this a fun occasion for the whole community. We would especially like your help please with:

Lots of **cakes**, especially homemade, for the cake stall.

Donations of **prizes** for the **raffle and tombola** can be dropped off at the church office

Items for the **bric-a-brac stall (Christmas-related only please)**

Help with **setting up, working on a stall and/or clearing away**

All offers of help greatly appreciated.

For the **Wreath making**: long stems (switches approximately 5-6' long and 1/4"-1/2" in diameter) of elder, dogwood, willow or similar woods to be given to Jacqui Worster nearer the time please.

Advent Group - Hallelujah! We will be listening to sections of Handel's *Messiah*, and delving into some of the bible passages he set to music, which also feature in our Sunday worship this Advent. In particular we will look at each passage in the light of different contexts and ask: what did it mean to those who first heard it? What did the early church make of it? What can it mean for us today? Each week there will be music to listen to, and some reading to do before the session. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, and could take place on Zoom or in person. **Please let Steve or Anne know your preferences today if you would like to come along.** Our first Advent Group is this coming Tuesday, 30 November,

Annual Charitable Giving. Each year, St James donates around 3% of its income to charities. There are some charities that we support on a regular basis but we also aim to include some charities that are particularly important to members of the congregation. If you have any suggestions for charities that you would like St James to support, please submit your requests to Sue Wilson by Friday 10th December so they can be considered by the PCC.

Caroline will be **working from home tomorrow** morning and from the office, as usual, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Rosie's last Sunday before maternity leave will be 5 December.

CMS Boxes. If you have been collecting for CMS and have a box at home; Maureen Gibbs or Alison Giles would be pleased to receive it from you for counting. Alternatively if you would prefer to count the change yourself, and hand over a cheque (made out to CMS) please also hand to Maureen or Alison as they have paperwork to complete when sending donations off on behalf of St James'. Thank you.

Refreshments after church - it would be lovely to bring these back! If you'd like to help, please talk to Anne or Rosie. At the moment it would have to happen outside, weather permitting.

There will be **no Community Hub on Saturday** as we have our Christmas Market in the afternoon.

Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Geoff Howard
Monday	Julia Hullyer
Tuesday	Elspeth Hutchison and family
Wednesday	Barbara Irving and family
Thursday	Judith and Peter Judd
Friday	Donald Laming and family
Saturday	Lucie Kibblewhite

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Weekly Church Activities

Junior Choir Practice	Sundays, 11.15 am – 12 noon
Choir Practice	Mondays, 6.30 pm—7.30 pm
Meditation Group	Mondays, 10.00 am

Community Activities

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.