

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

12 December 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
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 13 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church <u>No</u> Meditation Group today
Tuesday 14 th	9.15 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer via Zoom Advent Group, 'Hallelujah' based on Handel's Messiah
Wednesday 15 th	10.15 am	Eucharist in Church
Thursday 16 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Friday 17 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer in Church

Today's readings are:

Zephaniah 3.14-end; Psalm 146.4-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	O come, O come, Emmanuel	NEH 11
Offertory:	Rejoice the Lord is King	NEH 443
Communion:	Love of the Father, love of God the Son	NEH 409
Final:	O for a thousand tongues to sing	NEH 415
Anthem:	How beautiful upon the mountains (John Stainer)	

Collect for today

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Zephaniah 3.14-end

A Song of Joy

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 146.4-end

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help,
whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;
who made heaven and earth,
the sea and / all that is / in them;
who / keeps his / promise for / ever;
who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong
and / bread to / those who / hunger.
The Lord looses / those that are / bound;
the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are / bowed / down;
the / Lord / loves the / righteous;
the Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the / orphan and / widow;
but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.
The Lord shall / reign for / ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations.
/ Alle/luia. [or / Praise the / Lord].

Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin

to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Readings for next Sunday, 19 December (The 4th Sunday of Advent)

Micah 5.2-5a; Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 80.1-8; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

Christmas Market. Many thanks to everyone who was involved – to those who helped with preparation and clearing away, others who worked on stalls, and to everyone who came along and supported the event. Over £700 was raised for church funds.

There will be no **Meditation Group** tomorrow. The group will start back on Monday 10 January.

Carol Service, 19 December, 7.00 pm. Donations of **mince pies** and other **offers of help** with serving and then clearing up afterwards would be most welcome. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you can help. Thank you.

We would prefer that the pigeonholes are not used for delivering **Christmas cards** whilst we are following Covid guidelines but also because they may not be collected before Christmas by the intended recipient.

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 this week and next on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, via Zoom.

Following the government guidelines announced last week, **Caroline will be working from home** again from tomorrow. Please continue to make contact as you would usually via the

office email or by leaving a message on the office answering machine (see back page for contact details). Both can be accessed via Caroline at home.

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.

Our new 'Community Hub' operates every Saturday between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. We serve tea/coffee from the Nave offering people a chance to chat alongside food collection. **The tea and coffee is for all comers, including members of St James' congregation – please drop in if you can!** The range of food on offer will be more limited but the basics will still be available, including refrigerated items, for those who are struggling to pay for provisions. Donations will still be most welcome and these now need to be dropped off at church on Saturday mornings between 9 am and 10 am. Thank you.

Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Hazel Palmer
Monday	Lesley Payne and family
Tuesday	Judith Pinhey and family
Wednesday	Eleanor Pippard
Thursday	Margaret Revell and family
Friday	Daphne Ridge
Saturday	Dawn and Steven Ridley

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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.