

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

20 March 2022

The 3rd Sunday of Lent



Today:

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 8.45 am | Lent Breakfast |
| 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist |

Welcome to our services.

We are currently reviewing our approach to managing covid in terms of mask-wearing etc and we will let you know what our plans are from next week. In the meantime we ask that you continue to wear a mask upon entering the building, sanitise your hands and sign in before you leave. Many thanks.

Today's readings are:

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

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| Opening: | Tis good Lord to be here | NEH 178 |
| Offertory: | Let us with a gladsome mind | NEH 397 |
| Communion: | Bread of heaven on thee we feed | NEH 276 |
| Final: | Through the night of doubt and sorrow | NEH 468 omit v5 |
| Anthem | <i>Ave Verum Corpus</i> (Edward Elgar) | |

Collect for today

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

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| Monday 21 st | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer in Church |
| | 10.00 am | Meditation Group in the Study Centre |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 10.15 am | Eucharist |
| Thursday 24 th | 7.30 pm | Lent Group 3/6, via Zoom. See page 6 for details |
| Friday 25 th | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer in Church |

Dates for your Diary:

3 April 11.30 am APCM in church

Isaiah 55.1-9

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63.1-9

O God, you are my God; / eagerly I / seek you;
my / soul is a/thirst for / you.
My flesh / also / faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty / land where there / is no / water.
So would I gaze upon you in your / holy / place,
that I might behold your / power / and your / glory.
Your loving-kindness is better than / life it/self
and / so my / lips shall / praise you.
I will bless you as / long as I / live
and lift up my / hands / in your / name.
My soul shall be satisfied, as with / marrow and / fatness,
and my mouth shall / praise you with / joyful / lips,
When I remember you up/on my / bed
and meditate on you in the / watches / of the / night.
For you have / been my / helper
and under the shadow of your / wings will / I re/joyce.
My / soul / clings to you;
your / right hand shall / hold me / fast.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Warnings from Israel's History

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13.1-9

Repent or Perish

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these

Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Readings for next Sunday, 27 March 2022 (Mothering Sunday)

Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35

Welcome to Elizabeth Baker who joins us on placement. Elizabeth is currently a minister in training at ERMIC.

Lent Breakfasts. We are holding Lent breakfasts every Sunday during Lent up until 3 April (but not Palm Sunday). There is no charge although a suggested donation of £3 towards the work of Traidcraft would be very welcome. To help with numbers please sign the list on the noticeboard. Offers to set up and prepare the breakfast and to assist with clearing away are also requested please. All are welcome.

Confirmation group for children. For any families interested in confirmation we are meeting today and on 27 March after the 10 o'clock service - please speak to Steve. Any adults who may be interested, please also speak to Steve.

Mothering Sunday. Jacqui Worster will be coordinating putting posies together for next Sunday. If you can offer help with making the posies, or by donating flowers, please contact Jacqui, 07513 327749 or at jsw42@cam.ac.uk

APCM: Our APCM meeting will be held on Sunday 3 April at 11.30 am in church. We have churchwarden and PCC vacancies. Could you fill one of these positions? If you think you might be interested, please speak to Steve.

Thank you to those who have submitted an **APCM report** to the office.

Palm Sunday (10 April). We are looking for readers for the dramatic passion narrative. Contact Steve if you are interested. Thank you.

Flower Workshop, Easter Saturday afternoon (16 April), 2 – 4 pm. Jacqui Worster is looking for donations of flowers/greenery. The colour theme will be yellows, cream, white, green, with tulips if the daffodils have finished. Contact Jacqui please if you can help. 07513 327749 or at jsw42@cam.ac.uk Thank you.

We would very much like to regularly offer **tea and coffee after our 10 o'clock services**, starting as soon as possible, and are looking for more volunteers. Rosemary Monk has offered to put the rota together. If you can help, please contact her on (01223) 246421 or rem66@btinternet.com Thank you.

Grass Cutting Rota. Stanley Wilson is about to draw up the church grass cutting rota. We are now very short on numbers (only 3) and really need more people to come forward please. If you feel you can help, please contact Stanley via sue@wilsontudorhouse.plus.com Thank you.

Cambridge Half Marathon. Steve was due to run the half marathon recently but due to a back injury had to withdraw. However, Steve is registered to run the Milton Keynes half marathon on Monday 2nd May, so all your donations will not have been in vain! Thank you for all your support. You can still donate via his JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steven-rothwell>

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

The **Food Hub** is open again regularly on Saturdays, 10.30 – 12 noon.



LENT 22

“What is justice? It’s a question we encounter everywhere in life and that over the last years has increasingly demanded an answer.

In the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book for 2022, Isabelle Hamley invites us on an exhilarating journey through Scripture to discover how we, as churches, communities and individual Christians, can seek and practice justice even when enmeshed in such a fractured world. Full of practical encouragement, *Embracing Justice* brilliantly weaves together biblical texts, diverse voices, contemporary stories, and personal and group meditations to reveal liberating and imaginative ways in which we may grow in discipleship—and more fully reflect the justice, mercy and compassion of Christ in our lives.”

Embracing Justice is available to purchase from bookshops as well as on-line (Amazon) etc. It is not essential to have a copy of the book but you may enjoy reading it as we go through the sessions.

We will meet on Zoom on the following evenings at 7.30 pm:
Thurs 10th, Wed 16th, Thurs 24th, Wed 30th March,
Wed 6th and Wed 13th April

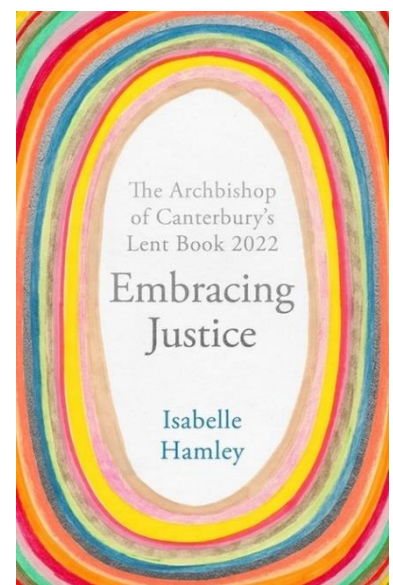
Zoom link for each session:

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Our session on 24 March will look at Leviticus 25.1–28



Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

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| Sunday | Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie |
| Monday | Helen Arnold and family |
| Tuesday | John and Jackie Bartholomew and family |
| Wednesday | Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew |
| Thursday | Jim Bentley and family |
| Friday | Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda |
| Saturday | Jennie and Guy Brandon, Sophie and Joseph |

Contacts

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| Vicar | Rev'd Steve Rothwell (01223) 246108 s.rothwell3@btinternet.com |
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Weekly Church Activities

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| 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

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| 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.