

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

17 September 2023

3rd SUNDAY IN CREATIONTIDE



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services. At both 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services we will be marking the season of **Creationtide**. We are spending five weeks focussing our sermons and prayers on what it means to be God's creatures, and what a fitting response to the gift of creation might be. Today we are exploring the theme of 'desolation'.

If you are visiting St James for the first time please introduce yourself to the vicar or a sidesperson (the person who may have greeted you when you arrived and offered you service booklets). You may wish to complete a contact details card so that we can send you details of forthcoming events. These are available on the table in the foyer.

Today's readings are:

Isaiah 5.1-10; Psalm 102.1-17; Revelation 6.12-17; Mark 11.12-20

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Through the night of doubt and sorrow	NEH 468
Offertory:	Be thou my guardian and my guide	NEH 64
Communion:	Lord Jesus think on me	NEH 70
Final:	It is a thing most wonderful	NEH 84
Anthem:	Thou knowest Lord (<i>Henry Purcell</i>)	

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen.

This Week:

Monday 18 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Wednesday 20 th	10.15 am	Mid week Eucharist
Thursday 21 st	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in church
Friday 22 nd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 27 th	11.00 am	Holy Communion at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 30 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
Sunday 1 st Oct	10.00 am	Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share lunch
Wednesday 4 th	10.15 am	Mid week Eucharist at Dunstan Court
Friday 6 th	2.30 pm	Memorial Service for Jim and Ethel Bentley
Saturday 7 th	7.00 pm	Joint quiz with QE Chapel, here at St James' in aid of Tearfund.

Isaiah 5.1-10

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me

and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Ah, you who join house to house,
who add field to field,
until there is room for no one but you,
and you are left to live alone
in the midst of the land!
The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing:
Surely many houses shall be desolate,
large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.
For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath,
and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah.

Psalm 102.1-17

O lord, / hear my / prayer
and let my / crying / come be/fore you.
Hide not your / face / from me
in the / day of / my dis/tress.
Incline your / ear to / me;
when I / call, make / haste to / answer me,
for my days are con/sumed in / smoke
and my bones burn a/way as / in a / furnace.

My heart is smitten down and / withered like / grass,
so that I for/get to / eat my / bread.
From the / sound of my / groaning
my / bones cleave / fast to my / skin.
I am become like a /vulture in the / wilderness,
like an / owl that / haunts the / ruins.
I / keep / watch
and am become like a sparrow
/ solitary up/on the / housetop.
My enemies revile me / all the day / long,
and those who rage at me have / sworn to/gether a/gainst me.
I have eaten / ashes for / bread
and / mingled my / drink with / weeping,
because of your indig/nation and / wrath,
for you have taken me / up and / cast me / down.
My days fade a/way like a / shadow,
and / I am / withered like / grass.
But you, O Lord, shall en/dure for / ever
and your / name through / all gene/rations.
You will arise and have / pity on / Zion;
it is time to have mercy upon her;
/ surely the / time has / come.
For your servants love her / very / stones
and feel com/passion / for her / dust.
Then shall the nations fear your / name, O / Lord,
and all the / kings of the / earth your / glory,
when the Lord has / built up / Zion
and / shown him/self in / glory.

Revelation 6.12-17

When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree drops its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the magnates and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'

Mark 11.12-20

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?'

But you have made it a den of robbers.'

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

Readings for next Sunday, 24 September: (4th Sunday in Creationtide: 'Restoration')

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 126; Romans 8.18-22; John 6.1-13

Rosemary Monk is stepping down from organising **Sunday coffee rotas and purchasing supplies** and we are looking for a volunteer to take over. If you are interested please have a word with Rosemary for more details.

Episcopal Vacancy: you are welcome to respond to the short confidential online consultation which will help the Vacancy-in-See team to put together the Diocesan Statement of Needs. You can find it here: [New Bishop of Ely Statement of Needs - Consultation \(Page 1 of 4\) \(office.com\)](#). **The consultation closes tomorrow.** Full details of the whole process of finding a new Bishop of Ely can be found here: [Appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop - Diocese of Ely \(elydiocese.org\)](#)

Eco-Festival, Saturday, 23 September at St John's Church in Hills Road, 12 noon – 3.30 pm. An opportunity to reduce, re-use, repair, recycle children's clothes, books, toys, games etc. Find out about Cambs carbon footprint, gardening and growing, protecting wild birds and much more. Bike repairs on offer. Lunches, jams/preserves and cake stall. More details on the poster on noticeboard opposite the office door.

Also on Saturday, 23 September **the Diocese is hosting an 'Environmental Open Synod'**, open to all, in which members of our partner churches from Nordkirche will share some of their impressive work on climate change. Members of the Ely diocesan environment group will be present and there will be opportunity for conversation. Information here: https://elydatabase.org/events/mission_ministry

Our first **Bring & Buy Sale** of the autumn term will be on Saturday, 30 September. If you can help, please contact Pam Butler: pambutler27@hotmail.com We would be grateful for the usual donations, particularly homemade cakes and raffle prizes. Thank you.

On Sunday, 1 October we will celebrate **Harvest** at 10 o'clock with an All Age Eucharist. We will follow this with a **Bring and Share lunch** to which you are all invited. If you hope to come

along please do add your name to the sign-up list in the entrance foyer. This helps with planning and gives us an indication of how many people to expect. Thank you.

The pastoral team have decided to pause running **Friendship Cafes** for the time being.

Look out for **coffee rotas** and collect from the pigeonholes. Thank you.

The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday morning this week, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm. Caroline will be working from home on Monday and has access to both the church answering machine and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy
Monday	Caroline and Tony Dickson and Helen
Tuesday	Denise Finlay and family
Wednesday	Maureen Gibbs
Thursday	Alison and Graham Giles
Friday	Hatty Harris
Saturday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock

If you would like to add your name to our prayer list please let Caroline in the office know.

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Weekly Church Activities

Junior Choir Practice	Mondays, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Choir Practice	Mondays, 7.00 pm—8.00 pm
Lower Voices Choir	Wednesdays, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Meditation Group	Mondays, 12 noon

Community Activities

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	16thcambridgebeavers@gmail.com
Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)	16thstjamescubscouts@gmail.com
Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs, QE Schl)	16thcambridgescouts@gmail.com

We continue to provide a Zoom link for our 10 o'clock Sunday services:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88561908831?pwd=OTNzMEIRazBMdW5WV2pNcE5iRzZlNQ09>

Meeting ID: 885 6190 8831

Passcode: 258631

Past issues of our parish magazine **Crosspiece** are 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.

If you are not a regular giver, or would like to top up your regular **donations**, you can do this by scanning the **QR code here** or by using the Donation Station in the lobby for cashless donations.

