The Weekly Sheet

14 January 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



<u>Today</u>: Safeguarding Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services.

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:

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening: Awake my soul, and with the sun NEH 232
Offertory: Bright the vision that delighted NEH 343
Communion: Take my life and let it be see page 4
Final: Crown him with many crowns NEH 352

Anthem: Blest are the pure in heart (Walford Davies)

Collect:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week:

Monday 15 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 16 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 17th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Mid-week Eucharist
Thursday 18 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 19 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 22 nd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer shared with St John's & St Andrew's churches
Thursday 25 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in the Study Centre

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." 'So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' [Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me / out and / known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you dis/cern my / thoughts from a/far. You mark out my journeys / and my / resting place and are ac/quainted with / all my / ways. For there is not a word / on my / tongue, but you, O Lord, / know it / alto/gether. You encompass me behind / and be/fore and / lay your / hand up/on me. Such knowledge is too / wonderful / for me, so hight / that I / cannot at/tain it. For you yourself created my / inmost / parts; you knit me together / in my / mother's / womb. I thank you, for I am fearfully and / wonderfully / made; marvellous are your / works, my / soul knows / well. My frame was not / hidden / from you, when I was made in secret and woven in the / depths / of the / earth. Your eyes beheld my form, as / yet un/finished; already in your book were / all my / members / written. As day by day / they were / fashioned when as / yet / there was / none of them. How deep are your counsels to / me, O / God! How / great / is the / sum of them! If I count them, they are more in number / than the / sand, and at the end, I am / still / in your / presence.

Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden

bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

John 1.43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Readings for next Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany (21 January):

Genesis 14.17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

Communion Hymn: Take my life and let it be

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.

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.

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.

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Supporting the Women's Refuge. If you haven't donated a gift for the Women's Refuge, and would still like to, please bring along on Sundays or to the office between now and the end of January. Please note that gifts must be brand new, be in their original packaging/cellophane and should not be wrapped in any additional wrapping paper. Thank you.

The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday this week, 9.15 am - 1.15 pm. Caroline will be working from home on Monday and has access to the office phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday Dennis Chandler

Monday Vera Chapman and family

Tuesday Eric and Rhena Clouston and family

Wednesday Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy Thursday Caroline and Tony Dickson and Helen

Friday Denise Finlay and family

Saturday Maureen Gibbs

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)

Cubs (8-11 yrs, QE Schl)

Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs, QE Schl)

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

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88561908831?pwd=OTNzMElRazBMdW5WV2pNcE5iRzINQT09

Meeting ID: 885 6190 8831

Passcode: 258631

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