

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

11 February 2024

Sunday next before Lent



Today:

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:

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Christ, whose glory fills the skies	NEH 234
Offertory:	Jesus, these eyes have never seen	NEH 389
Communion:	O vision blest of heavenly light	NEH 176
Final:	God is working his purpose out	NEH 495
Anthem:	My eyes for beauty pine (Herbert Howells)	

Collect:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week:

Monday 12 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 13 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
	6.45 pm	Shrove Tuesday Fish & Chip Supper and Games
Wednesday 14 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Ash Wednesday Service
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 15 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 16 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 19 th	11.00 am	Holiday Lunch Club
Thursday 22 nd	2.00 pm	Service at Heathlands Care Home
Saturday 24 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
Monday 4 th March	2.00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 6 th	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Saturday 9 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games Evening
Tuesday 11 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Monday 18 th		<i>deadline for APCM reports to office</i>

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50.1-6

The Lord, the most mighty / God, has / spoken
and called the world from the rising of the / sun / to its / setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, / God shines / forth;
our God comes / and will / not keep / silence.
Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him
and a mighty / tempest / stirs a/bout him.
He calls the / heaven a/bove,
and the earth, that / he may / judge his / people:
'Gather to / me my / faithful,
who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.'
Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness,
for / God him/self is / judge.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Readings for next Sunday, 1st Sunday of Lent (18 February):

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

This Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, Fish and Chip Supper and Games

Mark the *mardi gras* - 'fat Tuesday', a last indulgence before the beginning of Lent - by sharing a fish or chicken and chip supper together in church. We'll pre-order our meal from Fish 'n' Chicken (sign-up sheet at the back of church until the end of today); **cash payment to Rob today please** and then eat together. 6.45pm in the Study Centre; bring your own drinks and condiments.

Menu (our special Mardi Gras deal)

Haddock and chips with a soft drink: £5
Southern fried chicken and chips with a soft drink: £5
Mushy peas: £1.50
Curry sauce: £1.50

Sign up by end of today.

Payment by cash, in named envelope with any special requests (eg. salt and vinegar?!), **to Rob, today please**

On Monday 19th February we are holding a **Holiday lunch club** between 11 am and 1 pm. Children (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to come along for activities and lunch. If you can offer help on the morning, please have a word with Steve.

There will be **no Christian Meditation Group** on Monday 19th February, as there is a Holiday Lunch Club taking place on that day.

Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle - Discussions before Meditation Group during Lent.

Beginning on Monday 26th February and continuing throughout Lent, Adam Bak (who is on placement with us this year from Westcott House) will be leading short discussions of extracts from Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle* before meditation group. We will gather at 11.30 in the Study Centre (with coffee and biscuits!) for the discussion, then meditation will begin at 12.00 as usual. The extracts for discussion will be available a week in advance; they will be on the table in the entrance foyer.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a Spanish nun and mystic. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of Carmelite life. She is the author of a number of spiritual masterpieces (including *The Interior Castle*) on the drawing of the soul into God by prayer and contemplation.

Lent Breakfasts. We are holding Lent breakfasts every Sunday during Lent, between 8.45 and 9.30 am, up to and including 17 March (but not Palm Sunday). There is no charge although a suggested donation of £3 towards the work of Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) would be very welcome. To help with numbers please sign the list in the entrance foyer. Offers to set up and prepare the breakfast and to assist with clearing away are also requested please. All are welcome.

Lent Pilgrim Groups. Lent is a time for deepening our prayer and our engagement with scripture. This Lent, rather than holding groups in church, we are launching groups that will meet in people's homes, and we are calling them 'Pilgrim Groups'. We have chosen the name partly because of the connection of St. James with pilgrimage, and partly because the emphasis of the groups will be on accompanying each other along the path - along the path of life and the path of faith. The groups will offer time and space for informal conversation, for praying with and for one another, and for reflecting on scripture. (Resources for the group meetings will be provided by the clergy team.)

There will be a Tuesday morning group, a Thursday evening group, and a Sunday evening group, and they will each meet weekly during Lent, starting the week beginning Monday 19th February. At the end of Lent, the groups may decide to continue meeting, probably not weekly but on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

We encourage all members of the congregation to consider joining a Pilgrim Group as part of their Lenten practice this year. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, or you can email Rosie (rosie.sjww@gmail.com) to say which group you would like to join. Please don't worry if you're unable to attend every week: do still sign up, and attend just when you can.

If you are unavailable at the advertised times, but would like to be part of a Pilgrim Group, please do put your name down in the 'unavailable but interested' column of the sign-up sheet, or get in touch with Rosie by email. It may be possible to form another group if there is enough demand.

APCM Reports. If you head up a group or church activity here at St James' please consider writing a report for our APCM. Reports only need be a few lines and should be for the period January – December 2023. To ensure inclusion in the report, and to allow for Easter and holidays afterwards, we are asking for reports to be forwarded by Monday 18 March at the latest.

Please forward as a Word document to Caroline in the office. Thank you.
stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk

We will be considering nominations for **lay elected members to the PCC** in readiness for our APCM on 14 April. Please have a word with Steve and then complete one of the forms on the table in the entrance foyer.

Our next **Bring & Buy sale** is on Saturday 24 February. If you can offer help, please contact Pam, 07745 591235 or email pambutler27@hotmail.com
Donations of homemade cakes and prizes for the raffle are especially welcome. Thank you.

Lost Property. If you think you may have lost a coat or umbrella, please take a look at the items accumulating on the racks nearest the office door and by the back cloakrooms. If you

are missing a tin, dish etc, please have a look on the shelf outside the kitchen. Other more general items can be found in the Lost Property box in the entrance foyer. Thank you. Any remaining items after the end of February will be given to charity.

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	Lesley Payne and family
Monday	Judith Pinhey and family
Tuesday	Eleanor Pippard
Wednesday	Daphne Ridge
Thursday	Steve and Emma Rothwell, Isaac and Leo
Friday	Ian Rowland
Saturday	David Sanders

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=OTNzMEIRazBMdW5WV2pNcE5iRzIINQT09>

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.

