

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

25 February 2024

The 2nd Sunday of Lent



Today: Stewardship Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion
8.45 am	Lent Breakfast
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 sides-person (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:

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.23-end; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	New every morning is the love	NEH 238
Offertory:	I danced in the morning	NEH 375
Communion:	Jesu, grant me this I pray	NEH 382
Final:	Praise to the holiest in the height	NEH 439
Anthem:	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (<i>Farrant</i>)	

Collect:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week:

Monday 26 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	11.30 am	Teresa of Avila discussion followed by
	12.00 pm	Meditation Group
Tuesday 27 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Mid week Eucharist
Thursday 29 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod
Friday 1 st March	9.15 am	Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4 th	11.00 am	Funeral in church for Brenda Grove
	2.00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 6 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting via Zoom
Thursday 7 th	8.00 pm	Safeguarding Meeting via Zoom
Saturday 9 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games Evening
Tuesday 12 th	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Monday 18 th		<i>deadline for APCM reports to office</i>

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalm 22.23-end

Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of / him, O / seed of / Israel.
For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his / face / from them;
but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.
From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation;
I will perform my vows in the / presence of / those that / fear you.
The poor shall / eat and be / satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their / hearts shall / live for / ever.
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and / turn to the / Lord,
and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.
For the kingdom / is the / Lord's
and he / rules over the / nations.
How can those who sleep in the earth
bow / down in / worship,
or those who go down to the / dust / kneel be/fore him?
He has saved my life for himself;
my des/cendants shall / serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for / gene/rations to / come.
They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people / yet un/born,
declaring that / he, the / Lord, has / done it.

Romans 4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him

who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Readings for next Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent (3 March):

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19 [or 19.7-end]; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Rev'd Hugh Dawes. Many of you will remember Hugh as vicar of St James in the 1990's. Sadly, after a long illness, Hugh has died. His widow, Jill Sandham is happy for people to contact her through this email address:

jill@jericho-road.org

We give thanks for Hugh's life and especially his ministry here in South Cambridge. We remember him, Jill and their family in our prayers.

Thank you to everyone who supported yesterday's **Bring & Buy sale**. The amount raised can be found on the noticeboard.

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

Starting tomorrow (26th) 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. 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.

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	Una Turner and family
Monday	Kathleen and John Waterhouse
Tuesday	Edward and Joanne Westrip, Saskia, Christian and Theo
Wednesday	Stan and Susan Wilson, Catherine, Nicola and Amy
Thursday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Friday	Sally and Robert Young, George and Peter
Saturday	Linda Appleby and family

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.

