

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

4 February 2024

CANDLEMAS (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am All Age 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:

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.(1-6) 7-end (8 o'clock only); Hebrews 2.14-end (8 o'clock only); Luke 2.22-40

Our hymns at 10 o'clock can be found on a separate sheet

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

This Week:

Monday 5 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 6 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 7 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Thursday 8 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 9 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Funeral for Aubrey Bould
Saturday 10 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games Evening

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 13 th	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
	6.45 pm	Shrove Tuesday Fish & Chip Supper and Games
Wednesday 14 th	10.15 am	Ash Wednesday Service
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
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

Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24.(1-6) 7-end (8 o'clock only)

The earth is the Lord's and / all that / fills it,
the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.
For he has founded it up/on the / seas
and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.
'Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord,
or who can rise / up in his / holy / place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor / sworn an / oath to a / lie;
'They shall receive a / blessing from the / Lord,
a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation'.
Such is the company of / those who / seek him,
of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
'Who is the / King of / glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the / Lord who is / mighty in / battle'.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
'Who is this / King of / glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
/ he is the / King of / glory'.

Hebrews 2.14-end (8 o'clock only)

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Readings for next Sunday, Sunday next before Lent (11 February):

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

Today we are celebrating Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple). The 10am service will be an All Age Eucharist and the church will be set up as Cafe Church i.e. tables and chairs rather than seats in rows.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent **Bring & Buy sale**; £216 was raised for church funds. Look out for our next one on Saturday 24 February.

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.

Shrove Tuesday, 13th February: 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 11th February**; cash payment to Rob on or before 11th) 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 until end of Sunday 11th February
Payment by cash, in named envelope with any special requests (eg. salt and vinegar?!), to Rob, on or before Sunday 11th.

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.

We will be holding another **Puddings and Games evening** on Saturday, 10 February. Whether you like something quiet, like chess or a jigsaw puzzle, or love a good noisy game, like Monopoly, Dobble or Linkee, come and join us for our regular evening of Board Games and Puddings, 6.30-8.00 pm. Games will be provided and feel free to bring a pudding/cake to share. Hot drinks and soft drinks also available. All are welcome.

Supporting the Women's Refuge. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated gifts. Arrangements have been made for their collection.

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	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Monday	Mark Molloy
Tuesday	Marianne and Tom Monie, Matthew, Rhiannon, Cleo and Elsa
Wednesday	Robert and Rosemary Monk and family
Thursday	Anne Nagy and Peter
Friday	Barbara Nierinck and family
Saturday	Hazel Palmer

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

Contacts

Vicar	Rev'd Steve Rothwell (01223) 246108 s.rothwell3@btinternet.com
Curates	Rev'd Rosie Hewitt rosie.sjww@gmail.com Rev'd Rob Hawkins rob.sjww@gmail.com 07763 447694
Licensed Lay Minister Churchwarden	Elizabeth Brown liztollerbrown@hotmail.co.uk Pam Butler 07745 591235 pambutler27@hotmail.com
Pastoral Assistant	Rosemary Monk (01223) 246421 rem66@btinternet.com
Director of Music	position vacant
Acting Director of Music	Grae Worster (01223) 846295 mgw1@cam.ac.uk
Safeguarding Officer	Jill Bradley, 07971 013645 jillb.sjww@gmail.com
Church Office:	(01223) 246419 (Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.15 am -1.15 pm)
E-mail:	stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk
Website:	stjamescambridge.org.uk

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.

