

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

3 March 2024

The 3rd Sunday of Lent



8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
8.45 am Lent Breakfast
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:

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19 (8 o'clock only); 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (8 o'clock only); John 2.13-22

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are printed on a separate sheet

Collect:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week:

Monday 4 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	Funeral for Brenda Grove in church followed by Wake in the Study Centre
	11.30 am	Teresa of Avila talk followed by meditation at the vicarage
	2.00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 5 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 6 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Mid week Eucharist at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting via Zoom
Thursday 7 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	8.00 pm	Safeguarding Meeting via Zoom
Friday 8 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 9 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games Evening

Dates for your Diary:

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>
Saturday 23 rd	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
Sunday 14 April	11.30 am	APCM

Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in

your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Psalm 19 (8 o'clock only)

The heavens are telling the / glory of / God
and the / firmament pro/claims his / handiwork.
One day pours out its / song to an/other
and one night unfolds / knowledge / to an/other.
They have neither / speech nor / language
and their / voices / are not / heard,
Yet their sound has gone out into / all / lands
and their / words to the / ends of the / world.
In them has he set a tabernacle / for the / sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a / champion to / run his / course.
It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very / end a/gain,
and there is nothing / hidden / from its / heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect, re/viving the / soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives / wisdom / to the / simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right and re/joice the / heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives / light / to the / eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for / ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and / righteous / alto/gether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than / much fine / gold,
sweeter also than honey, / dripping / from the / honeycomb.
By them also is your / servant / taught
and in keeping them / there is / great re/ward.
Who can tell how often / they of/fend?
O cleanse me / from my / secret / faults!
Keep your servant also from pre/sumptuous / sins

lest they get do/minion / over / me;
so shall I be / unde/filed,
and / innocent of / great o/ffence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable / in your / sight,
O Lord, my / strength and / my re/deemer.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (8 o'clock only)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Readings for next Sunday, Mothering Sunday (10 March):

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end; Psalm 34.11-20 or 127.1-4; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27

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.

The Electoral Roll is currently being updated in preparation for the APCM in April. The list of names on the roll can be found on the St James website under the PCC tab. It can also be found on the church noticeboard. If any of your details have changed, e.g. you have moved house over the last year, please email the church office (stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk) giving the email the subject Electoral Roll. If you have started coming to St James in the last year and would like to be on the roll, please download a form from the website, complete and email a scanned copy to the church office. All completed forms or information about changed details need to be received by 17th March.

Last Sunday we turned our focus to **Stewardship** and thinking about what it means to commit to the church. This has 2 main components: financial and time. Many folk give generously of both and we are deeply grateful. Those on our weekly update email list will have already received the document and there are copies available from the table in the entrance foyer, for those who have not seen a copy. Please read through and do get in touch with Steve, or Sue, our treasurer, if you have any queries.

Coffee Rota We are in need of at least two more people to help provide tea and coffee after the 10am service. The commitment would be roughly every 5 weeks, and the more people who help, the longer that time interval would be. Please speak to Fiona Broadhurst or Alison Giles if you would like to serve in this way.

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

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. Usually we will gather at 11.30 in the Study Centre (with coffee and biscuits!) for the discussion, but **tomorrow, (4th) we will meet in the vicarage** followed by meditation, also at the vicarage. 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 is 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.

We will be holding another **Puddings and Games evening** this Saturday, 9 March. 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.

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.

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	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Monday	Helen Arnold and family
Tuesday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Wednesday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew
Thursday	Jennie and Guy Brandon, Sophie and Joseph
Friday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Saturday	Josephine and Alan Brearley 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=OTNzMEIRazBMdW5WV2pNcE5iRzINQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 6190 8831

Passcode: 258631

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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.

