

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

25 August 2024

13th Sunday after Trinity



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 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.

If it is your usual practice to receive bread and wine at communion, please feel free to do so at these services. We are following the Bishop's guidelines which stipulate that it is not permissible to intinct the bread (wafer) into the wine chalice. Therefore if you do not wish to drink from the chalice please return to your seat after taking the bread.

Today's readings are:

1 Kings 8.[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Off in danger, off in woe	NEH 434
Offertory:	Be thou my vision	NEH 339
Communion:	O perfect love, all human thought transcending	NEH 320
Final:	Christ is made the sure foundation	NEH 205

Collect:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

Monday 26 th		<i>Bank holiday</i>
Monday 26 th – Thursday 29 th		Chinese Church children's summer school
Thursday 29 th	4.00 pm	Joint youth group evening at St John's Church

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2 nd Sept	2.00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 4 th	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Tuesday 10 th	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 14 th		QE Community Skip Day
Tuesday 17 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday 28 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale

1 Kings 8.[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of / hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh re/joyce in the / living / God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young;
at your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my / King and my / God.

3 Blessed are they who / dwell in your / house:
they will / always be / praising / you.

4 Blessed are those whose / strength is in / you,
in whose / heart are the / highways to / Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find / there a / spring,
and the early / rains will / clothe it with / blessing.

6 They will go from / strength to / strength
and ap/pear before / God in / Zion.

7 O Lord God of hosts, / hear my / prayer;
listen, O / God / of / Jacob.

8 Behold our de/fender, O / God,
and look upon the / face of / your a/nointed.

9 For one day / in your / courts
is / better / than a / thousand.

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the / house of my / God
than / dwell in the / tents of un/godliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give / grace and / glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from / those who / walk with in/tegrity.

12 O Lord / God of / hosts,
blessed are those who / put their / trust in / you.

Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Readings for next Sunday, 1 September (Season of Creation: Sowing)

Genesis 1.9-13; Psalm 104.1, 6, 11-26; 2 Corinthians 9.9-11a; Matthew 13.1-9

This week the **Chinese Church** are using St James' for their **children's summer camp** between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The church is likely to be very busy during these times, and for members of the congregation wishing to come into church, it might be best to avoid these times if at all possible.

Joint youth group evening 29th August - youth groups from local churches are gathering at St John's Hill's Road on Thursday 29th August, 4pm-6pm, for pizza and games. St James' young people are very welcome. Ask Rob for more information.

Prayer Support Group. Please remember that there is prayer support available at the church; there is a yellow box on the entrance foyer table if you wish to put a request in anonymously. All these requests remain confidential. Rosemary Monk

Please note that there will be **no Morning Prayer, or mid week eucharists** until September.

Meditation Group will meet again on Monday 2 September.

Our next **Pastoral team meeting** will be on Wednesday 4 September.

Saturday mornings at St James'. Our new Fairbite Food Club runs every Saturday from 10.30 am until 12 noon, and the café is open from 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to drop in for tea/coffee and a chat. Our next **Bring & Buy sale** will be on 28 September.

The office is closed this week as the summer camp is taking place but Caroline will be working from home during usual office hours, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Caroline has access to both the office phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Monday	Elizabeth and Nick Brown
Tuesday	Pam Butler and family
Wednesday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family
Thursday	Peter Canning
Friday	Denis Chandler
Saturday	Eric and Rhena Clouston 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=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.

