

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

1 September 2024

14th Sunday after Trinity



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
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.

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:

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Teach me my God and King	NEH 456
Offertory:	Breathe on me, breath of God	NEH 342
Communion:	Lord Jesus think on me	NEH 70
Final:	All my hope on God is founded	NEH 333

Collect:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

Monday 2 nd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
	2.00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 3 rd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 4 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Thursday 5 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting via Zoom
Saturday 7 th	10.00 am	Fairbite Café
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Hub
	5.00 pm	Music Group Rehearsal

Dates for your Diary:

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
		Harvest Festival meal (more details to follow)
Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Harvest Festival service

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may / dwell in your / tabernacle?
Who may rest up/on your / holy / hill?
2 Whoever leads an / uncorrupt / life
and / does the / thing that is / right;
3 Who speaks the / truth from the / heart
and / bears no de/ceit on the / tongue;
4 Who does no / evil to a / friend
and / pours no / scorn on a / neighbour;
5 In whose sight the wicked are / not es/teemed,
but who honours / those who / fear the / Lord.
6 Whoever has / sworn to a / neighbour
and / never goes / back on that / word;
7,8 Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe a/gainst the / innocent;
Whoever does these / things shall / never/ fall.

James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Readings for next Sunday, 8 September (Season of Creation: Sowing)

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

Following the summer break, our usual **mid week services and group activities** resume this week.

Next Sunday, and throughout the rest of September, we will mark the **season of Creationtide**. This is the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. From next Sunday our weekly themes will be 'Sowing', 'Growing', 'Gathering' and 'Treasuring'. We will use this time to reflect on the life-giving process of sowing seed, caring for the growing crops, harvesting, eating and storing them. We will give thanks to God for the gift of creation and renew our commitment to caring for the planet. We will then celebrate at the end of September with our Harvest Festival meal on Saturday 28 September (more details to follow) and at our 10 o'clock Sunday service on 29 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.

The office is open on Wednesday and Thursday this week, usual office hours, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm. Caroline is working from home on Monday and has access to both the office phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy
Monday	Caroline and Tony Dickson and Helen
Tuesday	Maureen Gibbs
Wednesday	Alison and Graham Giles
Thursday	Hatty Harris
Friday	Robert and Fran Hawkins and Gwen
Saturday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock

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

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.

