

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

15 September 2024

Creationtide: 'Growing'



Today:

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services. Today, and for the rest of September, we will mark the season of Creationtide, a time dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. Our theme today is 'Growing'.

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:

Ezekiel 47.[1-6a] 6b-12; Psalm 147.1-13; Philippians 4.4-7; John 12.23-26

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	For the beauty of the earth	NEH 285 omit v6
Offertory:	Now thank we all our God	NEH 413
Communion:	Rock of ages	NEH 445
Final:	All people that on earth do dwell	NEH 334
Anthem	Never weather-beaten sail (<i>Richard Shephard</i>)	

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear their fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week:

Monday 16 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 17 th		<u>No</u> Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 18 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 19 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 21 st	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Hub
	5.00 pm	Flames at St James

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 28 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Harvest Festival supper
Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Harvest Festival service

Ezekiel 47.[1-6a] 6b-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand,

and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?'

Then he led me back along the bank of the river.] He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?'

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Psalm 147.1-13

1 Alleluia. [or Praise the Lord].
How good it is to make music / for our / God,
how joyful to / honour / him with / praise.
2 The Lord builds / up Je/rusalem
and gathers to/gether the / outcasts of / Israel.
3 He heals the / broken/hearted
and / binds up / all their / wounds.
4 He counts the / number of the / stars
and / calls them / all by their / names.
5 Great is our Lord and / mighty in / power;
his wisdom / is be/yond all / telling.
6 The Lord lifts / up the / poor,
but casts down the / wicked / to the / ground.
7 Sing to the / Lord with / thanksgiving;
make music to our / God up/on the / lyre;
8 Who covers the / heavens with / clouds
and prepares / rain / for the / earth;
9 Who makes grass to / grow upon the / mountains
and green / plants to / serve our / needs.
10 He gives the / beasts their / food
and the young / ravens / when they / cry.
11 He takes no pleasure in the / power of a / horse,
no de/light in / human / strength;
12 But the Lord delights in / those who / fear him,
who put their / trust in his / steadfast / love.
13 Sing praise to the Lord, / O Je/rusalem;
praise your / God, / O / Zion.

Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 12.23-26

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Readings for next Sunday, 22 September (Season of Creation: Gathering)

Leviticus 23.9-14; Psalm 126; James 5.7-9; John 4.31-38

Throughout 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. Our weekly themes are '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 supper on Saturday 28 September and at our 10 o'clock Sunday service on 29 September.

We will be joining with the Chinese Church for our **bring & share Harvest Festival Supper on Saturday 28 September at 5 pm**. Everyone is welcome! Donations of food to share (doesn't have to be homemade), both savoury and sweet, will be very welcome, and we would be grateful if you can put your name to the sign-up-sheet as this helps us with planning. Please bring along your own drinks.

We are also looking for a **team of volunteers to come into church from 4 pm** to help set up tables, to make tea and coffee, and to clear away afterwards. Again it is helpful for us to know in advance who will be able to come along and help. Thank you. **Sign-up sheets are on the table in the entrance foyer.**

We are looking for some **adult servers in church at 10 o'clock**. Duties are to escort the clergy with candles, and at certain services carry the crucifix, and when required to help the clergy prepare the altar, and after the service tidy the sanctuary. Please get in touch with Alison Giles if you would like more information. alison.giles64@outlook.com

Cambridge Action Group are holding an **'Autumn Supper and Talk 'The Bible – how to enjoy reading it''** on Friday 11 October, 6.30 pm at Queen Edith Chapel. Supper costs £7.00 and

the talk will also be live-streamed. Email penny.f.flynn@gmail.com to reserve a supper place or for the live-stream link. A poster is on the noticeboard.

Saturday mornings at St James'. Our new Fairbite Food Club runs every Saturday from 10.30 am until 12 noon, and the Saturday Morning Café is open from 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to drop in for tea/coffee and a chat.

The office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Judith and Peter Judd
Monday	Donald Laming and family
Tuesday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola
Wednesday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta
Thursday	Mark Molloy
Friday	Marianne and Tom Monie, Matthew, Rhiannon, Cleo and Elsa
Saturday	Robert and Rosemary Monk 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

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.

