

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

22 September 2024

Creationtide: 'Gathering'



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 'Gathering'.

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:

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

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise	NEH 261
Offertory:	Guide me O thou great redeemer	NEH 368
Communion:	Bread of the world in mercy broken	NEH 277
Final:	To God be the glory	see page 4
Anthem	Oculi omnium (<i>Charles Wood</i>)	

Collect:

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
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 23 rd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 24 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 26 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Liturgy and Worship Planning Meeting in Study Centre
Saturday 28 th	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Hub
	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	4.00 pm	Music Group Rehearsal in Milton Room
	4.00 pm	Setting up for Harvest Festival. <i>Help welcomed please</i>
	5.00 pm	Harvest Festival Supper

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Harvest Festival service. <u>No</u> 8.00 am service
Wed 2 October	10.15 am	Eucharist at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Tuesday 8 th	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 12 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James
	6.30 pm	Puddings & Games Evening

Leviticus 23.9-14

The LORD spoke to Moses: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall raise the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may find

acceptance; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall raise it. On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt-offering to the LORD. And the grain-offering with it shall be two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire of pleasing odour to the LORD; and the drink-offering with it shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion,
then were / we like / those who / dream.
2 Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter
and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.
3 Then said they a/mong the / nations,
'The / Lord has done / great things / for them'.
4 The Lord has indeed done / great things / for us,
and / therefore / we re/joyced.
5 Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord,
as the / river beds / of the / desert.
6 Those who / sow in / tears
shall / reap with / songs of / joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, / bearing the / seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

James 5.7-9

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

John 4.31-38

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Readings for next Sunday, 29 September (Season of Creation: Treasuring)

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 65; Colossians 1.1-15; Luke 12.16-30

Final Hymn: To God be the glory

1
To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Praise the Lord ...

3
Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord ...

*Fanny J Crosby
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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 on Saturday (28th) with our Harvest Festival supper and at our 10 o'clock Sunday service on 29 September. (There will be no 8 o'clock service).

We will be joining with the Chinese Church for our **bring & share Harvest Festival Supper this Saturday (28th) 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.**

Following the summer break, we will be holding our next **Bring & Buy sale** this Saturday (28th) between 10.30 am and 12 noon. We will need lots of help, and if you can volunteer with setting up and/or helping on the day please let Pam Butler know on 07745 591235 or email pambutler27@hotmail.com. Donations of home-made cakes are always very popular, and unwanted gifts/items for the raffle. Thank you.

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 Wednesday and Thursday this week, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm. Caroline will be working from home on Monday and has access to the church phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Anne Nagy and Peter
Monday	Barbara Nierinck and family
Tuesday	Lesley Payne and family
Wednesday	Judith Pinhey and family
Thursday	Eleanor Pippard
Friday	Steve and Emma Rothwell, Isaac and Leo
Saturday	Ian Rowland

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.

