

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

29 September 2024

CREATIONTIDE: 'Treasuring' / HARVEST FESTIVAL



Today:

10.00 am All Age Eucharist

Welcome to our service. Today is the last Sunday in our Season of Creation and the theme is 'Treasuring'. We celebrate with our Harvest Festival and give thanks to God for the gift of creation.

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

Our hymns at 10 o'clock can be found on a separate sheet

Collect:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;

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:

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| Monday 30 th | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 12 noon | Meditation Group |
| Tuesday 1 st Oct | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10.15 am | Eucharist at Dunstan Court |
| | 11.00 am | Pastoral Team Meeting |
| Thursday 3 rd | 9.15 am | Morning Prayer |
| Saturday 5 th | 10.00 am | Saturday Morning Cafe |
| | 10.30 am | Fairbite Food Hub |

Dates for your Diary:

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| 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 |
| Saturday 26 th | 10.30 am | Bring & Buy Sale |
| | 5.00 pm | Flames at St James |
| Monday 28 th | 11.00 am | Pumpkin Picnic |

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the

Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Colossians 1.1-15

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do

so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Readings for next Sunday, 6 October (19th Sunday after Trinity)

Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Throughout September, we have marked the **season of Creationtide**, the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. Our final theme today is 'Treasuring'. As we celebrate with our Harvest Festival service, we give thanks to God for the gift of creation and we renew our commitment to caring for the planet.

Harvest Festival Supper. Thank you to everyone who came along and shared in our Harvest supper yesterday with our friends from the Chinese Church and to those who helped set up and clear away afterwards.

Thank you for your **harvest gifts** which will be donated to our Queen Edith Fairbite Food Club.

The amount raised from our **Bring & Buy Sale** yesterday can be found on the noticeboard. Thank you to everyone who helped on the morning, donated cakes and raffle prizes, and to those who came along. Our next sale, and final one for this year, will be on Saturday 26 October.

If you have some **accounting skills** and are able to **volunteer some help** to Sue, our treasurer, please get in touch with her. treasurer.sjww@gmail.com

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

Members of the Cambridge Month of Accompanied Prayer will be holding a **quiet morning at St John's Church** this Saturday (5 October), 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, a time to listen to God and to be in his presence. The morning will include meditation and times for silent reflection. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details and to book a place.

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.

St John's Church on Hills Road is hosting an **Eco-Festival** on Saturday 12 October, 12 noon – 3 pm with stalls to encourage us to 'reduce, re-use, repair and recycle'. These include OWL Bikes (Papworth Trust) with basic bike repairs at budget prices, info and advice from Cambridge Carbon Footprint, local gardeners, Cambridgeshire Beekeepers and more, plus a book swap and EMG Motor Group with advice on electric vehicles. Willow weaving, natural soaps and handmade ceramics will also be on sale (early Christmas shopping?). Light lunches will be available and entry is free. www.stjohntheevangelistcambridge.org

Cambridge Churches Homeless project has notified us of **an evening looking at homelessness** and how, as Christians, do we respond to homelessness in our city, and what can we do about the enormous inequality around wealth and poverty. The evening is being hosted by C3 Church in Coldhams Lane on Tuesday 15 October at 7 pm. To register follow the link <https://thec3.churchsuite.com/events/rbkimwmh>

Guided tour of Kettle's Yard, 9 November. Kettle's Yard is a beautiful house and gallery in Cambridge, but the Christian faith of its founder Jim Ede is rarely discussed. On Saturday 9 November at 11am, Rob (one of our curates) will lead a private tour of the house, telling the story of the space as a Christian work of art. Only 14 tickets available (£14.40 each, to Kettle's Yard): contact Rob to reserve.

Saturday mornings at St James'. Our 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'

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| Sunday | David Sanders |
| Monday | Michael and Caroline Sanford and family |
| Tuesday | Mary and Michael Smale and family |
| Wednesday | Lisa and Matthew Stocker, Emilia, Olivia, Reece and Talia |
| Thursday | Anne Streater, Mark and Catherine |
| Friday | Julie Turner and family |
| Saturday | Una Turner 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

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| 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

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| 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.

