

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

17 November 2024

2nd Sunday before Advent



Today:

8.00 am Eucharist
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services. Today is Safeguarding Sunday. As a church we are committed to providing a safe space for all people who are part of our community. Please take time to read the information about safeguarding on our notice board near the entrance and on our website <https://www.stjamescambridge.org.uk/Groups/417571/Safeguarding.aspx>

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:

Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13.1-8

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	O God of Abraham praise	NEH 148 omit vs 2, 3 & 5
Offertory:	Offt in danger, oft in woe	NEH 434
Communion:	Once, only once and once for all	NEH 304
Final:	Glorious things of thee are spoken	NEH 362
Anthem:	My soul, there is a country	NEH

Collect for Today

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

Monday 18 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 19 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist
	8.30 pm	Bible and Beer at QE Pub
Saturday 23 rd	5.30 pm	Flames at St James

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 28 th	7.30 pm	Liturgy and Worship Planning meeting in church
Saturday 30 th	2.00 pm	Christmas Fair

Daniel 12.1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 16

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I / taken / refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my / good de/pends on / you'.
2 All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land,
upon / those who are / noble in / heart.
3 Though the idols are legion that / many run / after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their / names up/on my / lips.

4 The Lord himself is my portion / and my / cup;
in your hands a/lone / is my / fortune.
5 My share has fallen in a / fair / land;
indeed, I / have a / goodly / heritage.
6 I will bless the Lord who has / given me / counsel,
and in the night watches / he in/structs my / heart.
7 I have set the Lord / always be/fore me;
he is at my right / hand; I / shall not / fall.
8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my / spirit re/joices;
my flesh / also shall / rest se/cure.
9 For you will not abandon my / soul to / Death,
nor suffer your / faithful one to / see the / Pit.
10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the / fullness of / joy
and in your right hand are / pleasures for / ever/more.

Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.[And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Readings for next Sunday, 24 November (Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent)

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 30 November, 2-4.30 pm. Offers to help set up, clear up or run a stall are appreciated. Please sign the sheet on the entrance foyer table. Donations of old Christmas cards, empty wine bottles and unwanted decorations will be gratefully received and greenery for making advent wreaths. We're also asking for cakes and biscuits to be sold on the day or donated to the raffle. Other Christmas-themed gifts, suitable for families and children, are requested for the raffle too. Thank you.

Bible and Beer: this Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm, The Queen Edith pub. An informal bible study group meeting once a month over a drink (non-alcoholic drinks available!). At our session this Wednesday **we will look at Revelation ch.1**. Then on 11th December we have a 'Christmas Special', looking at the biblical origins (or not?!) of our nativity traditions. All levels of biblical interest welcome; big questions very much encouraged!

Meditation Group have some special sessions for Advent looking at the Anglican poet-priest Thomas Traherne. These half-hour discussions over coffee are 11.30-12.00 on Monday mornings, leading into our usual meditation at noon, **on 25th Nov; 9th, 16th, and 23rd Dec** (NB. not 2nd Dec). Readings are available in the Foyer.

Annual Charitable Giving. Each year, St James donates around 3% of its income to charities. There are some charities that we support on a regular basis but we also aim to include some charities that are particularly important to members of the congregation. If you have any suggestions for charities that you would like St James to support, please submit your requests to Hatty Harris (harrishatty458@gmail.com) by Sunday 1 December so they can be considered by the PCC.

Linda Appleby has written a new book "The Kingdom Is Yours". It is a diary that charts the events of the 1990s and their connection with events in people's lives. It costs £7.99. There are flyers with more information in the foyer.

St James' 70th anniversary. St James' is going to be 70 years old next year! We would like to think about ways of celebrating this event. **If anyone would like to be part of a planning team,** please let Steve know.

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, usual opening times of 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	Lesley Payne and family
Monday	Judith Pinhey and family
Tuesday	Eleanor Pippard
Wednesday	Steve and Emma Rothwell, Isaac and Leo
Thursday	Ian Rowland
Friday	David Sanders
Saturday	Michael and Caroline Sanford 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.

