

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

1 December 2024

THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today:

8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am	All Age Eucharist

Welcome to our services.

If you are visiting St James for the first time please introduce yourself to the vicar or a sides-person (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:

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are printed on a separate sheet

The Anthem is *And the Glory of the Lord* (G F Handel)

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This week:

Monday 2 nd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	11.30 am	Advent Group discussion followed by
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 3 rd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 4 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer at Dunstan Court
	10.15 am	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Saturday 7 th	5.00 pm	Flames at St James

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 10 th	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Wednesday 11 th	8.30 pm	Bible and Beer at The Queen Edith Pub
Saturday 14 th	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games evening
Thursday 19 th	5.30 pm	Community Carol Singing outside the shops

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalm 25.1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul
O my God, in / you I / trust;
let me not be put to shame
let not my / enemies / triumph / over me.
2 Let none who look to you be / put to / shame,
but let the treacherous be / shamed / and frus/trated.
3 Make me to know your / ways, O / Lord,
and / teach me / your / paths.
4 Lead me in your / truth and / teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation
for you have I / hoped / all the day / long.
5 Remember, Lord, your com/passion and / love,
for they / are from / ever/lasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or / my trans/gressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord
ac/cording to your / steadfast / love.

7 Gracious and upright / is the / Lord;
therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.
8 He will guide the humble in / doing / right
and / teach his / way to the / lowly.
9 All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth
to those who keep his / covenant / and his / testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Readings for next Sunday, 8 December (The 2nd Sunday of Advent)

Baruch 5 or Malachi 3.1-4; Cantic: Benedictus; Philipians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported our **Christmas Fair** yesterday by coming along and/or by donating goods – the amount raised can be found on the noticeboard. A special thank you to everyone who helped with setting up/clearing away and to our stallholders and those who helped with activities.

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 on 9, 16 and 23 December (not tomorrow) and will lead into our usual meditation at noon. Readings are available in the Foyer.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Services. Our Christmas services and activities can be found on page 6.

We will be distributing **flyers with details of our Christmas Services** through the letterboxes of the parish again this year. Flyers will be ready for next Sunday, 8 December. In the meantime the road grid is available on the entrance foyer table so please start to sign up to help. If you find you are short of flyers, or have some left over, it would be helpful if you could write this on the road grid or drop an email to Caroline in the office, as this will be helpful to know for future occasions, thank you.

We will be offering **mince pies** after our Carol Service on 22 December. If you can donate some, (they don't have to be homemade), or can offer help with setting up, serving and/or clearing away, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Thank you.

We would prefer that the pigeonholes are not used for delivering **Christmas cards** as they are no longer routinely used and cards may not be collected by the intended recipient.

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) today 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	Stan and Susan Wilson and family
Monday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Tuesday	Linda Appleby and family
Wednesday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Thursday	Helen Arnold and family
Friday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Saturday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew

If you would like to add your name to our prayer list please let Caroline in the office know.



Community Carol Singing

Thursday 19 December, 5.30 pm

Meet outside The Coffee House for outdoor carols, moving on to Dunstan Court and finishing at The Queen Edith Pub for a rousing finale!



Family Christingle

Saturday 21 December, 3.30 pm

Christingle-making, craft activities and mince pies followed by a Christingle celebration.

There will be an opportunity to donate to the Children's Society Christingle campaign - raising money for children and young people facing serious life challenges.



Lessons and Carols

Sunday 22 December, 7 pm

A traditional carol service with readings, carols, a choir and candlelight



Family Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 4 pm

Children come dressed as your favourite nativity character. Participation actively encouraged!



Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, 11 pm

The first Holy Communion of Christmas



Christmas Day All Age Eucharist, 10 am

All Age Eucharist with choir, carols and celebration

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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.

