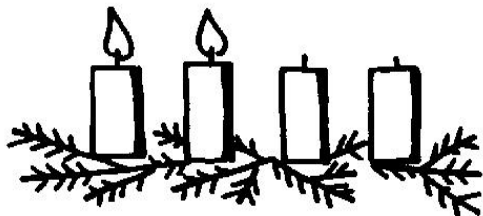


St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

8 December 2024

THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today:

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Parish 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:

Baruch 5; Canticle: Benedictus; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Hark! A herald voice is calling	NEH 5
Offertory:	Wake, O wake!	NEH 16
Communion:	Love divine, all loves excelling	NEH 408
Final:	Long ago, prophets knew	NEH 10
Anthem:	How beautiful upon the mountains (<i>John Stainer</i>)	

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

This week:

Monday 9 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	11.30 am	Advent Group discussion followed by
	12 noon	Meditation Group
	7.30 pm	Safeguarding Meeting on Zoom
Tuesday 10 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Wednesday 11 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist
	8.30 pm	Bible and Beer at The Queen Edith Pub
Saturday 14 th	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games evening

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 19 th	5.30 pm	Community Carol Singing outside the shops
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Baruch 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Canticle: Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel,
who has come to his / people and / set them / free.
 - 2 He has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour,
born of the / house of his / servant / David.
 - 3 Through his holy prophets God / promised of / old
to save us from our enemies,
from the / hands of / all that / hate us,
 - 4 To show mercy / to our / ancestors,
and to re/member his / holy / covenant.
 - 5 This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham:
to set us / free from the / hands of our / enemies,
 - 6 Free to worship him / without / fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
/ all the / days of our / life.
 - 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the / Most / High,
for you will go before the / Lord to pre/pare his / way,
 - 8 To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation
by the for/giveness of / all their / sins.
 - 9 In the tender compassion / of our / God
the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,
 - 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow of / death,
and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.
Glory to the Father and / to the / Son
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be/ginning is / now
and shall be for / ever. / A/men.
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Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,

the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Readings for next Sunday, 15 December (The 3rd Sunday of Advent)

Zephaniah 3.14-end; Cantic: Isaiah 12.2-end [or Psalm 146.4-end]; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported our recent **Christmas Fair** by coming along and/or by donating goods; we raised £950 towards church funds. 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 tomorrow, and on 16 and 23 December, and will lead into our usual meditation at noon. Readings are available in the Foyer.

Bible and Beer: this Wednesday, 11th, 8.30-9.30pm, The Queen Edith pub. An informal bible study group meeting once a month over a drink (non-alcoholic drinks available!). This Wednesday 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!

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 are available today. The road grid is available on the entrance foyer table - please 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.

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 Friday this week, usual opening times of 9.15 am – 1.15 pm. Caroline is working from home on Monday and Tuesday and has access to both the office phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Jill and Hugh Bradley, Emily and Amanda
Monday	Jennie and Guy Brandon, Sophie and Joseph
Tuesday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Wednesday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Thursday	Elizabeth and Nick Brown
Friday	Pam Butler and family
Saturday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family

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.

