

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

25 December 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY



Today:

10.00 am All Age Eucharist

Welcome to our Christmas Day service.

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:

Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.[1-7] 8-20.

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

The Anthem is *Sans day carol* (arr John Rutter).

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Titus 3.4-7

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2.[1-7] 8-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.]

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Readings for Sunday, 1st Sunday of Christmas, (29 December) are:

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

Morning Prayer and mid week Eucharist begin again w/c Monday 6 January.

The office is closed this week.

Happy Christmas

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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

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