

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

29 December 2024

THE 1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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 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:

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

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	The race that long in darkness pined	NEH 57
Offertory:	In the bleak midwinter	NEH 28
Communion:	What child is this	NEH 40
Final:	Let all the world in every corner sing	NEH 394

Collect for Today

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Psalm 148

1 Alleluia.
Praise the Lord / from the / heavens;
praise / - him / in the / heights.
2 Praise him, all / you his / angels;
praise / - him, / all his / host.
3 Praise him, / sun and / moon;
praise him, / all you / stars of / light.
4 Praise him, / heaven of / heavens,
and you / waters a/bove the / heavens.
5 Let them praise the / name of the / Lord,
for he commanded / and they / were cre/ated.
6 He made them fast for / ever and / ever;
he gave them a law which / shall not / pass a/way.
7 Praise the Lord / from the / earth,
you sea / monsters and / all / deeps;
8 Fire and hail, / snow and / mist,
tempestuous / wind, ful/filling his / word;
9 Mountains and / all / hills,
fruit / trees and / all / cedars;
10 Wild beasts and / all / cattle,
creeping / things and / birds on the / wing;
11 Kings of the earth and / all / peoples,
princes and all / rulers / of the / world;
12 Young men and women,
old and / young to/gether;

let them / praise the / name of the / Lord.
13 For his name only / is ex/alted,
his splendour a/bove / earth and / heaven.
14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his / faithful / servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are / near him.
/ Alle/luia.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Readings for next Sunday, 5 January (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72. [1-9] 10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas special: the wonderful music, the beautiful flowers and to all those who took part in our services.

Next Sunday's 10 o'clock service will be an **All Age Service for Epiphany**.

Barbara Irving's funeral will be held in church on Friday 3rd January at 12 noon. You are warmly invited to attend.

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

The office is closed this week.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Geoff Howard
Monday	Elspeth Hutchison and family
Tuesday	Barbara Irving's family
Wednesday	Judith and Peter Judd
Thursday	Donald Laming and family
Friday	Kristina Kobes, Tim and Nicola
Saturday	Talia and Richard Merritt, Dylan and Loretta

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/82338214638?pwd=aUnysvbmoHYlg6ArvF3sQCyGnXXTF0.1>

Meeting ID: 823 3821 4638

Passcode: 725200

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.

