

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# *The Weekly Sheet*

2 February 2025

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



## 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 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.

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## **Today's readings are:**

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

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

The anthem is *Christ is come* (David Ogden)

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## **Collect for Today**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

## This week:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Club
	6.30 pm	Puddings and Games Evening

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## Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale

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## Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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## Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end;

1 The earth is the Lord's and / all that / fills it,  
the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.

2 For he has founded it up/on the / seas  
and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.

3 'Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord,  
or who can rise / up in his / holy / place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor / sworn an / oath to a / lie;

5 'They shall receive a / blessing from the / Lord,  
a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation'.  
6 Such is the company of / those who / seek him,  
of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.  
7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;  
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.  
8 'Who is the ' King of / glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the / Lord who is / mighty in / battle'.  
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors;  
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.  
10 'Who is this / King of / glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts,  
/ he is the / King of / glory'.

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## Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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## Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,  
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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## Readings for next Sunday, 9 February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent)

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

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**Today is Rosie's last day with St James**, before she begins a new role at Great St Mary's Church in the city centre. Rosie's time as a curate here has been immensely fruitful and we wish her well. Join us after our 10 o'clock service to say goodbye. *We wish you, Duncan, Robin and Aidan, a bright and prosperous future, Rosie.*

**Electoral Roll.** This year, an entirely new Electoral Roll has to be prepared. This is something that happens every six years. As a result, **everyone needs to complete a new form, even if they are already on the roll.** Everyone on our current electoral roll is being contacted. Where we don't have an email address, a few may be posted.

You can complete your form either digitally or by hand – copies are available on the entrance table in the foyer. Please return digital copies to the office

[stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk) Return hard copies either to the church office or Eleanor Pippard (Electoral Roll Officer) and in both cases, no later than 2 March 2025.

Thank you.

**St James' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** St James' is going to be 70 years old this 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.

We will be holding a **Puddings and Games evening** this Saturday (8 February). Whether you like something quiet, like chess or a jigsaw puzzle, or love a good noisy game, like Monopoly, Dobble or Linkee, come and join us for an evening of Board Games and Puddings, 6.30-8.00

pm. Games will be provided and feel free to bring a pudding/cake to share. Hot drinks and soft drinks also available. All are welcome.

We send out a **weekly update email** with a few bits of news every Friday. If you don't receive a copy and would like to, please contact Caroline in the office.  
stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk

**Prayer Names for the Weekly Sheet.** If you would like to add your name to the list which appears on the Weekly Sheet please let Caroline in the office know. Additionally, if you would like to make any changes, eg your adult children have moved away, and you are happy to be listed with your name and 'and family' instead, please contact Caroline.

**The office** is open on Wednesday and Thursday this week, usual opening hours. Caroline will be working from home on Monday morning and has access to the office phone and email.

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### **Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'**

Sunday	Josephine and Alan Brearley and family
Monday	Bill and Fiona Broadhurst
Tuesday	Elizabeth and Nick Brown
Wednesday	Pam Butler and family
Thursday	Chris and Mary Calladine and family
Friday	Peter Canning
Saturday	Denis Chandler

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

## Contacts

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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

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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.

