

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

# The Weekly Sheet

23 March 2025

THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



## Today:

8.00 am	Eucharist
8.45 am	Lent Breakfast
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.

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## Today's readings are:

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

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## Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	All my hope on God is founded	NEH 333
Offertory:	God moves in a mysterious way	NEH 365
Communion:	We sing the praise of him who died	NEH 94
Final:	Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him	NEH 437
Anthem:	Panis Angelicus ( <i>César Franck</i> )	

## Collect for Today

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## This week:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
	7.30 pm	Safeguarding Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Club
	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Music Group Rehearsal

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## Dates for your Diary:

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.15 am	Eucharist at Dunstan Court
	11.00 am	Pastoral team meeting
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Flames Group
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	APCM
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Steve's leaving do 'Board Games and Buffet'
	- 9.00 pm	

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## Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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## Psalm 63.1-9

1 O God, you are my God; / eagerly I / seek you;  
my / soul is a/thirst for / you.  
2 My flesh / also / faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty / land where there / is no / water.  
3 So would I gaze upon you in your / holy / place,  
that I might behold your / power / and your / glory.  
4 Your loving-kindness is better than / life it/self  
and / so my / lips shall / praise you.  
5 I will bless you as / long as I / live  
and lift up my / hands / in your / name.  
6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with / marrow and / fatness,  
and my mouth shall / praise you with / joyful / lips.  
7 When I remember you up/on my / bed  
and meditate on you in the / watches / of the / night.  
8 For you have / been my / helper  
and under the shadow of your / wings will / I re/joyce.  
9 My / soul / clings to you;  
your / right hand shall / hold me / fast.

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## 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in

the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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## Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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## Readings for next Sunday, 30 March (Mothering Sunday / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; John 19.25b-27

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Our APCM is on 6 April. **If you head up a group or church activity here at St James' please consider writing a report** for our APCM. Reports only need to be a few lines and should be for the period January – December 2024. Please forward as a Word document to Caroline before Wednesday this week, thank you. [stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk)

We will be holding our next **Bring & Buy Sale** this Saturday (29 March). If you can help set up/clear away or run a stall, please contact Pam 07745 591235 or email at [pambutler27@hotmail.com](mailto:pambutler27@hotmail.com). Donations of cakes are always popular and we would welcome small gifts suitable for raffle prizes. Thank you.

**Steve's Leaving Do – 'Board Games and Buffet'**. Come and join Steve, Emma, Isaac and Leo, on Saturday 12 April, 6 – 9 pm, to celebrate the past eight years with an evening of games, food and a quiz. Bring a fun game and some food to share.

On Maundy Thursday (17 April) at 6 pm, we would like to offer a **soup dinner before our Holy Communion and washing of feet service** at 7 pm (note revised time). A sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard; to help with numbers please sign up if you plan to join for the soup and/or can bring along soup to share. Thank you.

**Lent Breakfasts.** We will be meeting for Lent breakfasts on Sundays during Lent, between 8.45 am and 9.30 am, up to and including 6 April (but not Palm Sunday). There is no charge although a suggested donation of £3 for Queen Edith Fairbite Food Club would be very welcome. To help with numbers please sign the list on the board in the entrance foyer. Please speak with Pam or Jacqui if you can help with setting up and clearing away. All are welcome.

**Lent Materials** will be circulated to both the Pilgrim groups and Meditation group. Further copies will be available from the table in the entrance foyer.

This year marks the **70th anniversary of St James church**. We will have a special Patronal service on 13th July. There are also plans for other events too, so watch this space!

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

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## **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.*

## 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/87556083703?pwd=gbOcGfk1jVldQD7SJ7UAH4NvQaUsx7.1>

Meeting ID: 875 5608 3703

Passcode: 399374

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.

