

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

8 September 2024

Creationtide: 'Sowing'



Today:

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	All Age Eucharist

Welcome to our services. Today, and for the rest of September, we will mark the season of Creationtide, a time dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. Our theme today is 'Sowing'.

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:

Genesis 1.9-13; Psalm 104.1, 6, 11-26; 2 Corinthians 9.9-11a; Matthew 13.1-9

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are printed on a separate sheet

Collect:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week:

Monday 9 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 10 th		<u>No</u> Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Hymn Service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Wednesday 11 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 12 th		<u>No</u> Morning Prayer
Saturday 14 th	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Hub
	9.30 am	Greener Queen Edith's Day (Skip Day)

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 17 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday 28 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Harvest Festival meal (more details to follow)
Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Harvest Festival service

Genesis 1.9-13

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Psalms 104.1, 6, 11-26

1 Bless the Lord, / O my / soul,
O Lord my God, how / excellent / is your / greatness!

6 You laid the foun/dations of the / earth,
that it never should / move at / any / time.
11 You send the springs / into the / brooks,
which / run a/mong the / hills.
12 They give drink to every / beast of the / field,
and the wild / asses / quench their / thirst.
13 Beside them the birds of the air / make their / nests
and / sing a/mong the / branches.
14 You water the hills from your / dwelling on / high;
the earth is / filled with the / fruit of your / works
15 You make grass to / grow for the / cattle
and / plants to / meet our / needs,
16 Bringing forth / food from the / earth
and / wine to / gladden our / hearts,
17 Oil to give us a cheerful / countenance
and / bread to / strengthen our / hearts.
18 The trees of the Lord are / full of / sap,
the cedars of / Lebanon / which he / planted,
19 In which the birds / build their / nests,
while the fir trees are a / dwelling / for the / stork.
20 The mountains are a refuge for the / wild / goats
and the / stony / cliffs for the / conies.
21 You appointed the moon to / mark the / seasons,
and the sun / knows the / time for its / setting.
22 You make darkness that it / may be / night,
in which all the beasts of the / forest / creep / forth.
23 The lions / roar for their / prey
and / seek their / food from / God.
24 The sun rises and / they are / gone
to lay themselves / down / in their / dens.
25 People go / forth to their / work
and to their / labour un/til the / evening.
26 O Lord, how manifold / are your / works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the / earth is / full of your / creatures.

2 Corinthians 9.9-11a

As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

Matthew 13.1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Readings for next Sunday, 15 September (Season of Creation: Growing)

Ezekiel 47.[1-6a] 6b-12; Psalm 147.1-13; Benedicite; Philippians 4.4-7; John 12.23-26

Throughout September, we will mark the **season of Creationtide**. This is the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. From today our weekly themes will be 'Sowing', 'Growing', 'Gathering' and 'Treasuring'. We will use this time to reflect on the life-giving process of sowing seed, caring for the growing crops, harvesting, eating and storing them. We will give thanks to God for the gift of creation and renew our commitment to caring for the planet. We will then celebrate at the end of September with our Harvest Festival meal on Saturday 28 September (more details to follow) and at our 10 o'clock Sunday service on 29 September.

This coming Saturday (14th) is **Greener Queen Edith's Day (skip day)**. Pam is looking for volunteers to come into church please on the morning, to spend some time clearing out items from the storeroom, back corridor and boiler room, and to take along to put on the drop-off table or into the skip outside the shops. It would be helpful if you could let Pam know of your plans to come along - all help gratefully received
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Saturday mornings at St James'. Our new 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 Thursday this week, 9.15 am – 1.15 pm.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	David Heslam
Monday	Rosie and Duncan Hewitt, Robin and Aidan
Tuesday	Ruth Holdstock, Jon Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Wednesday	Christina Hood, Elena and Lukas
Thursday	Geoff Howard
Friday	Elsbeth Hutchison and family
Saturday	Barbara Irving and family

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/88561908831?pwd=OTNzMEIRazBMdW5WV2pNcE5iRzlnQT09>

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.

