

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

16 March 2025

THE 2nd 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.

Today's readings are:

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm, 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	New every morning is the love	NEH 238
Offertory:	Be thou my vision	NEH 339
Communion:	Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended	NEH 62
Final:	Praise to the holiest in the height	NEH 439
Anthem:	Libera me (Gabriel Fauré)	

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

Monday 17 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 18 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Una Turner's Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday 19 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Friday 21 st	<i>deadline for APCM reports to be emailed to the office please</i>	
Saturday 22 nd	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Club
	5.00 pm	Flames Group

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 29 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Music Group rehearsal
Wed 2 nd April	11.00 am	Pastoral team meeting
Saturday 5 th	5.00 pm	Flames Group
Sunday 6 th	11.30 am	APCM
Tuesday 8 th	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Saturday 12 th	6.00 pm	Steve's leaving do 'Board Games and Buffet'
	- 9.00 pm	

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He

said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then / shall I / fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then / shall I / be a/fraid?
2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to / eat up my / flesh,
they / stumbled / and / fell.
3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall / not be a/fraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I / put my / trust in / him.
4 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that a/lone I / seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
/ all the / days of my / life,
5 To behold the fair / beauty of the / Lord
and to / seek his / will in his / temple.
6 For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me / in his / shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me / high up/on a / rock.
7 And now shall he / lift up my / head
above my / enemies / round a/bout me;
8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with / great / gladness;
I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.
Hear my voice, O Lord, / when I / call;
have / mercy up/on me and / answer me.
My heart tells of your word, / Seek my / face.'
Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.
11 Hide / not your / face from me,
nor cast your / servant a/way in dis/pleasure.
12 You have / been my / helper;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O / God of / my / sal/vation.

Though my father and my / mother for/sake me,
the / Lord will / take me / up.
14 Teach me your / way O / Lord;
lead me on a level path,
because of / those who / lie in / wait for me.
15 Deliver me not into the / will of my / adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and / those who / breathe out / violence.
16 I believe that I shall see the / goodness of the / Lord
in the / land / of the / living.
17 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall / comfort your / heart;
wait / patiently / for the / Lord.

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Readings for next Sunday, 23 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)

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

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.

Please note we are using a **new Zoom link for the 10 am service** up to and including Easter Day. Please see details on the back page.

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 8 pm. 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.

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 in the office by Friday 21 March at the latest. Thank you. stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk

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.

We will be holding our next **Bring & Buy Sale** on 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. Donations of cakes are always popular and we would welcome small gifts suitable for raffle prizes. Thank you.

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 morning and has access to the office phone and email.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Stan and Susan Wilson and family
Monday	Grae and Jacqui Worster, Susannah, Lizzie, Katherine and Caroline
Tuesday	Linda Appleby and family
Wednesday	Sarah and Alex Aylward, Emily and Sophie
Thursday	Helen Arnold and family
Friday	John and Jackie Bartholomew and family
Saturday	Jenny Bell and Andrew Brown, Adam, Rachel and Matthew

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

Contacts

Vicar	Rev'd Steve Rothwell (01223) 246108 s.rothwell3@btinternet.com
Curate	Rev'd Rob Hawkins rob.sjww@gmail.com 07763 447694
Licensed Lay Minister	Elizabeth Brown liztollerbrown@hotmail.co.uk
Churchwarden	Pam Butler 07745 591235 pambutler27@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Sue Wilson (01223) 247507 treasurer.sjww@gmail.com
Pastoral Assistant	Rosemary Monk (01223) 246421 rem66@btinternet.com
Director of Music	position vacant
Acting Director of Music	Grae Worster (01223) 846295 mgw1@cam.ac.uk
Safeguarding Officer	Jill Bradley, 07971 013645 jillb.sjww@gmail.com
Church Office:	(01223) 246419 (Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.15 am -1.15 pm)
E-mail:	stjameschurchcambridge@yahoo.co.uk
Website:	stjamescambridge.org.uk

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/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.

