

St James', Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

The Weekly Sheet

6 April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent /Passiontide begins



Today:

8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)
8.45 am	Lent Breakfast
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
11.30 am	APCM

Welcome to our services.

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:

Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:

Opening:	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	NEH 393
Offertory:	Just as I am, without one plea	NEH 294
Communion:	Glory be to Jesus	NEH 83
Final:	And can it be	see page 4
Anthem:	Drop, drop slow tears (<i>Orlando Gibbons</i>)	

Collect for Today

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week:

Monday 7 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Meditation Group
Tuesday 8 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Hymn service at Cherry Hinton Care Home
Wednesday 9 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 12 th	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Cafe
	10.30 am	Fairbite Food Club
	6.00 pm	Steve's leaving do 'Board Games and Buffet'

Dates for your Diary:

Holy Week & Easter		see page 6
Saturday 26 th	10.30 am	Bring & Buy Sale
	5.00 pm	Fauré Requiem

Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion,
then were / we like / those who / dream.
2 Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter
and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.
3 Then said they a/mong the / nations,
'The / Lord has done / great things / for them'.
4 The Lord has indeed done / great things / for us,
and / therefore / we re/joyced.
5 Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord,
as the / river beds / of the / desert.
6 Those who / sow in / tears
shall / reap with / songs of / joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, / bearing the / seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

Philippians 3.4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Readings for next Sunday, 13 April (Palm Sunday)

8 am: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 19.28-40

10 am: Liturgy of the Palms reading: Luke 19.28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11 and the Passion Narrative according to Luke.

Final Hymn: And can it be

1
And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

3
He left his Father's throne above
So free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

5
No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley

2
'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

4
Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

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Our **APCM** is **TODAY**, 11.30 am in church. **Papers for the meeting** were sent out to all those on the weekly update email list during the week. Thank you to everyone who submitted a report.

Lent Breakfasts. Today is our last Lent breakfast, 8.45 am - 9.30 am. A suggested donation of £3 for Queen Edith Fairbite Food Club would be very welcome.

Steve's Leaving Do – 'Board Games and Buffet'. Come and join Steve, Emma, Isaac and Leo, this 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.

Good Friday Activity morning; we'd be grateful for any **donations of small boxes** to be used to create mini-Easter gardens; the size of an egg-box would be ideal. Also, **anyone willing to help on the day**, please let Steve or Rob know. Thank you!

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.

Sing Fauré Saturday 26 April. Come and join us to sing Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré, as well as some of the choruses from Vivaldi's Gloria. Singers' warm up and rehearsal 3.00 pm; audience from 5.00 pm. Tickets £5 (children £2). Details on the website/Get_involved/Choir/Sing_Fauré or go direct with tinyurl.com/stjames-sing-faure



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.

Prayer for Friends and Congregation of St James'

Sunday	Catie Gordon
Monday	Hatty Harris
Tuesday	Robert and Fran Hawkins and Gwen
Wednesday	Ann and Geoff Heathcock
Thursday	David Heslam
Friday	Ruth Holdstock, Jon Griffiths, Matilda and Theo
Saturday	Alison and Graham Giles



**St James'
Church**
Wulfstan Way

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, 13 April

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist with
procession and passion narrative

Wednesday, 16 April

10.15 am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 17 April

6.00 pm Soup dinner (please sign list in foyer)
7.00 pm Holy Communion with washing of feet

Good Friday, 18 April

10.00 am Families activity morning
2.00 pm Holy Communion including
veneration of the cross

Holy Saturday, 19 April

8.00 pm Easter Vigil and first
Holy Communion of Easter

Easter Day, 20 April

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome

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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/87556083703?pwd=gbOcGfk1jVldQD7SJ7UAH4NvQaUxs7.1>

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.

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