

**14 December 2025**



**Today:**

8.00 am	Eucharist
8.45 am	Advent breakfast
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our services.

If you are visiting St James' for the first time, please introduce yourself to our curate, Rob, or one of the churchwardens, or a sidesperson.

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**Our readings are:**

Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11.

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**Our hymns at 10 o'clock are:**

Opening:	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	AM 46
Offertory:	Hark a thrilling voice is sounding	AM 38
Communion:	For the fruits of all creation	AM 284
Final:	Tell out my soul	AM 394
Anthem:	Adam lay ybounden ( <i>Boris Ord</i> )	

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**Collect for Today:**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Today's Psalm is: Psalm 146.4-10

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help,  
whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;

5 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and / all that is / in them;  
who / keeps his / promise for / ever;

6 who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong  
and / bread to / those who / hunger.

7 The Lord looses / those that are / bound;  
the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;

8 the Lord lifts up those who are / bowed / down;  
the / Lord / loves the / righteous;

9 the Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the / orphan and / widow;  
but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.

10 The Lord shall / reign for / ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations.  
/ Alle/luia. [or / Praise the / Lord].

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## This week:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	Meditation Group
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting. <i>PCC members, please enter via back door</i>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Eucharist
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Community Carol Singing, meet at the shops
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Saturday morning Café and Fairbite Food Club
	3.30 pm	Christingle Service

## Dates for your diary:

### Christmas services

Extra copies are available from the table in the Foyer.

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## Readings for next Sunday, 21 December (4th Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 24.1-6; Luke 1.26-38

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## Notices

**Today**, there will be a special one-off **Advent breakfast**, thanks to Jacqui Worster.

Rob's last service with us will be on Christmas Day. But **today** we are taking the opportunity to thank him for all he has done at St James' and to wish him well in his new job. **Come and join with us after the 10 o'clock service for fizz and cake** as we wish him, Fran and Gwen all the best. Everyone welcome.

Meditation **group** meets at 11.30am during Advent to reflect on the writings of St John of the Cross. Extracts are available on the meditation page of the website.

**Flyers with details of our Christmas Services** are available from the entrance foyer table - please sign the list and take some away to deliver. Thank you.

**Community Carol Singing, Thursday 18 December, 5.30 pm.** We are looking forward to a rousing session of Carol singing with our neighbours from across the parish. We will meet outside The Coffee House in Wulfstan Way, moving on to Dunstan Court and finishing at The Queen Edith Pub.

**Christingle Service, 3.30 pm, Saturday 20 December.** If you can help Rob with serving refreshments after our Christingle service, please have a word with him.

**Lessons & Carols, 6.30 pm, Sunday 21 December.** If you can supply a box of mince pies and/or help with serving and/or clearing away after our service, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Thank you.

**Deanery Synod Rep.** We are seeking a new lay representative for Deanery Synod. Churches from the Cambridge South Deanery meet once a quarter, on a weekday evening, to discuss matters of common concern and to plan for the future. This is an interesting and enjoyable way to support St James' interests and build relationships with other churches. Deanery Synod reps are *ex officio* members of the PCC. For more information speak to our current rep Bill Broadhurst, or former rep Hatty Harris, or to Rob.

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### **This week we are praying for:**

Mary Calladine and family; Peter Canning; Denis Chandler;  
Eric and Rhena Clouston and family; Ellen and Andrew Collings, Sharn and Troy;  
Caroline and Tony Dickson and Helen; Maureen Gibbs.

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

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We provide a Zoom link for our 10 o'clock Sunday services: Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83891911352?pwd=E6ixlzVLqGnx2joycwoPnWOUNEvia.1>

Meeting ID: 838 9191 1352 Passcode: 826798



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