

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

April 30th 2017 EASTER 3/AGM Year A 17/17

Welcomer: Shirley Chinery
Reader: Eric Sorensen
Euch. Mins: Hilary Roden and Maria Flavius
Coffee: Kris Hyde
Flowers: Norah Hodge
Organist: Adam Dickson

Reading for Easter 4, May 7th 2017
Acts 2: 42-end Ken Thompson

Collect: Jesus, you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Help us to endure the hardships of life, that we may seize the opportunities you offer and strive for that which is yet impossible; for you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

Agenda and Reports for the ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING to be held after Mass in St James' Hall, Prebend Street on Sunday 30 April 2017

WHEN WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR set about organising his new kingdom in 1066, one of the outcomes was the formalising of the parish system, with each community having a local Parish Church at the heart of its life. While that is under severe strain in many parts of the country, here it is still possible to at least attempt to offer the love of God to all-comers if we have the mind-set that says: we are not here just for ourselves but for those who have not yet heard the Gospel or received what God alone can give. That means we are constantly having to review our ministry. Are we genuinely doing all we can to serve our bit of south Islington; are we fulfilling our potential; how can we avoid being distracted by things that don't matter so much; and do we have young families and their children at the heart of our outreach programme? The debate at the end of the AGM today ties in with this last question: *what should we do on 1st Sundays?* What do you think?

Notes on today's readings:

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Challenged by Peter's dynamic preaching, the crowds seek baptism
1 Peter 1: 17-23 A great message for an AGM; life is not about money but about Jesus
St Luke 24: 13-35 On the road to Emmaus the disciples' lives are turned upside down

Entry Kaan11 Our life is like
Gradual CAHON476 O breath of life
Offertory TP134 The Church of God
P-Comm AM743 O God, beyond all p.
Final AM757 One more step

WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass (see back page for giving by text).
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you want to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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YELLOW ENVELOPES Three times a year we ask you to dip into your pockets to support the orphan children of Bonda in Zimbabwe (MOP/TZABA) - at Harvest, at Christmas via the 20p coin Smartie Tube collection and throughout Lent. On the back noticeboard is the newsletter from Jo Barton, the local MOP organiser and there are details there of the situation which is well worth a read. Please do all you can to help these children, firstly because they depend on us for their school fees but also because their diet is very limited without our regular infusion of cash. Please return your Lent envelope as soon as you can.

KEVIN CARTER You will be sorry to hear that Kevin's cancer has advanced and he has had to be admitted to the UCH. Please remember him, Dionne, Aly, Taylor, Emma and Jack in your prayers (aided by the picture of Dionne, Emma and Jack on the front cover of today's AGM booklets).

PACK-UP Regularly attracting thirty guests on a Monday lunchtime, Pack-Up is thriving. However, like all volunteer teams, there are some weeks when there are barely

enough people available - not just to serve the food but also to talk to those who come. This will become most acute when the holiday season begins. If anyone could be free on Mondays between 12noon and 1.30pm we would really appreciate your help.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **EASTER 3** 8am Mass in Church. **10am PARISH MASS and AGM in the Hall. SUNDAY SCHOOL** in Church!

Mon **BANK HOLIDAY** 12.15pm — 1.15pm Pack-Up.

Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.

Wed 10am Mass.

Thurs 10.10am Assembly at St Mary's School. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session.

Sat 7.30pm 840 Group Concert

Sun 7 **EASTER 4** 8am Mass. 10am **PARISH MASS.**

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 30 **EASTER 3** Parry family; Roden family; Rosemary Ross
 Mon 1 **DEL Easter 3** Kerry Sabine; Helen Schofield
 Tues 2 **St Athanasius** Seabrook family; Vicki Simmons
 Wed 3 **Feria** Susan and Eric Sorensen; Senior family
 Thurs 4 **Reformation Saints** Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen Taylor
 Fri 5 **Feria** Ken Thompson; Fr Victor de Waal
 Sat 6 **Feria** Eoin and Victoria Walsh; Tim Willis
 Sun 7 **EASTER 4** Ashley/Theo Williams; Ruth/Eloise de Wynter

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Some very significant birthdays this week: warmest congratulations to Maria Flavius on the occasion of her 70th birthday tomorrow; to Fr David who celebrates his 80th on Tuesday and to Wendy Fisher-Gordon whose day is on Friday 5th.

ANNIVERSARY Friday marks the 142nd anniversary of our consecration.

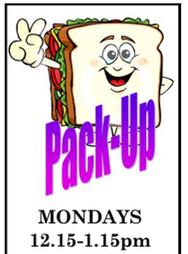
IN OUR PRAYERS Amy, Claudette Baker, James Baker, Carol Brierley, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Peter Comerford, Marian Davis, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jill Hetherington, Jamie, Leigh, Lorraine, Rene, Violet Shuman, John Scott, Sue, Janet Young.

IN HOSPITAL Kevin Carter (UCH), Catherine Daley (Whittington).

MEMORIALS 21st: Fred Welling (Verger, murdered 1984); 3rd: William Wheat; 4th: Stephanie Gridley (1998); 5th: Kathleen Palmer (2001), Doris Akehurst (2001).



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe has had her appeal against a 5 year sentence on 'secret' charges turned down once more in Iran. An on-line petition on the Amnesty International website has captured lots of people's attention and there is an article about her case on the back notice board. Please continue to pray for Nazanin, for Richard and for their daughter Gabriella



MONDAYS
12.15-1.15pm

No cash for the collection?

Text **STJ01** and the amount of your donation (€10/£5/£3/£2) to **70070** Thank-you!

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