

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

May 21st 2017 **EASTER 6** Year A 17/20

Welcomer: Ken Thompson
 Readers: Chris Wright and tba
 Euch. Mins: Maria Flavius and Ken Thompson
 Coffee: Meredith Jones and Stuart Parry
 Flowers: Norah Hodge
 Organist: Adam Dickson

Reading for Ascension Sunday, May 28th 2017
 Acts 1: 1-11 Ruth de Wynter and Maria Flavius

Collect: Give us we pray gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Islington Proms
 at St James', Prebend Street

SEVEN PLAY A SYMPHONY



ENSEMBLE NOVA LUCE

Chamber arrangements of
 Haydn Symphony No 94 in G major 'Surprise'
 Chopin Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor
 Rubbra Fantasia on a theme of Machaut

Sunday 21 May, 6pm

St James', Prebend Street, London N1 8PF

Tickets £12 (concs £7) from www.oxboffice.com, 0645 680 1926 or Islington Music, 6 Shillingford Street, N1, or on the door

THE PCC (the Parochial Church Council or more obviously, St James' Church Council) meets tomorrow night at the Vicarage. This will be the first session after the 2017 AGM and one of the first tasks will be to welcome Isabel Nisbet as our new Churchwarden. So what is a Churchwarden?! The theory is that they are the Bishop's 'eyes and ears' and he can, technically, send for them at any time and ask them what is going on here! At a more basic level they are the two people elected by the members of the parish to 'balance' the leadership of the parish priest. The idea is that, between the three of them, there should be enough skills to respond to all the day to day demands of making sure that this local branch of the Church of Jesus Christ does what it says on the tin: calling all people to know him, love him and serve him. Which is no small task! But it is huge blessing to any Vicar if he can rely on his two Churchwardens to look after all the

Notes on today's readings:

Acts 17: 22-31 Paul wanders through the market place in Athens and finds something odd
 1 Peter 3: 13-end A baptismal sermon: Jesus' use of water works better than any Ark
 St John 14: 15-21 Those who love Jesus will see him - and will be loved by him

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry AM593i At the name of J.
 Gradual CAHON658 There is a R.
 Offertory AM721ii Love divine
 P-Comm. AM330 Do not be afraid
 Final TP23 Though I speak

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 would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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'material' side of parish life - making sure that everything is in good working order so that the Vicar is freed up to care for the congregation and its worship. That's the principle at least! Finally, to support those three we then have nine other PCC members who each bring their own talents to the table. And the discussions are not just about drains and hall bookings! St James' is embarking on an exciting five year plan 'Phase 2' which will build on all the work of refurbishing our buildings and updating our admin. infrastructure, begun in 2011. Key to that is the use of the Church - in particular our innovative series of concerts and musical events - and the care of our children and our younger families.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHURCH At the end of the AGM Maria Burniston raised the question of how best to serve our young people on 1st Sundays. Traditionally this has been an All Age Mass but this has not always been appreciated by parents looking after very young (and wriggly) children. As a result we are running a questionnaire over the next couple of months to see what the whole congregation

would prefer on these occasions. In July the PCC will sit down with all the responses to see what would be best: to stay as we are now, to develop a more inter-active Mass or provide Sunday School as usual.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **EASTER 6** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 6pm Prom: Ensemble Nova Luce.
 Mon 12.15pm - 1.15pm Pack-Up. 7.30pm PCC meets at the Vicarage.
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 3.30pm New lighting for the William Lamb statue (rearranged - yet again!).
 Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm IPC., Vicarage.
 Thurs 10.10am Assembly at St Mary's: Moses. 6pm E. Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session.
 Sun 28 **ASCENSION SUNDAY** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL, with the BAPTISM of Hettie Hinton (Holden House).

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

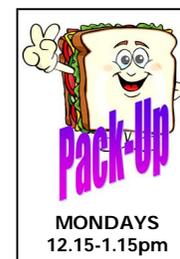
Sun 21 **EASTER 6** Ford family; Freeman family
 Mon 22 **Rogation Day** James and Megan Gill; Nino Gonzales
 Tues 23 **Rogation Day** Mark and Shireen Gilbert; Greenaways
 Wed 24 **John and Charles Wesley** Jill Hetherington; Hinton
 Thurs 25 **Feria** Scott Harrington; Joan Hill; Paul Hills
 Fri 26 **St Augustine of Canterbury** Mark, Norah Hodge; Humes
 Sat 27 **Feria** Kris Hyde; Grace and Elrose Joseph
 Sun 28 **ASCENSION SUN.** Miranda Jules; Geraldine Keating

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Very many Happy Returns today to Sam Lewis who is 11; tomorrow to Theo Williams, to Kris Hyde and to Dan Bryan; and on Wednesday to Sunday School teacher Laura Roden.
BANNS Between Malcolm Leslie James Pratt and Michelle Jennifer Greensit, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Giles and St Nicholas Sidmouth. These are for the 3rd TOA.
DEPARTED We pray for the soul of Catherine Daley (aged 99 of Birdbrook, Popham Road) who died on Thursday 11th. Rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARIES Today: Margaret Osborne; 22nd: Joseph Daley; 24th: Geoff Prendergast; 25th: Alison Nisbet.
IN OUR PRAYERS Robert Addington, Amy, Claudette Baker, James Baker, Carol Brierley, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Kevin Carter, Peter Comerford, Marian Davis, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jill Hetherington, Jamie, Leigh, Lorraine, Rene, Violet Shuman, John Scott, Sue, Janet Young.



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe has had her appeal against a 5 year sentence on 'secret' charges turned down once more in Iran. 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!