

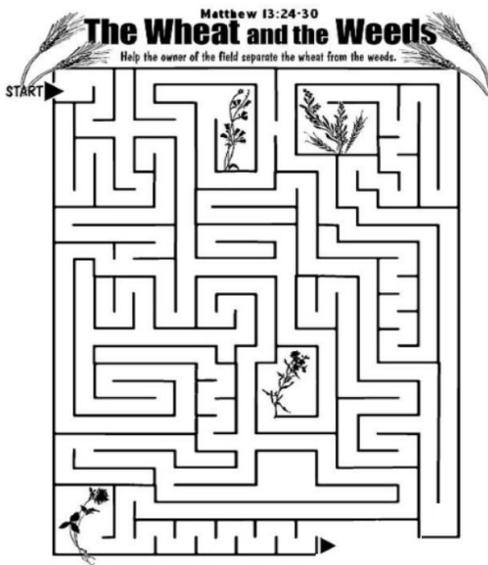


**ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF**  
**July 23rd 2017 TRINITY 6 Year A 17/28**

Welcomer: Ken Thompson  
 Readers: Tba and Kris Hyde  
 Euch. Mins: Maria Flavius and Ken Thompson  
 Coffee: Tba  
 Flowers: Norah Hodge  
 Organist: Adam Dickson

Readings for Trinity 7, 30th July 2017  
 1 Kgs 3:5-12, Rom. 8: 26-end Jane Kilgannon and Joyce Owusu

**Collect: God of patience and understanding, you always take delight in what you have made: encourage us when we are slow, restrain us when we are rash, that in your own good time we may become the rich harvest for which you long; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**GATHERING IN** Today's Gospel may be set in the fields of Galilee but underneath is a very simple question, just as relevant now as in Jesus' day: how do we know who are the ones that God approves of - and who are the ones he will disown at the end of time? St Paul, in the second reading says that this uncertainty (who's in and who's out) was part of God's plan all along. What use is it if we have all the answers in this life? What we have to hang on to is not certainty but hope - trusting that although we cannot see the future, the seed which he has planted will flourish. Like the puzzle (left) there are lots of dead ends - but there is also a way through, at least for those who are willing to work for God's Kingdom, come what may.

**Notes on today's (set) readings:**

**Isaiah 44: 6-8** God promises to transform what currently looks like a hopeless situation  
**Romans 8: 12-25** However bad things appear now the glory to come outweighs them all  
**St Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43** A very agricultural story about wheat - and weeds...!

**TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am**

Entry CAHON372 Judge eternal  
 Gradual AM330 Do not be afraid  
 Offertory L475 Here in this place  
 P-Comm CAHON45 As the deer  
 Final AM493 Hope of our calling

**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.

**St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century**

**CHURCH LIBRARY** As our young people grow so they like to enjoy nice new books when they come into Church. We also want to encourage the adult members of the congregation to dip into some of the books that have been lying around in my study for far too long unread! Moves are afoot to find better ways to display all these new resources and we hope by the end of the summer we will have found a proper solution. In the meantime, we keep turning out all the stuff we will genuinely never use again!

**PACK UP** Toni Parker is again asking for help during the next eight weeks as holidays take people away from Islington. The members of the street community are hugely grateful for anything we can provide and the numbers, even at this time of the year, are still nearly 30 each week. Offers of help to Toni on 07747 063633.

**THANKS** The PCC wanted to express their thanks to you, the congregation, for your ongoing financial support. As a result we are able to meet our obligations to the Diocese again next year via the *Common Fund*. That amounts to a heady £80,600 in 2018. But there are other expenses too and

these are just some of the repairs that have been necessary this month: in the Hall the renewing of obsolete light fittings, the restoration of the emergency lighting and a new pump for the hot water system; in Church we had a loose connection in the hi-fi system and needed new locks/key safes for the vestries!

**WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK**

Sun **TRINITY 6** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
 Mon 12noon Memorial Service for Mary Kennedy, in Church. 12.15pm - 1.15pm Pack-Up.  
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.  
 Wed 10am Mass.  
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Church open for enquiries.  
 Sun 30 **TRINITY 7** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 2-7pm Roden family House warming party.

**Calendar and Daily Prayer themes**

Sun 23 **TRINITY 6** John, Hilary, Laura and Hope; Rosemary  
 Mon 24 **DEL Wk16** Kerry Sabine; Helen Schofield; Seabrooks  
 Tues 25 **Feria** Carl, Fiona, Thomas and Charlie Senior  
 Wed 26 **SS Anne and Joachim** Nick, Isabelle, Maxwell, Leon  
 Thurs 27 **Feria** Vicki Simmons; Susan and Eric Sorensen  
 Fri 28 **Feria** Jodie, Gary, Amelia and Elijah; Vera Taggart  
 Sat 29 **Martha, Mary and Lazarus** Fr Stephen; Thompsons  
 Sun 30 **TRINITY 7** Danielle, Teddy Trower; Zoe and Darcia

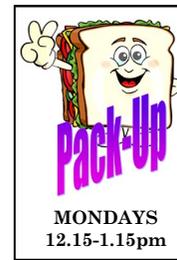
**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

**BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns on Wednesday to Albert Bryan and on Thursday to Robert Addington who will be 92.  
**WEDDING** We pray for Rebecca and Rob Holtham who were married in North Devon yesterday. May they be very happy together.  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** We send our best wishes to Ken and Margaret Thompson who celebrate 54 years together on Thursday.  
**IN OUR PRAYERS** Robert Addington, Amy, Claudette Baker, James Baker, Rose 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.  
**ANNIVERSARIES** 25th: Bertie Kimpton (1990) - in whose memory the gilding on the pillars was completed by bell-ringer Ginnie Johnson; 28th: Eric Stanhope (1995).

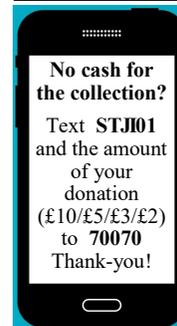


**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe has had her appeal against a 5 year sentence on 'secret' charges turned down in Iran. There is an article about her case on the back notice board. Please continue to pray for Nazanin, for Richard and for their daughter Gabriella.

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**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!