

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF
July 30th 2017 TRINITY 7 Year A 17/29

Welcomer: Grace Joseph
 Reader: Jane Kilgannon
 Euch. Mins: As arranged
 Coffee: Mark and Norah Hodge
 Flowers: Norah Hodge
 Organist: Adam Dickson

Reading for Trinity 8, 6 August 2017
 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Maria Burniston

Collect: God of truth, you have shown us that integrity and love are the hallmarks of the Christian way; teach us to value all the spiritual gifts you offer us and to forgo everything that may bar our way into your Kingdom. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THROWING IT OUT! During August when life is a little bit less busy, I am planning a huge de-cluttering - of the house, the Church and the Hall. The advice from all the life/work balance gurus tells us that much of the stuff we have actually holds us back from enjoying the freedom of 'travelling light'. The temptation to keep things 'just in case they will be useful one day' is especially absurd for someone like me with no memory; when we need it, will we be able to find it?! Who needs the broken miniature harmonium currently in the boiler house or the old pew runners we replaced last year? Being satisfied with less is also a spiritual matter: do our unused belongings make us happy? If the answer is yes perhaps the time has come to ask why?



RECYCLING On the other hand there are things which we can dispose of responsibly. At the back of Church there is a small box awaiting your old mobile handset. We send these to the Children's Society who make money from selling them on for the precious metals they contain. Do you have any to throw out?

Notes on today's (set) readings:

1 Kings 3: 5-12 Solomon refuses to take the opportunity to make himself even wealthier
 Romans 8: 26-39 Love helps us to conquer the most difficult challenges
 St Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 Another handful of parables - stories old and new

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry CAHON686 Through all the c.
 Gradual CAHON298 I am a new c.
 Offertory CAHON715 We have a dream
 P-Comm CAHON619 Strengthen for s.
 Final CAHON617 Stand up

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 will turf out some of the books no one ever reads.

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.

HOUSE WARMING Hilary, John, Laura and Hope warmly welcome the congregation to their house warming this afternoon between 2-7pm. The address is 4 Marcon Place, off Amhurst Rd., Spurstowe Terrace E8 1AA. (07719 048180). Buses:

76, 30, 242 and 38.

NEW ROTAS are out on the back notice-board for the next six months, the period from August to the end of January 2018! Copies have been sent to email addresses and a version without contact names will also be up on the website very shortly. Please swap with others on the rota if a date doesn't work for you.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun TRINITY 7 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 2-7pm Roden family House warming party. (see details above)
 Mon 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. 7.30pm Peng and Lenka wedding preparation, Vicarage
 Sun 6 TRANSFIGURATION 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 30 TRINITY 7 Danielle, Teddy Trower; Zoe and Darcia
 Mon 31 DEL Wk17 Fr Victor de Waal; Walsh family
 Tues 1 Feria Ashley and Theo Williams; Tim Willis
 Wed 2 Feria Chris Wright; Ruth and Eloise de Wynter
 Thurs 3 Feria Robert Addington; Fr David and Mary Addison
 Fri 4 St John Vianney Lisa, Max and Oscar Ahmet-Baker
 Sat 5 St Oswald Louise, Vinney and Ben; Allen family
 Sun 6 TRANSFIGURATION Jenn and Chris Korek; Beatrice

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns today to Bill Murphy who is 82; and on Thursday to Patty Martin who celebrates her 40th birthday with Tim in their new house in East Grinstead.

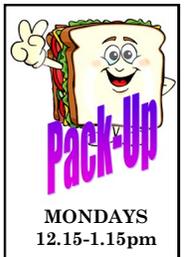
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY We send our best wishes to Detroit and to Meredith and Stuart Parry who celebrate their eighth anniversary on Tuesday with Will, Imogen and Meredith's Mom, Barbara; on the same day John and Maria give thanks for their 36 years together.

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.

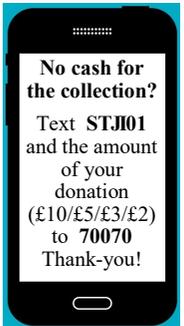
ANNIVERSARIES 23rd August: Joyce Watson (2014).



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.



MONDAYS
12.15-1.15pm



No cash for the collection?

Text **STJM01** and the amount of your donation (£10/£5/£3/£2) to **70070** Thank-you!

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