

**ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF**  
**November 19th 2017 2 b ADVENT Year A 17/44**

**Welcomer:** Ken Thompson  
**Reader:** Ken Thompson and Chris Wright  
**Euch. Mins:** Norah Hodge and tba  
**Coffee:** Norah and Mark Hodge  
**Flowers:** Norah Hodge  
**Organist:** Adam Dickson

Readings for Christ the King: 26th November 2017  
 I Corinthians 11: 23-27 Kingsley Lewis

**Collect: Gracious God, you have richly blessed all creation with your own gifts and skills; encourage us to use our talents generously so that, remaining faithful to your vision on earth, we may finally inherit your glory in the world to come. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**NAZANIN ZHAGARI-RADCLIFFE** *In the world of politics, every word counts. So we are looking for two sets of 'words' in support of Nazanin. The first is from our Foreign Secretary who we hope will do all he can to correct his recent statements so that her innocence is beyond doubt. The second are the words we can all add to Amnesty's petition to the Iranian government: [www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/help-get-nazanin-home](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/help-get-nazanin-home).*

**GIFTED AND TALENTED** is a term increasingly being used in schools to identify those children who are particularly good at one or more areas of the curriculum. Talking to Nicola Percy, Head Teacher at New North Road Academy I was very interested in her description of the way her children are 'stretched' to develop their natural skills. Today's Gospel also uses the word talent and the parable takes us into a really interesting area - accountability: *this is what you have been given, what have you done with it?* What might be said to us about the talents we have received?

And as a community, how can we make best use of the talents that we have between us so that God's kingdom can flourish here? How many have we buried because we were scared to act?

**Notes on today's readings:**

**Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18** Will the 'final day' be one of wrath or celebration?  
**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11** We do not know the place or the time when Christ will come again  
**St Matthew 25: 14-30** At the end of this Church year a question: How have we done?

**TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am**

**Entry** AM558 Now praise the God  
**Gradual** AM51 The Lord will come  
**Offertory** CAHON295 How lovely on  
**Post C** AM725 Make me a channel  
**Final** AM690 Jesus is Lord

**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**

**THE LAST PROM** for 2017 is this evening and is followed by a party to celebrate the last six years and to hear from Yoon Chung and Adam Dickson who take on the direction of the Proms in 2018. Everyone is very welcome to both.

**PACK UP** The annual Christmas lunch for the street community is planned for 12noon on *Monday December 11th*. As usual we want to give all those who attend a parcel of goodies to take away afterwards. These are the usual toiletries, gloves, hats and the kinds of small items that make such a difference to those who have so little. There is a box for all your donations underneath the magazines table in Church marked 'Pack-Up'.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** At the 10am Parish Mass next Sunday we look forward to welcoming eight new communicants among us. Working in three groups, each of them has begun to understand the great gifts Jesus gives us in Holy Communion and we do hope that you will come and support each of them as they take this important new step on their Christian journey.



*Gianni checking the amount of time needed to prove the bread mix during last week's First Holy Communion preparation session at the Vicarage. Then 'Are you there Moriarty?'*

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

Sun 19 *2 b ADVENT* 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.30am FC1. 6pm Prom: Pocket Sinfonia.  
 Mon 12.15pm - 1.15pm Pack-Up.  
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 5.15pm Prayer Service and Rehearsal for First Holy Communion.  
 Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm Deanery Synod.  
 Thurs 4.45pm FC2., Vicarage. No office session.  
 Sun 26 *CHRIST THE KING* 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL including FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

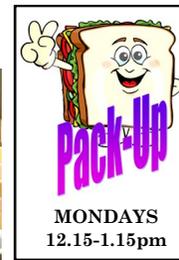
**Calendar and Daily Prayer themes**

Sun 19 *2 b ADVENT* Lisa and Sonny Follett; Wendy F-G  
 Mon 20 *DEL Wk33* Maria Flavius; Flynn families  
 Tues 21 *Feria* Ros, Chris, Beatrice and Sebastian Ford  
 Wed 22 *St Cecilia* James, Eliza, George and Bobby Freeman  
 Thurs 23 *St Clement* James and Megan Gill; Mark & Shireen  
 Fri 24 *Feria* Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy and Sam  
 Sat 25 *St Catherine* Scott Hetherington; Jill Hetherington  
 Sun 26 *CHRIST THE KING* Our First Holy Communicants

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



**FIRST COMMUNICANTS** Jack Carter, Gianni and Giandre Esprit, Jerome Kasella, Eva Koy, Sam Lewis, Charlie and Isla Seabrook.  
**IN OUR PRAYERS** Robert Addington, Amy, Claudette Baker, James Baker, Carol Brierley, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Peter Comerford, Marian Davis, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Athar Haroon, Jamie, Leigh, Lorraine, Celia Marshall, Rene, Violet Shuman, John Scott, Paul Smith, Sue, Janet Young.  
**ANNIVERSARIES** 23rd: Nancy Buckley (2012); 24th: Hathaway Holness.  
**IN OUR PRAYERS** We remember the people of Zimbabwe after the recent military take-over, praying especially for the children of St David's orphanage in Bonda and for their safety at this time.



**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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