

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

May 6th 2018 ASCENSION Year B 18/17

Welcomers: Maria Flavius
 Readers: Susan Sorensen and Martin Allen
 Euch. Mins: Dionne Carter and Kingsley Lewis
 Coffee: Eva Kasella (20th: Isabel Nisbet)
 Flowers: Norah Hodge
 Organist: Adam Dickson

Reading for Ascension Sunday: 13th May 2018 at 10am:
 Acts 2: 1-21 Shirley Chinery; Romans 8: 22-27 Chris Wright

Collect: Father God, you took Jesus from our sight so that he could receive glory at your right hand in heaven: at our own homecoming may we follow him and find our hope, our joy and our peace in the heavenly places; where you reign as Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



FOR THE FUTURE

It is said that people feel more comfortable recalling the past than they do looking to the future. Which is not surprising: you can't change the past and we can often take comfort from what

achieve good things - not just in his own lifetime and in the lives of his contemporaries but for generations of people that he would never know. And the result? In addition to all that has been spent keeping this Church in good condition since 1875, over the next two years it is William Lambe's generous legacy that will enable us to complete the current refurbishment of St James' - a Church he never saw, built in a part of London that, in his day, was nothing more than open farmland! Like Richard Cloudesley the great Islington philanthropist, Lambe believed that God had long term plans and he was eager to play his part, using his resources for others rather than for himself. It is in that spirit that we pray today for the faith to do all we can to ensure the future viability of this Church, a future we will not see...

has been achieved. But there is nothing certain about tomorrow - or what comes after that! St Paul rightly encourages us to live by faith and not by sight but it is no bad thing having the odd role model to help us. So today's celebration features our own William Lambe, born back in 1495. As we hear something of his story, what I hope will come across is his enduring belief that he could

Notes on today's readings:

Acts 1: 1-11 The last piece of the jigsaw; Jesus returns to heaven and the disciples wait...
 Ephesians 1: 15-end It is within the Church that the power of God will be seen
 St Luke 24: 44-end The disciples could finally let go of Jesus: he had taught them well

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry AM769 Rejoice the Lord is K.
 Resp. Ps. Psalm 47
 Offertory AM232 The head that once
 Anthem Gibbons O Lord increase my f.
 Final AM422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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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CHRISTIAN AID On one of the hottest Bank Holiday week-ends ever, there were 17 children at the All Age Mass last week when we looked together at the work of Christian Aid. Our focus was on Haiti and we watched a moving film clip of what happened to Vilia and her family when Hurricane Matthew arrived in 2016. We are hoping to cover the whole font carpet with coins in the next few weeks. Do bring your change to help the work of Christian Aid.

FACULTIES As part of our application to the Diocese, we have done tests this week to see what the red stone columns look like. Not what we hoped...

BUBBLE RUSH Laura and Hope are taking part in the East London Bubble Rush on Sunday 10 June to raise money for Richard House (where Hope gets respite care) and three other hospices. They would really appreciate your support via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LauraRoden>.

TONIGHT Adam will be performing an original song cycle with two friends, Jordan Hunt and Justin Kim. Tickets £5 at the door.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

- Sun ASCENSION SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. Theme William Lambe. 7pm Adam presents a short concert. See left.
- Mon 10am Proms Committee. 12noon Pack-Up.
- Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
- Wed 10am Mass. 11am Funeral of Jim Baker followed by burial at Finchley cemetery.
- Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session. 7pm Joe Ammoun talks about prayer, Vicarage.
- Fri 11-4pm Fr John at course on developing Spiritual Direction, Lombard Street.
- Sun 20 PENTECOST 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

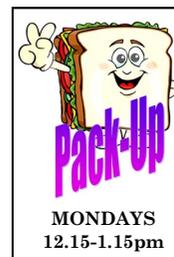
Sun 13 ASCENSION SUNDAY Matt and Nicole Jean-Baptiste
 Mon 14 St Matthias Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
 Tues 15 Feria Pat and Philip Kingston; Kasella family
 Wed 16 Feria Kingsley Lewis; Beryl Lloyd; Tom Mahoney
 Thurs 17 Feria Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; Lizzy Maitland
 Fri 18 Feria McBrien families; Paula, Gianni and Giandre
 Sat 19 St Dunstan Bill Murphy; Sarah Nash
 Sun 20 PENTECOST Jade, Charlie and Henry; Isabel Nisbet

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns today to Charlie Green who is 5, and to Jane Kilgannon whose day is on Wednesday. [Any more names and dates to go into the little red book?]
- BANNS** Between Matthew Thomas Foley and Hannah Ruth Barber, both single and of this parish with a qualifying connection with St Michael and all Angels, Oxnead. This is for the 2nd TOA.
- IN OUR PRAYERS** Robert Addington (Bridgeside Lodge), Amy, Claudette Baker, Carol Brierley, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Vivienne Carlton, Peter Comerford, Marian Davis, Geraldine, Fr Evan Jones, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jamie, Leigh, Lorraine, Oscar, Rene, Violet Shuman, John Scott, Paul Smith, Sue, Janet Young.
- FUNERAL** The funeral for Jim Baker will be here at St James' this Wednesday at 11am, followed by a reception at the Regency Suite, 113 Bruce Grove, Tottenham N17 6UR (341/476 bus).



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE We continue to pray and to hope for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe whose appeal seems to have stalled. Locked away for two years in a case which seems more political than criminal we also pray for her husband Richard and 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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