



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

June 24th 2018 JOHN THE BAPTIST Yr B 8/22

Welcomers: Hilary Roden
 Readers: Grace Joseph and Kingsley Lewis
 Euch. Mins: Norah Hodge and Isabel Nisbet
 Coffee: Fiona Senior (1st: Nick and Isabelle)
 Flowers: Norah Hodge
 Organist: Adam Dickson

Readings for Trinity 5: 1 July 2018 at 10am:
 As arranged Francesca Falcioni

Collect: God most high, whose servant John the Baptist challenged the most resistant minds; grant that we your children may welcome the change of heart that he proclaimed and be willing to follow the one whose coming he announced, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



JOHN THE BAPTIST seems to have had the ability to change the hearts and minds of his hearers. In current world politics and as we try to work our way to a sensible form of BREXIT, are minds actually changed or do we find that, like Alice in Wonderland, words mean whatever the speaker wants them to mean? What is the key to a real 'change of heart'?

PACK-UP I have just (Friday morning) called into the Church Hall. There, waiting patiently for the delivery from the Felix Project, were Toni, Lisa and Dave. This group of three are the backbone of Pack-Up and I want to share just a bit of what they achieve, week by week. Fortunately Toni Parker the project leader has given us some statistics. In the three months, January to March, there were nearly 300 clients and the weekly numbers varied from 24 to nearly 40. Of course you never quite know how many are coming on any occasion and the team has to be flexible enough

to be able to serve whoever comes - and to do it professionally. Hygiene standards have to be high and so as well as buying in sandwich fillings and fresh vegetables for the soups that Joyce makes each week, there are regular demands for anti-bacterial spray, food handling gloves and food containers as well as detergent for the dishwasher. Thanks to the Felix Project who supply a whole range of staples like coffee, tea and sugar as well as more perishable items like cake and bread, Pack-Up has been able to start a mini Food Bank, offering fruit and a whole range of goods which the clients are able to take away at the end. No one leaves hungry! Amazingly the cost for this service is just 83p per head per week! But there are some other costs. The purchase of the 2minute cycle dishwasher has been a absolute boon. Now we have to turn our attention to the fridge and freezer situation. The current fridge-freezer was given to the Church four years ago and is now unreliable. The rise in the number of party bookings means hirers sometimes complain the fridge is full of stuff for Pack-Up! We have now bought a separate fridge just for the lunch club and we will soon have to purchase a new fridge-freezer. But we know it will be put to very good use!

SEVEN! With new arrangements being made for Freddie Jenkins, we now have seven baptisms between now and 2nd September - some at 10am and some at 12noon. We are a young congregation so we hope lots will 'keep the date' - July 15th - for the next **Family Fun Day**.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **JOHN THE BAPTIST** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 Mon 12noon Pack-Up. 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation with swearing-in of Churchwardens, St Mary's, Stoke Newington.
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
 Wed 10am Mass. Mostyn Goodwin offers some advice on the future of Phase 2.
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session for all enquiries.
 Sat *Fr John officiates at a wedding at Royal Holloway College, Egham.*
 Sun 1 **TRINITY 5** 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

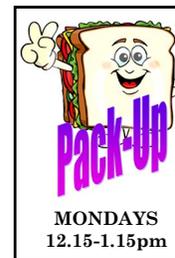
Sun 24 **JOHN THE BAPTIST** Jill Hetherington, Paul Hills
 Mon 25 **DEL Wk 12** Mark and Norah Hodge; Rebecca Hotham
 Tues 26 **Feria** Hume family; Matt and Nicole Jean-Baptiste
 Wed 27 **St Cyril** Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
 Thurs 28 **St Irenaeus** Pat and Philip Kingston; Kasella family
 Fri 29 **SS Peter and Paul, Ap** Kingsley Lewis; Beryl Lloyd
 Sat 30 **Ember Day** Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; Lizzy Maitland
 Sun 1 **TRINITY 5** McBrien families; Paula, Gianni and Giandre

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

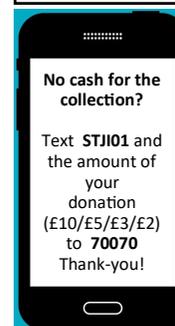
BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday tomorrow to Sr Moira Jones of the St Margaret's Community in Haggerston who will be 85.
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY We send our warmest congratulations to Luigi and Jane Falcioni who share their copper (or possibly pottery?!) anniversary with Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria.
ORDINATION Suzanne Smith (Diocese of Texas) ordained deacon yesterday.
SICK Robert Addington, Carol Brierley, Annie Bryan, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Peter Comerford, Marian Davis, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jamie, Leigh, Lorraine, Oscar, Rene, John Scott, Sam Seabrook, Violet Shuman, Paul Smith, Sue, Janet Young.
MEMORIALS 27th: Anne Fathers, who did so much to keep St James' open during the difficult days of the 1970s when closure seemed certain (2002); 29th: Frederick Cooper; 30th: David Maitland (former treasurer) (1995).



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE We continue to pray and to hope for the release of **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** who faces yet more charges in Iran. Her husband Richard is appealing once more to Boris Johnson in the hope that she can soon return home. Please pray for Nazanin, Richard and their daughter Gabriella.



MONDAYS
 12.15-1.15pm



No cash for the collection?

Text **STJ101** and the amount of your donation (£10/£5/£3/£2) to **70070** Thank-you!

Notes on today's readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11 The word of the Lord can be heard in the wilderness - even a concrete one
Galatians 3: 23-29 St Pauls spells out how we are all one - and equal - in Christ Jesus
St Luke 1: 57-66, 80 What is this child going to be? The herald for his cousin Jesus

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry AM46 On Jordan's bank
 Gradual AM330 Do not be afraid
 Offertory AM569 The Kingdom of God
 P-Comm AM27 Colours of day
 Final AM28 Come and see

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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