

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

13 January 2019 BAPTISM OF CHRIST 19/2

Welcomers: As arranged
 Readers: Kerry Sabine and Ros Ford
 Interceder: Susan Sorensen
 Euch Mins: Susan Sorensen and Dionne Carter
 Coffee: As arranged (20th: Norah and Mark)

Readings for Epiphany 2 20 January 2019 at 10am
 Isaiah 62: 1-5 Nick Sharples 1 Cor. 12: 1-11 Lucy Haire

Collect: Almighty Father, by the whose Spirit your people are united in prayer: renew us with the graces we received at our baptism so that we who hear your Word may be filled with the hope and joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BAPTISM OF JESUS Baptisms (when they happen these days) have become such a major family social occasion that we sometimes forget just what a major decision baptism represents. In the past - and sadly still in the Arab world today - it is a life and death decision. Are you for Christ or against him? As we hear the Gospel story of Jesus' baptism, we can't but be aware that this marked his total commitment to each of us: he will give his life so that we can be free. Our sins will not stop us enjoying eternal life in the Kingdom he has prepared for us. As we begin to learn to dip our fingers into the new holy water stoup by the door of the Church - the regular reminder of our own Baptism - I hope we can say a silent prayer of thanksgiving that we are included into the regular army of Jesus' disciples worldwide, all saved by the waters of baptism.

Notes on today's set readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7 That is the promise: when we endure tough times, God will be there with us
 Acts 8 14-17 A difficult text: does the Holy Spirit only come with the laying on of hands?
 St Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 As Jesus is baptised, God affirms Jesus as his Son

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry	AM109	When Jesus comes
R Psalm	Psalm 29	
Litany	TP121	River wash over me
Offertory	AM99	Hail to the Lord's a.
Anthem	<i>Ave Verum Corpus Faure</i>	
Final	When Jesus came to Jordan	

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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TODAY IN HOUSTON My first 'study leave' excursion this year is to the US. As part of my review of how churches like ours work, I am taking the opportunity to attend a priestly ordination at Grace Episcopal Church in Alvin, Texas this evening. Suzanne Smith and her husband Travis (great Arsenal supporters) visited us last year in preparation for her deaconing and this is the result! I will fly back from Houston overnight in time for the 10am Mass on Wednesday!

ORGAN As you know we have been warned about the possibility of technical failures in the organ for some years and the PCC has decided that now is the time to address these concerns. It has consulted very widely as any work on an organ is always expensive! On Wednesday Isabel and I meet with Paul Wren, one of the DAC advisers and on the strength of that we will put out a small leaflet with all the relevant fact and figures on it to inform our Congregational Meeting on Sunday February 3rd.

TRIP TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Don't forget we have the chance to see the inside of Westminster Abbey this coming Saturday, meeting outside at 11am. Well worth making time for!

COUNT ME IN Every six years the Church has to set up a new Electoral Roll of all its regular members. These new forms have to be signed by each of you by **March 17th** and it these figures we send in to the central Church HQ so I guess we better get them right. Forms available from next Sunday. Please don't leave it to the last minute...!

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 13 **BAPTISM OF CHRIST** Vivienne Carlton; Carter family
 Mon 14 *Feria* Christopher, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter
 Tues 15 *Feria* Shirley Chinery; Cyril Daley; Dennis Davis
 Wed 16 *Feria* Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive; Adam Dickson
 Thurs 17 *Charles Gore, Bp* Amy and Freddie Eldon-Richier
 Fri 18 *Christian Unity Week* Will Ellsworth-Jones
 Sat 19 *St Wulfstan* Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria
 Sun 20 **TRINITY 2** Weini and Ethan Faloppa; Lisa and Sonny Follett

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **BAPTISM OF CHRIST** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 Mon 12.15pm Pack Up.
 Tues No 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass.
 Wed 10am Mass. 11.30am Meeting with Paul Wren, DAC Organ Adviser.
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer and Office session. 7pm Joe Ammoun, pre-ordination training seminar
 Sat 11am Visit to Westminster Abbey with members of St John's, Duncan Terrace
 Sun 20 **EPIPHANY 2** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCH.

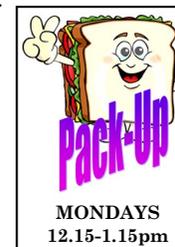
PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAY** Many Happy Returns to one of our most regular Sunday School members, Beatrix Ford, whose 6th birthday is on Saturday.
- SICK** Robert Addington, Carol Brierley, Annie Bryan, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Marian Davis, Wayne Deboo, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jamie, John Hoskin, Hayley Jenkins, Klenan, Leigh, Beryl Lloyd, Lorraine, Oscar, Rene, John Scott, Vera Taggart and Caroline Yeats.
- MEMORIALS** 14th: Nancy Barton (1997), Jenny Bogle (2015); 15th: Harry Holness, Mary Murphy, Nick Garsed (2010); 17th: Joan Williams.



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE The latest news from Tehran is that **Nazanin Zhagari-Radcliffe** is starting a hunger strike to protest at the withdrawal of medical and psychological support services while she is in jail. As a result the prison authorities have withdrawn permission for her receive her weekly telephone call from her husband Richard and to severely limit other calls. It is hard to know why Nazanin is not being properly cared for but we know that she is already suffering from severe pains in her neck and shoulders and has been having panic attacks. Please continue to pray for her, for Richard and their daughter Gabriella

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MONDAYS
12.15-1.15pm

