

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF
7 April 2019 Lent 5 Year C 19/14

Welcomers: Maria Flavius
 Reader: Francesca Falcioni
 Interceder: Kerry Sabine
 Eucharists: Norah Hodge and Laura Roden
 Coffee: Nick and Isabelle 14th: Rosemary Ross

Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to reflect on the way Jesus laid down his life for us, that we may truly receive your forgiveness and love through the sacrifice he made. Amen.

Reading for Palm Sunday: Sunday 14 April 2019 at 10am
 St Luke 19: 28-40 Jane Kilgannon



AGM
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHAT IS THE CHURCH AGM ALL ABOUT? By law we have to gather together once a year, to elect officers, review the finances and receive reports about all the activities of the year. But much more importantly we need to thank all those who work so hard to make sure St James' is working as well as it can so that it can faithfully respond to what God has in mind for us and for our community.

One of the core beliefs in the Church of England is that everyone has a role to play in making decisions, that everyone's views are valuable and that we don't go ahead with anything until the overwhelming majority understand the issues and give it their support. That is what we have done in every phase of the reordering and repainting of the Church. Now we face the last - but also the biggest - challenge: what should we do with our organ? I hope the steering committee have done their homework so that there is sufficient information for us to be able to pass a motion to guide the PCC when it makes its final decision on May 23rd.

Notes on today's readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21 God says: I am doing new things - so that you may learn to praise me
 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Forgetting what has already happened, Paul looks to the future
 St John 12: 1-8 Over dinner a woman comes and pours luxurious perfume on Jesus

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry CAHON411 Lord Jesus C.
 Gradual CAHON582 Restore O Lord
 Offertory TP158 What do you want
 P-Comm TP61 In my life
 Final TP134 The Church of Christ

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Isabel Nisbet who is not only a thoroughly splendid Churchwarden (seeking re-election today of course!) but was also a fine soloist at a recital of songs last Sunday evening. The programme - interspersed with appropriate readings - included Dvorak songs (in Czech!) as well a Scottish lilt and a fun duet from the Mikado and ended with Kurt Weill's famous September Song. Proceeds to London Cares.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Good news: we seem to have a viable group for a new First Communion course for our young people. If you would like your child to take part please let me know as soon as possible so that classes can be arranged after Easter.

HURRICANE IDAI It is almost impossible to imagine the devastation that floodwaters have brought to many hundreds of miles of territory on the Mozambique/Zimbabwe border. Bp Chad Gandiya whom we know has sent a direct appeal to parishes and we will send our donations to him knowing that what we send will get to the affected area quickly and safely. There is the usual red bucket available today; do help if possible.

THE ARENA NETWORK NEWS-LETTER for April has now been published. Do look out for it.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 7 *PASSION SUNDAY* Fr Victor de Waal; Ashley and Theo
 Mon 8 *DEL Lent 5* Belle Williams, Tom; Poppy, Pearl and Bow
 Tues 9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* Tim Willis; Chris Wright
 Wed 10 *William Law* Brian, Caroline and Oscar Yeats
 Thurs 11 *Feria* Acord family; Robert Addington
 Fri 12 *Feria* Lisa, Max and Oscar; Louise and Benji
 Sat 13 *Feria* Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen
 Sun 14 *PALM SUNDAY* Beatrice, Kenneth A-Renner and family

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun *LENT 5/PASSION SUNDAY* 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS. **11.15am PARISH AGM in Church**, to include the election of Churchwardens and members of the PCC, the pictorial 'Review of the Year' and the debate about the rebuilding of the organ. *All members of the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.*
 Mon 12.15pm Pack Up. 7pm Arlington Association AGM., St James' Hall.
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
 Wed 10am Mass.
 Sun 14 *PALM SUNDAY* 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS with the telling of the Passion Story in and around St James' Gardens. Sunday School in the Hall.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday this week to George Freeman, 9 tomorrow; to Joseph Allen, 19 on Tuesday; to Lisa Ahmet on Thursday who shares her day with Catriona Burniston, 100 days away from her wedding in July; on Friday to Kingsley Lewis and on Saturday to Sophie Duffy who celebrates her 30th.

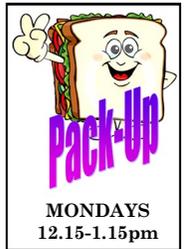
SICK Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Wayne Deboo, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, Klenan, John Scott, Vicki Simmons, Vera Taggart, Angela Vinnicombe, Curt Weidner and Caroline Yeats.

MEMORIALS Today: Roy Young; 8th: Doris Wight; 11th: Norman Cape.

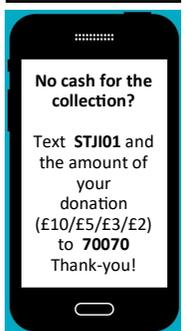


PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE This week marks the 3rd anniversary of the arrest of Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe at Tehran Airport. Visiting family and friends, she was accused of spying and sentenced to five years in Evin Jail. As you will see in the latest article by the Evening Standard on the back notice-board, keeping up her morale is very difficult but she is hugely grateful for all the support she has received. Please continue to pray for Nazanin, for her husband Richard and for their young daughter Gabriella.

LENT SAVING ENVELOPES Yellow envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations towards the school fees for the orphan children in Bonda, Zimbabwe who look to us each year for help. The situation is dire; please give generously.



MONDAYS
 12.15-1.15pm



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