



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

14 April 2019 PALM SUNDAY Year C 19/15

Welcomers: Shirley Chinery
 Reader: Jane Kilgannon/the congregation
 Interceder: Susan Sorensen
 Euch Mins: Susan Sorensen and Maria Flavius
 Coffee: Rosemary Ross 21st: Isabel Nisbet

Reading for Easter Day: Sunday 21 April 2019 at 10am
 Isaiah 65: 17-25 Hilary Roden; Acts 10: 34-43 Rosemary Ross

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

WAVING! So, we have reached Palm Sunday but where are all the people?! Answer: Easter is so late this year that everyone who can has left London because our schools will be returning to work next week. So the few of us who remain, what is our job? Well, we do what the Church has always done: we wave! That is, we go out of our way to show the world that - despite appearances and our small numbers - we have every confidence in Jesus and in the future that he comes to bring. Like the people of Jerusalem (then and now) life can feel pretty uncertain. What will the future bring? But when Jesus is here - and even when we see him nailed to the Cross - nothing can stop us from believing that everything will work out right in the end. Nothing can trouble us, nothing can make us despair. After all, we know the end of the story: and it isn't Good Friday, it's Easter!



Palm Sunday

Notes on today's readings:

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

St Luke 19: 28-40 The disciples can have had no idea why Jesus needed a colt
Philippians 2: 5-11 For his willingness to be crushed, God raises his Son above all things
St Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56 The cup of suffering - from beginning to end

Entry CAHON876 O when the s.
 Gradual AM163 There's a man
 Offertory AM489 From heaven you c.
 Anthem *Lole: I am the bread of life*
 Final AM161 Ride on, ride on

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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PARISH AGM How do you turn a rather boring bit of bureaucracy into something useful? By focusing on what God has done amongst us this last year through sharing pictures of events, by electing good people as Churchwardens and to serve on the PCC and by having a having a serious topic to discuss. This year the question was: what do we do about the repairs

needed on the organ? All in all it was a good debate with lots of points raised. By the end it was clear that the overwhelming majority were keen to see the job done properly and the AGM formally asked the PCC to adopt the project at its next meeting on May 23rd. The latest news is that the Cloudeley charity has now received the paperwork for our funding request and the planning application to the Diocese needs to be in - on May 24th! Isabel, Rhidian and I also go to talk to the organ builder, Paul Mortier, in Swindon on Tuesday 23rd April.

HOLY WEEK Can I invite as many as possible to take part in services this Holy Week? For just a few days we have the opportunity to think about all that Jesus did for us. The two extra services - on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday - are special 'times apart' and are really rewarding. As Jesus said just before his arrest, 'could you not stay with me for one hour?'

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 14 **PALM SUNDAY** Beatrice, Kenneth A-Renner and family
 Mon 15 **DEL Holy Week** Rose Baker, Vicky, Holly and Josh
 Tues 16 **Tuesday in Holy Week** Annie and Albert Bryan
 Wed 17 **Wednesday in Holy Week** The Vicarage family
 Thurs 18 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Vivienne Carlton, Shirley Chinery
 Fri 19 **GOOD FRIDAY** Dionne, Aly, Taylor, Emma and Jack Carter
 Sat 20 **HOLY SATURDAY** Christopher, Katya, Arnold, Egon Carter
 Sun 21 **EASTER DAY** Cyril Daley, Dennis Davis

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **PALM SUNDAY** 8am Mass. 10am **PARISH MASS** with the telling of the Passion Story in and around St James' Gardens.
 Mon 12.15pm Pack Up: special Easter meal planned!
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
 Wed 10am Mass.
 Thurs **MAUNDY THURSDAY** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Vigil to 10pm.
 Fri **GOOD FRIDAY** 2pm Liturgy for Good Friday with meditations and hymns
 Sun 21 **EASTER DAY** 8am Mass. 10am **PARISH MASS** with **EASTER CEREMONIES**, ending with the traditional Easter Egg Treasure Hunt.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

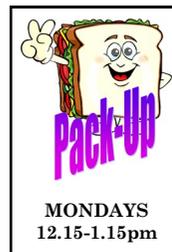
- BIRTHDAYS** Very many Happy Returns on Tuesday to Churchwarden Hilary Roden and on Saturday to Reggie Murphy who will be 8.
- SICK** Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Wayne Deboo, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, Klenan, John Scott, Vicki Simmons, Vera Taggart, Angela Vinnicombe, Curt Weidner and Caroline Yeats.
- MEMORIALS** 17th: Madge Vinall (2000); 20th: Trevor Huddleston, bishop (1998), Freddie Doughty (2010).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Fr Travis Smith, Holy Comforter Church, Angleton, Texas; together with his wife Suzanne, priest at Grace Church, Alvin Texas. In Japan: Fr Sebastian, working in a parish two hours from Hiroshima.

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 in eastern Zimbabwe who look to us each year for help. Many thanks.



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE Nazanin Zhagari-Radcliffe has now passed the 3rd anniversary of her arrest 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 noticeboard, 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.

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MONDAYS
12.15-1.15pm