

**ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF**  
**31 March 2019 Lent 4 Year C 19/13**

Welcomers: Hilary Roden  
 Readers: John Roden and Isabelle Sharples  
 Interceder: Isabel Nisbet  
 Eucharists: Dionne Carter and Ken Thompson  
 Coffee: Weini and Ethan *7th: Nick and Isabelle*

Readings for Lent 5: Sunday 7 April 2019 at 10am  
 Philippians 3: 1-11 Luca Falcioni

**Collect: Creator God, who created family life as a rock and a refuge in the uncertainties of the world. Listen, we pray, to the prayers of your people and teach us to imitate your motherly love in our care for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**THE PARISH AGM** It wouldn't be St James' if we weren't forging ahead with new projects! And not just new but pioneering! The good news is that all the risks we have taken in the past have worked out well (not least the screen which was used for the first time at a live music gig on Friday evening). The discussion at this year's AGM focuses on our plans for the organ. After the encouraging response at the open meeting in February we now have more detailed plans of what we hope to do, backed up by advice from Rhidian Jones our organ consultant and Paul Wren from the Diocese. But to restore a historic organ is hugely expensive so please do come and share in the debate: it will need all our collective wisdom to achieve successfully.

**TAKE FOUR ARTISTS** were in Church this week preparing for their show as part of the *Islington Proms Fringe* in May and June. Annie Williams, John Olley, Margaret Thompson and Brian Innes work in a variety of mediums and are looking forward to exhibiting here.



*Notes on today's readings:*

**Exodus 2: 1-10** The story of Moses being found in the bulrushes by Pharaoh's daughter  
**Colossians 3: 12-17** St Paul spells out the qualities to be found in all good relationships  
**St Luke 2: 33-35** A mix of blessing and warning from Simeon: family life is a challenge

**TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am**  
 Entry AM72ii Love divine  
 Gradual AM136 Fathers and Mothers  
 Offertory AM138 Our Father God  
 P-Comm TP23 Faith, hope and love  
 Final HR55 God of Eve

**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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**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.  
**ISABEL'S RECITAL** It is so good to have Isabel singing for us regularly. She has now teamed up with the celebrated accompanist Joan Taylor for a recital this evening in aid of London Cares. The programme includes songs by Dvorak, Brahms and Fanny Mendelssohn. Do support her if you can.



**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. So far the floodwaters haven't affected the town of Bonda but the devastation isn't far away. Bishop Chad 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.

**PCC MEMBERS** Kerry Sabine our PCC Secretary made an impassioned plea last Sunday for people to stand for membership of the Church Council. Do think about contributing to the running of the parish: it doesn't run itself!

**Calendar and Daily Prayer themes**

Sun 31 *LENT 4* Helen Schofield; Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook  
 Mon 1 *DEL LENT 4* Nick, Isabelle, Maxwell and Leon Sharples  
 Tues 2 *Feria* Vicki Simmons; Tomi Solomon; Susan and Eric  
 Wed 3 *Feria* Jodie Speirs, Gary, Amelia and Elijah  
 Thurs 4 *Feria* Alex, Claire, Kaitlin and Oliver Suksiri + 3  
 Fri 5 *Feria* Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen Taylor  
 Sat 6 *Feria* Ken and Margaret Thompson; Danielle, Teddy and Zoe  
 Sun 7 *PASSION SUNDAY* Fr Victor de Waal; Ashley and Theo

**WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK**

Sun 31 *LENT 4/MOTHERING SUNDAY* 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 7.30pm 'The secrets of the old' with Isabel Nisbet, contralto and Joan Taylor, piano.  
 Mon 12.15pm Pack Up.  
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.  
 Wed 10am Mass.  
 Thurs 10am Clergy Study Day, St Ann's Hoxton. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Hour.  
 Sun 7 *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.*

**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

**BIRTHDAYS** Happy Birthday this week to Benjy Payne, 2 on Wednesday and to Giandre Esprit, 11 on Friday.

**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.

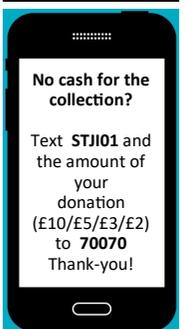
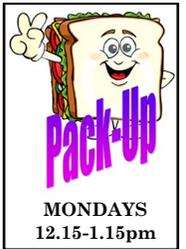
**MEMORIALS** 22nd: Mary Rainsford (1992).



**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** You will see on the noticeboard the long piece from the Times, describing the growing difficulty of keeping Gabriella Radcliffe in touch with both her parents. Despite Foreign Office pledges the daily difficulties for this family have not been getting any better and the recent statement by President Trump declaring the Golan Heights now to be 'Israeli Territory' rather than an 'Occupied Territory' because of the supposed threat from Iran only makes matters worse. Please continue to pray for Nazanin in Evin Jail in Tehran, for her husband Richard and of course 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 in Zimbabwe who look to us each year for help. The situation there remains dire; please be as generous as you can.



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