



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

24 November 2019 CHRIST THE KING 19/46

Welcomer: Norah and Mark Hodge
 Readers: Isabel Nisbet and Jane Kilgannon
 Interceder: Kerry Sabine
 Euch Mins: Hilary Roden and Kerry Sabine
 Coffee: As arranged (1st: Weini and Ethan)

Collect: Father God, your Son reigned on earth as a servant, the king who was rejected. Reveal to us his true majesty so that we, like him, may be clothed in righteousness and may shine with a power that springs from your heavenly kingdom. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading for Advent Sunday 1 December 2019 at 10am:
 As arranged. Luca Falcioni

CHRIST THE KING Having this theme on the last Sunday of the Church's year is a timely reminder that, whatever we are going through, Jesus knows about it, cares about it and - ultimately - knows how to help us reach our final destination in one piece! But the use of the word 'king' does raise in our minds another question: what do I feel about those human beings who claim authority over me? Do I (as many did after the televised debate between the leaders of the two main political parties earlier in the week) just shake my head in despair; or do I feel that I don't need to kowtow to anyone: I am my own boss and I will do whatever I want? What are the rules and what are the qualities that gain my respect and make me willing to accept direction from other people - even when I don't agree with them? Are there certain positions/jobs that automatically gain my obedience - policemen for example? What is the link between authority and responsibility ... and in a Christian community is there any form of authority?



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Notes on today's set readings:

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 A picture of leadership which is more akin to a shepherd than a King
Colossians 1: 11-20 A hymn which talks of Jesus as the 'image of the invisible God'
St Luke 23: 33-43 What kind of King is this whom we find nailed to a cross?

Entry	AM754	O worship the King
Gradual	AM769	Rejoice the Lord is K.
Offertory	AM593	At the name of Jesus
P-Comm	AM728	Meekness and majesty
Final	AM818	To God be the glory

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. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- 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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ADVENT STALL As from 1st December Norah Hodge and friends will be running a gifts stall on behalf of the AIDS orphans of St David's Home in Bonda, Zimbabwe. The economic situation there gets worse by the day and your generosity will be much appreciated by the children there. Donations of seasonal gifts very welcome.

TOILETRIES APPEAL The Pack-Up Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 16th December. We like to give presents of toiletries on that occasion. Basket available.

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRISTINGLE The theme for the All Age Mass next Sunday is Christingle. I know lots of people like to come (and that is wonderful!) but the preparation is quite a challenge - oranges, candles, squares of tin foil and all those 'fruits' which will be threaded onto cocktail sticks during the service - all to be arranged on paper plates. If you are free next Saturday morning from 10am onwards, I would be really grateful for your help.

PCC The PCC met in Church on Monday evening and duly looked at what goes into our service booklets on Sundays, with the help of lots of pictures on the big screen. The major debate however was about the Organ Project - again. I shared my frustration with the Diocesan committee charged with giving us the go ahead; a meeting to be held last week is now rescheduled for next Friday. But the more serious matter was the decision by one of the PCC to lodge an official Objection to the plans when the 30 day notice goes up in December, despite the fact that the plans have been thoroughly examined and democratically agreed by the PCC on two occasions. I am afraid this may derail the June 2020 Lambe anniversary.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 24 **CHRIST THE KING** Maria Flavius; Ros, Bea and Sebastian Ford
 Mon 25 **DEL WK34** Nick and Felicity Fryer; Mark and Shireen Gilbert
 Tues 26 **Feria** Luke Gillman, Kika and Parker; Karensa and Amariah
 Wed 27 **Feria** Lucy Haire and Sam Lewis; Jill Hetherington
 Thurs 28 **Feria** Joan Hill; Paul Hills; Mark and Norah Hodge
 Fri 29 **Feria** Rebecca and Eve Holtham; Alastair Hume; Kris Hyde
 Sat 30 **Missionary Work of the Church** Matt, Nicole and Eve J-Baptiste
 Sun 1 **ADVENT SUNDAY** Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun 24 **CHRIST THE KING** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 7pm Gisella Meyer Trio: Schubert and Brahms.
 Mon 9.30am Richard Cloudesley School RE 1. 12.15pm Pack Up.
 Tues 9am Mass. 9.30am Richard Cloudesley School RE 2.
 Wed 10am Mass.
 Thurs 11.30am Richard Cloudesley School RE3. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6pm Diocesan Synod, St Mellitus College.
 Fri 11am Rescheduled DAC meeting (see left).
 Sun 1 **ADVENT SUNDAY** 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS and CHRISTINGLE.

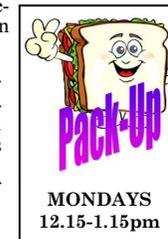
PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

SICK Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Chou Seng Joo, Hilary Davies-Cole, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart, Angela Vinnicombe and Caroline Yeats.
DEPARTED We pray for the soul of Gillian Comings (Sudeley Street) who died on Thursday 14th November. A memorial service is planned for the New Year.
MEMORIALS Today: Hathaway Holness (1992); 27th: Gladys Lloyd; 28th: Anthony Hill (2015), Clotelle Bovell (2008).
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 Naniwa, working in three parishes near Hiroshima.



PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE We continue to pray for an end to the imprisonment in Tehran of **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** who recently had to let her daughter Gabriella start school in London. We pray for Richard, Nazanin's husband, as he continues to work with the Foreign Office. Our prayers too for **Aras Amiri**, absurdly convicted for staging cultural events in the UK for the British Council. Nazanin and Aras share the same cell.

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MONDAYS
 12.15-1.15pm