



William Lambe 450th

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

1st March 2020 LENT 1 Year A 20/9

Welcomer: Norah and Mark Hodge
Readers: Sam Lewis/ First Communicants
Interceder: Lucy Haire
Euch Mins: Maria Flavius and Kingsley Lewis
Coffee: Eva Kasella (8th: Rosemary Ross)

Lent 2 8th March 2020 at 10am:
Gen 12: 1-4a Martin Allen; Rom. 4: 1-5,13-17 Shirley C.

Collect God of the desert, as we follow Jesus into the unknown, may we recognise the tempter when he comes. Let it be your bread we eat, your world we serve and you alone we worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ORCHESTRA OF ST JAMES were with us for the whole of last week-end and played an excellent concert on Sunday afternoon which raised £1000 for North London Cares!

ORGAN PROJECT We have just been notified by the Diocesan legal team that a number of Objections to the scheme have been lodged with the Registrar. Sadly we know neither the reasons for the objections nor the names of those unhappy with the plans but as soon as details become available we will let you know. After so much research and painstaking consultation we are sure that these reservations can be overcome. We just have to be patient.

ARENA PARTY Despite it being the end of Half Term there were nearly 40 at a really great party last Sunday afternoon. Our young people certainly know how to enjoy themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS to Poppy Wheatley who won 1st place with her disco freestyle dance routine in Crawley recently.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL is now up on the board and ready for new names. Deadline for new names is Sunday 15th March.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

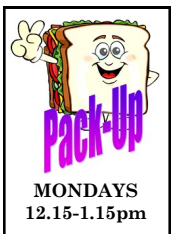
Sun 1 **LENT 1** Beryl Lloyd; Kurt, Julia and Flo Maile
Mon 2 **DEL LENT 1** Lizzy Maitland; McBrien families; Scott Kinch
Tues 3 **Feria** Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison; Bill Murphy
Wed 4 **Feria** Jade Nicholson, Charlie, Henry; Isabel Nisbet; Joyce Owusu
Thurs 5 **Feria** Toni Parker; Jess and Tayah Phillips
Fri 6 **Feria** Nick, Matilda and Barnaby Powell; Rosemary Ross
Sat 7 **Feria** John, Hilary and Laura Roden, Hope Dixey; Helen Schofield
Sun 8 **LENT 2** Kerry, Chris and Ben Sabine; Sam, Charlie, Isla Seabrook

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun **LENT 1/ASHING SUNDAY** 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS, BAPTISMS and nine FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS. 6pm Schumann Piano Quintet recital, Church, with David Bogle and friends.
Mon 10.10am, Assembly at New North Road Academy: 'Fairness'. 12.15pm Pack-Up.
Tues 9.30am Morning Prayer. **10am Mass.**
Wed No 10am Mass.
Thurs 7pm FC2: the Church today.
Sun 8 **LENT 2** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Very many Happy returns to Claire Suksiri, one of our First Communicants, whose birthday is tomorrow; and to Eva Kasella, coffee maker and sponsor today of Karensa Greenaway, whose birthday is on Saturday. Happy days both.
- BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES** Kaitlin and Oliver Suksiri; Poppy and Pearl Wheatley, Reggie Murphy; Sophie Duffy, Karensa Greenaway, Claire Suksiri and Belle Williams.
- SICK** Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart, Angela Vinnicombe.
- DEPARTED** We pray for the soul of Gordon Brown (Elia Mews), to be laid to rest on Friday 13th March.
- MEMORIALS** 2nd: Paddy Woolard; 5th: Violet Righaletto (1997); Derek Knight (1999); Peter Cozens (2010); Fr Ed Renner (2011); 6th: Bp Edmund Capper (1998); 7th: Sherri Deleur (2011).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** US: Fr Travis and Suzanne Smith, Angleton, Texas; Japan: Fr Sebastian Naniwa, working in Hiroshima.
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** In these uncertain times internationally we continue to pray for **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** whose husband Richard and daughter Gabriella, living in Hampstead, do all they can to keep her plight in front of government ministers and the wider British public. We pray too for **Kylie Moore-Gilbert**, a British-Australian academic, **Anoosheh Ashoori**, an Engineer and **Aras Amiri**.



LENT Last Wednesday I put this banner up in the icy wind next to the Angel Tube station and invited people to be ashed as they hurried on their way to work. And some did. More were probably too embarrassed to take part but for the vast majority 'Ash Wednesday' meant nothing at all. But for us it marks the beginning of Lent, 40 days when we try to make more time to listen to what God has in mind for us. Which is why it is so exciting to be able to welcome nine new candidates to make their First Holy Communion today - and to baptise Kaitlin and Oliver too. They are really making a new start and we are so delighted by their enthusiasm as they try to see how faith in Jesus can be combined with their very busy schedules as members of young families. Welcome all!

LENT READING GROUP Ken Thompson is inviting us to take part in a joint reading group this Lent. His suggestion is that we look at Rowan Williams' latest book 'Luminaries', twenty short sketches of Christians whose lives have made a major impact. There are a couple of copies available in Church and more available on Amazon. Ken hopes we will meet to discuss the book towards the end of March. The last time we did this we had a really stimulating discussion.

Notes on today's set readings:

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Adam and Eve couldn't resist breaking the only rule God made
Romans 5: 12-19 We all suffer for Adam's sin; we also all benefit from Jesus' sacrifice
St Matthew 4: 1-11 The devil knows the best way to tempt Jesus; but he doesn't succeed

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry AM358 Be still for the p.
Ashing AM121 Forty days
Baptism AM 587 Amazing grace
Offertory CAHON332 Here I am, Lord
P-Comm AM546 O Lord TP8 As I k.
Final AM264 The Spirit lives

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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