



the new Weekly newsletter

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WE ARE REOPENING!

AS FROM MONDAY 15th JUNE 2020
ST JAMES' CHURCH WILL BE OPEN
- FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY -
from 9am - 6pm daily.

WELCOME BACK!

Please take time to read
the safety notices in Church.

Dear All,

OPEN AT LAST! After three months it was so good to receive news that we could re-open St James' again - at least for private prayer. Thanks to Isabel, bottles of sanitiser was liberated from various local suppliers and we just waited to see if anyone would come in to pray. And they have - in quite big numbers. One couple brought their three children so that they could see where their parents were married 20 years ago; Ken Thompson also dropped in and met a man who was helping with the distribution of food from the Popham Community centre; Jess Phillips texted to say that she and Tayah had visited and Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern were among those who dropped in on Thursday afternoon while Adam

was back recording organ music for our virtual services for the next few weeks. And then this Tweet from someone I have never heard of: who said that no one notices what we do?!



David Heath @HeathHome · Jun 15

@stjameschurchN1 Triumphant re-opened today for private prayer. Hooray.



BUT WHAT THEN? We are all waiting for the date when services can be held in St James' again - but social distancing will still apply and we will need to think how best to enable services to take place safely. We can mark out where people might sit and make sure that there is no danger of Covid contamination at

the distribution of communion. It would be helpful if you could let me, Isabel or Hilary know what you think would be best. For example should we put on a third Mass on a Sunday (eg 12noon or even later in the day) to keep numbers small? Or should we offer one on a midweek evening? And what about music? Would you feel happy having recorded music to start with as we aren't going to be allowed to sing for a while? Please let us know.

TALKING OF MUSIC, This Sunday, 21st June, was to be the day we had planned to hold 'Lambe's Feast', a huge community lunch in honour of our patron William Lamb whose 450th anniversary as Master of the Clothworkers Livery Company falls about now. It was the Clothworkers who built St James' in 1875 and William Lamb whose bequest towards the fabric of the Church we have benefitted from ever since. But the Feast isn't cancelled, just postponed to 2021.



APPEAL FOR TOP QUALITY PRE-OWNED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND BOOKS Julia Maile continues to ask for donations of clothes and books for local families. Despite our affluence the rate of poverty in Islington is high. Anything

you can spare will be gratefully passed on to those in need. Further details available on their excellent website: www.merrygoroundUK.org

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 21 TRINITY 2	Page, Bella and Lola Flynn, Lisa and Sonny Follett
Mon 22 DEL Wk 12	Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Maria Flavius
Tues 23 St Etheldreda	Ros, Chris, Beatrix and Sebastian Ford
Wed 24 Birth of John the Baptist	Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer
Thurs 25 Feria	Mark and Shireen Gilbert; Mostyn, Nieve and Ilaria Goodwin
Fri 26 Ember Day	Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire, Sam Lewis
Sat 27 St Cyril	Mark and Norah Hodge; Rebecca, Rob and Evelyn Holtom
Sun 28 TRINITY 3	Alastair and Diane Hume; Kris Hyde; Alexandra Jones

Birthdays and anniversaries this coming week

Many Happy Returns on Sunday 21st to Weini Faloppa; on Monday to Pauline McGovern; on Tuesday to Olive Murphy who will be 6 and to Sr Moira Jones SSM who will be 87. Congratulations to Luigi and Jane Falcioni whose 'steel' wedding anniversary falls on Saturday 27th. Giorni felici!



THE HALL KITCHEN has now been completely refurbished. Thanks to Toni Parker and Linda Dyche, the contents of all the cupboards have been restored to their proper places (and quite a lot sent for recycling!). Thanks to Matt of JMSolutions for a job well done and we look forward to the Hall users returning asap.

FAVOURITE HYMNS Ros Ford of the Second Sunday Choir writes: "Throughout lockdown I have drawn comfort from listening to music which I have known for years, or performed long ago. My children got fed up of listening to Schutz's setting of Psalm 84 in the first week or 3, before I moved on to R.E.M (more to their taste), Thelonus Monk (excellent dance interpretations by Sebastian), Stanford, Ireland and various other fads settling back with Bach (the Cello Suites and the Motets in particular). But that is not what Fr John asked me to contribute – he asked for a paragraph on my favourite hymn...

As a teenager the answer would have been easy – John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress was my favourite book, and I loved 'To be a pilgrim' for its simple message and rousing tune. I love Orlando Gibbons' hymn tunes, and we had Song 1 at our wedding so that should get a shot at the top spot too. Welsh hymn tunes have to get a mention (I can't choose between Cwm Rhondda and Hyfrydol today, so I have put Blaernwern in the playlist below), and I have always loved the mournful songs of Lent. But today, I think I need something from my days as a chorister in the Parish Church of the village where I grew up. A hymn that is connected with patience and reflection in my mind as it always came after the two minute silence on Remembrance Day (which felt like an eternity as an 8 year old, and barely gives me time to gather my thoughts today). So I will choose 'Eternal Father, strong to save'. Perhaps we all need some peace in place of wild confusion, calm amidst the storm and something to protect us whereso'er we go."

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0umtCCgS8F9KRBdPjV4iPv?si=iJpy0-cjTQGAHax7ePDLqQ>

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Keep safe!

Best wishes as ever,
John



May God bless every £1 we give so that St James' will be here, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for the future he wants to create.



AND FINALLY some different ways of using paint!



Ben Sabine and Hope Dixey!