



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF
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Collect: God of patience and understanding, you always take delight in what you have made: encourage us when we are slow, restrain us when we are rash, that in your own good time we may become the rich harvest for which you long; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASSES EACH SUNDAY
 8am: Said Mass
 10am: PARISH MASS with Music
 6pm: Said Mass with Music

PARABLE OF THE
Wheat & Tares



UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES People often wonder why Jesus' stories, and in particular his parables, have lasted for 2000 years? The answer is that they are universal: they don't have much context to get in the way and, with very little effort, we can see how they apply in our own day and age.

Today's parable of the Sower and the Tares (weeds) invites us to reflect on our own past experience when we did something with one outcome in mind - and something else, quite unexpected, threatened to take over the whole event. In this story the farmers plant a field of wheat, only to find a load of weeds growing up alongside. Try as they might, they wouldn't be able to get rid of the weeds without ruining the main crop.

It's another way of saying that nothing we do happens in a vacuum. There are always other influences, other events to throw us off course - and sometimes to completely change the original concept. We would like our ideas to flourish in green field sites, all new and squeaky clean, not sullied by the events which seem so ready to take over. But it is never quite that easy.

This speaks to me of one of the vital ingredients of the Christian life. St Benedict - the great founder of so many monasteries - called it 'stability': the ability not to get too excited when things seem to be slipping out control or not working out as we would like. Stability takes a deep breath and the long view. Stability also knows that, ultimately God is in control and that he is constantly supporting our efforts to build his Kingdom - even if it isn't in quite in the way we first planned.

As we come out of all these weeks of lock-down, may God give us his stability and his peace.

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THANK YOU for all the kind messages that followed my brief trip to the UCH last Saturday night. Thankfully the fever was not Covid-19 related but I am so sorry that all the Masses had to be cancelled last Sunday. All's well now.

St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century

FIRST WEEK BACK After the mini drama of last week-end, we will need to make some small adjustments to being back in Church today. Please don't get too anxious about these: they are all just a matter of habit and common sense based around hygiene and social distancing. But we have some treats too including some solo 'cello playing. We hope to maintain our music even if we can't have congregational singing! Sunday School is on offer once more and we hope parents will support their children as they get used to thinking about the themes and doing their craft work here rather than at home.

ST JAMES' DAY We usually bring our celebration of St James' forward before our families leave for their holidays at the end of the school term. This year everyone's plans are more fluid so I am proposing a 'simple celebration' of our patron saint after the Parish Mass next Sunday (26th July). As we can only socialise outside, there will be some alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks available on the grass outside Church at 11am, a way of being able to get back in touch with one another after all this time away. The drinks have been donated already so let's just enjoy being together again!



MERRY GO ROUND

is still very grateful for good quality children's clothes and books. Any offers of help readily received by Julia Maile at www.merrygroundUK.org

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 19 TRINITY 6	Louise Ahmet, Vinny and Benji Payne
Mon 20 DEL Wk 16	Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen
Tues 21 FERIA	Beatrice, Kenneth, Klenan, Kainan and Kepha Awoonor- Renner
Wed 22 St Mary Magdalene	Vicky, Bellamy, Holly and Josh Campbell
Thurs 23 FERIA	Albert and Annie Bryan; the Vicarage family
Fri 24 FERIA	Vivienne Carlton; Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter
Sat 25 FERIA	Dionne, Aly, Sophie, Emma and Jack Carter; Shirley Chinery
Sun 26 ST JAMES	Carly Cunningham, James, Michael and Francis Russell

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Very many happy returns today to Alex Suksiri, looking back over a year in which he won a major Borough Award for the superb work he does with children with learning difficulties.

BANNS Between Jonathan Richard Peters and Susanna Mary Attwood, both single and of this parish, to be married at St John the Baptist, Broughton, Northants. This is for the first time of asking (reset).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Warmest congratulations to Catriona and Daniel Wilkinson up in Burley in Wharfedale whose 1st wedding anniversary is tomorrow.

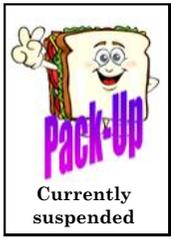
SICK Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart.

IN HOSPITAL We pray for Revd Melanie Toogood (St James' Close) who is currently in St Pancras Hospital for rehabilitation.

ANNIVERSARIES 21st: Derek Sugarman (2003); 22nd: Anthony Hill (former organist) 2016; 25th: Bertie Kimpton (1990).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne has just been instituted as Rector of the parish having been priest-in-charge. In Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, serving in a parish in Ehime near Hiroshima.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE We continue to pray for the urgent release of **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** after her appeal for clemency seems to have been rejected; for her husband Richard and their daughter Gabriella in London. Sadly we have still heard nothing about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left), a British-Australian academic, who seems to have disappeared from view. We also pray for **Anoosheh Ashoori**, a businessman sentenced to ten years and for **Aras Amiri**, an Iranian employee of the British Council, currently studying philosophy at Kingston University.



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PARISH MASS for Trinity 6 2020

as streamed from
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PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 6

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome to St James', Islington, for our Parish Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Trinity.

Perhaps I may start by saying thank you to all of you who were kind enough to send such warm messages after I was taken into the UCH last Saturday night by ambulance with Covid-like symptoms. While I was glad to take the test and be declared all clear, it was too late for the services scheduled for last Sunday. After all the excitement about re-opening, this could not have been worse timing. I am just so sorry for the inconvenience and the general sense of let-down. But I am also glad that my temperature isn't over 100 (38.2) - of that I had indeed got Covid-19.

So, today, we start a new period in the life of St James' as we learn to be a physical as well as a spiritual community once again. Here we have learned to be nourished by the Word of God, by the sacraments and of course by each other. That will take a little time to restore - not least because there is an inevitable nervousness about meeting with others indoors and some anxiety about taking part in this service after such a long time away.

All we can say is, God welcomes each of us, where we are and how we are. He knows that there are small voices in our heads tempting us in various ways. Jesus even told a story about it, the story which makes up our Gospel reading today!

But as usual at the beginning of this Parish Mass, we ask God to guide our thoughts, to quieten our minds and to be with us now - wherever we are - thanking him for all that he has given us this week. We thank him too for the fellowship of the Church which links us not just with other members of St James' but also with our fellow Christians around the world. We start with this prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Preparation

**Faithful God,
we set this time apart for you.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
your wisdom and your joy,
so that even when time is short
we may rejoice in your never failing care
and daily glorify your holy name. Amen.**

Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen,**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A song of praise

**Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power,
to offer us, his chosen flock, deliverance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.**

**Remembering his covenant, God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness his peace from year to year.
And you he calls, afresh each day, to preach and prophecy,
that all may know his tender love, the grace of God most high.**

**In mercy, God has sent his Son, the one who died for all,
who frees us from the path of sin begun at Adam's fall.
God comes to guide our way to peace, to justice for the poor.
Sing praises to the Holy One, both now and evermore.**

**To God the Father, fount of grace, through his beloved Son,
with God the Spirit, bond of love, be glory ever One. Amen.**

(Based on a paraphrase of the Benedictus by Ruth Duck and James Quinn SJ ed JB)

Collect

**God of patience and understanding, you always take delight in
what you have made: encourage us when we are slow, restrain us
when we are rash, that in your own good time we may become
the rich harvest for which you long; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Word of God

1st Reading: (Isaiah 44: 6-8) But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn for reflection (not singing!) **AM330 Do not be afraid**

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.***

***When you walk through the waters I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves. Do not be afraid...***

***When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid...***

***When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side. Do not be afraid...***

***You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid...***

(Words: Gerard Markland)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

(St Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43) Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON FOR TRINITY 6 | 12..07.2020

Isaiah 44: 6-8; 10-13; Romans 8: 12-15;; St Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

I am right, I know I am: that is, until I talk to you. After that, I may be right, I may be partially right – or I may be completely wrong!

I have enjoyed reflecting on today’s Gospel. Like last Sunday’s parable of the Sower, it has the potential to take us in lots of different directions. Quickly: the best possible seed is sown but to the horror of the labourers, they soon find that the top quality wheat they had been expecting to see was growing side by side with pernicious weeds too numerous and too closely packed to take out by hand. What were they to do?

As presented we have a perfectly familiar judgement story. *Don’t worry*, says the landowner, *let’s wait until harvest and then we will be able to take out the weeds, bundle them up and burn them.* The devil may have planted the tares, the darnel, the weeds – but they won’t be able to choke the pure crop: all will be well – at least for the righteous!

For most of the Church’s life this would have been seen as a picture of the person in the pew. *You are good and pure and holy, redeemed by Christ; but the devil is out to get you and every temptation and every imaginable sin has been planted in your heart – from outside.* As I Peter says in the lesson from Compline: *Beware your adversary the devil, prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.*

And if it was true that the true believer needed to resist outside influences, how much so was it true for the Church and for the Biblical view of history? Was it not the role of the Church to protect the faithful against the prevailing view that after Adam and Eve fell from grace, the whole human race was simply groaning from sin and corruption until everything was happily resolved in the return of Jesus Christ at the Second Coming?

The trouble was that the Church had also unearthed a rather obscure passage from Maccabees (from the Apocrypha, some secondary writings in the Old Testament) which reinforced its teaching that although we were all redeemed by Christ’s death on the Cross, humankind still had to pay a penalty for sins committed on earth.

These could, however be reduced (or even wiped out) through the various penitential offices of the Church so, for example, by the saying of the right number of prayers or paying a certain sum of money, a person, living or dead, could be released from punishment. You can see just how much power that gave to the Church! From crusaders fighting to restore Jerusalem to Christian rule, right down to the poorest peasant in his fields, all would want to do everything possible to avoid the pains of eternal hell.

But what if it isn’t like that at all, said the Biblical scholar Martin Luther? What if God, instead of being a just judge who condemned sinners and rewarded the good – has simply and freely made us ‘right with God’ ... simply because we believe, as St Paul seems to suggest in his letter to the Romans? *From now on, we who are justified by faith need have no fear...*

John Riches says this was a defining moment of the Reformation – and perhaps even of European history. Luther wanted to reassure us that instead of being frightened of eternal punishment, we were (through faith) free citizens of the Kingdom of heaven, able to enjoy God’s favour, now and for all eternity ‘through grace alone’.

So what difference does that make to our reading of this parable?

Let's look at those tares, and weeds. Is it really true that everything that is not 'pure wheat' is actually demonic? Are the ideas which challenge us, the images that fascinate us, the light and the shade, the easy and the difficult, not actually all part of creation too? Aren't the doubts which we have to wrestle with, the apparent obstacles that seem to make life so very difficult, the attitudes and burdens of those we share our lives, not also a 'part of us'? This is what St Teresa of Avila discovered.

You don't need to be a modern psychologist to know that the doubt and fears in our subconscious, as well as the temptations to sin and evil, are all elements of our three dimensional selves. None of us are pure wheat, nor were we ever likely to be.

Because the story of the mature Christian life is the way in which we the balance the wheat and the weeds as they grow so closely together. Jesus was right: at the end time we can get rid of anything that hasn't served us well. But for the moment they have to be lived with.

But my experience, as I expressed at the very beginning is that the moment we work with others we simply have to allow ourselves to be shaped and influenced by other views and that is generally helpful.

This week we have had to return to the future of the Organ Project which has been on hold since January. And after much toing and froing, the Objectors have made it plain that they wish to take the matter to a full Consistory Court. This will be the second such occasion in the parish in five years – something that almost never happens to a parish - ever. And I have found myself wrestling with the rightness of all this. There will be a huge amount of work involved and some of the points will be contentious. I admit to having been a bit anxious about the whole issue this week – and then I stopped.

Max Ehrmann wrote the Desiderata in 1927 and his words hold true today as much as they did then:

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

Therefore be at peace with God and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers

Lord, we are here! After so many weeks away, we thank you for this chance to be back in Church once more, ready and waiting for all that you have in mind for us in the weeks and months to come. Help us in our planning to become a servant Church, rooted both in care – and in prayer. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We continue to pray for pray for all those for whom the pandemic has been truly devastating: for those who have, or who will shortly, lose their jobs; for those denied access to loved ones in the lock-down; for those whose dreams and plans have been shattered by events outside their control and who wonder what the future holds. May the spirit of generosity and self-sacrifice that has emerged over the last few months continue to guide those making major decisions, as employers and as a government, committed to our common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

As Covid-19 spreads to areas untouched before, we pray for the health services in developing nations under such extreme pressures. We pray too for the work of scientists and for all developing a long-awaited vaccine.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

As our Sunday School resumes we continue to pray for the unity of our parish and for the integration of newer members into our family life. We pray for the 11 young people looking forward to being baptised and those hoping to prepare for First Holy Communion.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We remember in love all those who need our prayers today...
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

And we commend to God the soul of Fr Bill Scott of St Mary's Bourne Street, and all those whose anniversaries fall this week: Derek Sugarman, Anthony Hill and Bertie Kimpton. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the Mother of God, St James, St Peter and all the saints, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray to God's unfailing love: Merciful Father:
accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Nodding, waving and smiling all allowed...

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise and strengthen us
for the perfect freedom of your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His blood is shed for all.**

Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join
the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Invitation

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts and minds above the cares and fears and let these gifts be to you the token of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will accept them in humble faith; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper:

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful ones.

Post Communion:

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

May God who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony
as you follow Christ Jesus,
so that with one voice you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you,
now and for ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn for reflection (not singing!) **AM366 Living God**
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***Living Lord, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.***

**Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
by your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the anxious searching
when our confidence is lost;
see the source of all our yearning,
arms outstretched upon the cross.**

**Living God, your power surrounds us,
as we face the way Christ trod,
challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God:
called to share a new creation,
called to live your holy word,
promised all the joys of heaven
through the grace of Christ our Lord.**

(Words: Jan Berry, adapted and expanded, JB)



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.