



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF
26 July 2020 ST JAMES Year A 20/30

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

Merciful God, your apostle James left family, home and all that he had, to be a pilgrim servant of Christ. Teach us to walk in his footsteps, that by overcoming all that holds us back, we may learn to go wherever you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST JAMES' ISLINGTON 1875-2020 Writing a report about our Church recently, I had to admit that we suffer from being 'a bit off the beaten track'. You have to walk off Essex Road (itself less well known than Upper Street) to find us at all! But to those who take the trouble to find out, the area that spawned the writings of Joe Orton and Douglas Adams and films like *Cathy Come Home* (centred on the old cottages on Popham Road) soon learn to love this extended village with all its amazing diversity. With key sights like Camden Passage, Arlington Square and the Regent Canal, we take it in our stride. Steve McQueen was filming in Rheidol Terrace this week, using our Hall as a green room! It is an area which has known historic squalor as well as more recent multi-million pound regeneration. Changes to our infrastructure - our schools, ward boundaries and most recently our road layouts - change all the time. People move in - and move out - equally quickly. This week I was asked if we would offer a student for the priesthood a placement in the parish. He wanted to get experience of all the things that he imagined a parish got up to: bible study groups, youth groups, work with food banks and visiting lots of nursing homes. And I have had to direct him elsewhere. It is not that we aren't doing anything (!) but we are not engaged in the kind of group activities that you would find in more suburban or rural churches. With everyone so busy, serving this patch has to focus on encouraging individuals in their faith, nurturing newcomers (usually in their 20s and 30s) and developing relationships which will lead to the kind of amazing growth we see in our Sunday School. Alongside our pastoral care we have also opened up our buildings for use by the community and tried to provide Masses which are stimulating and creative. Under God each Church has to work out its own style and work to its own strengths. Where will God be taking us in the next 145 years?!

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

HOW DID IT GO? We were slightly unsure of how the first set of services would go last Sunday but as always there were some lovely surprises! At the 8am we welcomed Eugenie Davey back as admission to All Souls, Langham Place is currently by ticket only! At the 10am it was great to see Sophie, Reggie and Olive in support of their neighbours Ava and Jay Wilson for whom this was their first Sunday; and at 6pm our first evening Mass, we had a thoroughly musical service with live solo cello and piano plus some recorded music from Winchester Cathedral. It was great to be back. **ST JAMES' DAY** Just for the history books, St James' Church is now 145 years old, having been built in 1875! To celebrate that AND being able to be with each other again - albeit social distanced - we hope you will stay behind after today's 10am Mass for some drinks and nibbles, taking the opportunity to catch up with each other after the lock-down. The alcohol has already been donated so please stay if you possibly can. Next year we look forward to 'Lambe's Feast', a big community meal in honour of William Lambe our great benefactor whose 450th anniversary as Master of the Clothworkers fell this year. Like everything else it had to be postponed - but not cancelled!



MERRY GO ROUND

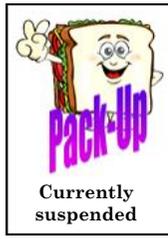
is still very grateful for good quality children's clothes and books. Any offers of help readily received by Julia Maile at www.merrygoroundUK.org

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 26 *ST JAMES* Carly Cunningham, James, Michael and Francis Russell
 Mon 27 *DEL Wk 17* Cyril Daley; Richard, Teresa, Mae and Ivy Dennison
 Tues 28 *Feria* Denis Davis; Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy
 Wed 29 *Martha, Mary and Lazarus* Adam Dickson; Will Ellsworth Jones
 Thurs 30 *William Wilberforce* Amy Eldon Richier, Scott Kinch, Freddie, Callum
 Fri 31 *St Ignatius of Loyola* Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo, Gloria Falcioni
 Sat 1 *Feria* Weini and Ethan Faloppa; Tomi Solomon
 Sun 2 *TRINITY 8* Paige, Bella and Lola Flynn; Lisa and Sonny Follett

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Very many happy returns today to Albert Bryan; on Monday to Olivia Kennedy who will be 3; on Thursday to Bill Murphy who will be 85
- 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 second time of asking.
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Warmest congratulations to Ken and Margaret Thompson, celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary tomorrow away near Macon, quite dwarfing the mere 39th anniversary of Fr John and Maria on Saturday 1st August!
- SICK** Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, Laura Roden, 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** 28th: Eric Stanhope (1995).
- 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 ST JAMES' DAY 2020

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

How awesome is this place.
**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**
I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.
**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**
You will see greater things than this.
You will see heaven wide open
with God's angels and archangels descending upon the Son of Man.
**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**
You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.
**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Confession

St James' Day / Patronal Festival

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

PARISH MASS
for St James' Day 2020

as streamed from
St James' Church,
Prebend Street
London N1

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from your sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A song of the New Jerusalem

**Arise, shine for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is shining upon you.
Though night covers the earth and darkness sits over the people
above you the glory of God has appeared.**

**Your gates of welcome will always be open,
they will not be a bar to the stranger or the pilgrim.
Your walls shall stand as symbols of salvation
and your doors shall be pathways for praise.**

**For you the Lord will be an everlasting light
and he will fill your sanctuary with splendour.
You shall be called the City of God,
the dwelling place of the Holy One of Israel.** (Adapted from Isaiah 6)

Collect

Merciful God, your apostle James left family, home and all that he had, to be a pilgrim servant of Christ. Teach us to walk in his footsteps, that by overcoming all that holds us back, we may learn to go wherever you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (2 Corinthians 4: 7-15) But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (for reflection, not singing!): **AM743 O God, beyond all praising** [t Thaxted]

**O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrow's be filled with good or ill
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.** (Words: Michael Perry)

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

We say together:

Alleluia, alleluia I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord. Alleluia

Gospel

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 John 21: 2-14) Gathered at the side of the Lake of Tiberias were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.'

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

Sit

Sermon

SERMON FOR ST JAMES' DAY | 26.07.2020

Acts 11: 27 – 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; St John 21:2-14)

Wanting to be remembered is a fairly common wish for most of us. The idea that in a short while, nobody will know who we were or what we did, feels all wrong. The recent pulling down of statues as part of the anti-slavery campaign and the rise of the 'Black Lives matter' movement has made us question the reasons why some people are celebrated and some people are quite overlooked. The only statue I can think of in Islington is to Sir Hugh Myddelton and it stands at the top of Islington Green facing towards the Angel. Myddelton was a Welsh clothworker at the end of the 16th century, who moved to London to learn how to be a goldsmith. He went on to become a brilliant engineer and it was he who put together the scheme to dig a 34mile canal all the way from Ware in Hertfordshire to what we now know as New River Head in Islington, bringing fresh water to generations of Londoners ever since. I think his statue is fairly secure!

On this St James' Day, we celebrate the 145th anniversary of the consecration of St James' Church Islington, built by the Irish architect FD Porter for the Clothworkers Livery Company who owned the land on which it now stands, carving out the new parish from the areas previously served by St Philip's Church, Linton Street and St Peter's, Devonia Road.

I have talked before about the ups and downs in our history but I want to focus, just for a moment, on the very many people who have contributed to the ministry of this place and to the building we are so delighted to be returning to after the lock-down.

Take, for example, Edmund Heysham Wood and his wife Sophia. As we know there wasn't much money in the kitty to build St James' and were it not for Edmund, Master of the Clothworkers in 1870 and for Sophia, there would be no stained glass in the east end windows. Or what about Virginia Bottomley and her husband Peter, who were both regular members here when they were MPs; Virginia was related to John Garnett, Chair of the Industrial Society and a member of our PCC who had masterminded the building of the new Church Hall in 1995. Or Vernham Cartright, Organist here during the war, who wrote so movingly about sending his choir members off to fight in Europe, in an article in the one choir magazine that has survived, dated 1943.

Or Grace Clark who fought to stop St James' closing throughout the 1970s and in whose memory the Christus Rex on the east wall was given; or Fr Jack Holden, appointed priest in charge here in 1979 by Bishop Jim Thompson whose inspirational ministry revived our flagging fortunes.

Each of us can visualise any number of people who were very special to us as members of the congregation here – and for a whole host of reasons. Some, like Rose Baker, were members for years; some, like Lillian Ladele the controversial Islington Registrar were here for just a very short time. Some moved away because of work or family commitments; others made the decision to leave because they didn't like the direction the Church was going at that time. Each left their mark on this parish and we thank God for every single contribution and for the way we have been able to send people on to other churches and to other parishes - literally - all over the world.

But what is so remarkable is the number of re-brandings that St James' has taken part in over the years. In 1934 when Fr Malcolm McLaren was the parish priest, he was assisted by a curate, a formidable lady Church worker, a paid sacristan and a verger. There was a mistress to the wardrobe for all the vestments, a host of flower arrangers and a volunteer whose sole task was to clean all the brass! The Parish Hall in Britannia Row rang with weekday organisations (including a girls drill class and a table tennis team) and two of the four Sunday Services included a Full Choral Eucharist in the morning and Solemn Evensong in the evening. But by 1969 the congregation was down to 6. In its early days St James' was typically 'Islington Low Church evangelical'; today it is modern catholic.

This Gospel from St John is very familiar. And so is the interpretation we often hear: after a hard and fruitless night, Jesus tells the disciple to try fishing on the other side - to try something new, something that hadn't thought of before. And over the last 145 years, generation by generation, the congregation here at St James' will have looked at many of the available options and – sometimes more

readily, sometimes with a bit more of a struggle – tried to adapt to the demands of those particular times, using the strengths (and weaknesses) of the people who made up the worshipping community at that particular juncture.

But, I wonder, how often have we asked the question: what are we really here for?

By all accounts the recently zoomed meeting of General Synod was a bit of a testy affair where, to his apparent surprise, Archbishop Justin Welby came under a sustained barrage of questions about why the Church of England had so readily closed its churches during the Coronavirus pandemic?

Amongst others Meg Warner, a member of General Synod, seriously questioned the given answer that closure was being done ‘to protect the NHS’. In her view it was more an admission that we thought that what we had to offer was ‘not that important’, or at least was less important than what was being provided by hospitals, supermarkets, off-licenses, banks, public transport and DIY stores. It was if there was a general feeling that the Church’s contribution might even do more harm than good.

Yet our track record would suggest that when we have got involved, people do sit up and take notice. In the dreadful events of 2017 involving Grenfell, the shootings on Westminster Bridge, the Manchester bombing and the poisonings in Salisbury, first responders had been only too willing to use the skills and resources of the local parish churches with their facilities and teams of volunteers. The Church had been unstinting in its ministry and it was hugely appreciated.

But not this time. This time we lost our nerve and seemed to show a lack of confidence in the work that we are uniquely placed to do as the Established Church. We seemed to forget that even non-Church going members of our community assume that we will be in the thick of a crisis in ways that are not expected of other denominations which have always had as their focus the care and development of their own members. Whether we like it or not, Church of England parishes have a public, social role which is both a privilege – and a massive responsibility: the care of all.

Losing our confidence in the spiritual care we can give to our nation is possibly the most serious challenge of our day. Are we here for the whole of our community or are we only concerned with our own survival? The signs are we have become very self-obsessed with internal matters like church planting. Perhaps Jesus is inviting us not just to ‘fish on the other side’, but to return to serving every person we meet with confidence and compassion.

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father. Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace. Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Remain standing

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.**

Lord God, today we honour your servant James, the first apostle to
share the cup of suffering and death. Receive our offering of praise and
thanks-giving, and renew us in the service of your Son Jesus, who came
not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer E

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the Gospel to all nations and lead us into the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded the Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he whom come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sit

How wonderful the works of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all
upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Invitation

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God,
St James, St Peter and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
by him, with him, and in him,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power,
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

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

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving;
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.

Sit

After Communion

Song: Songs of Gladness, No 5 of Dvorak's Biblical Songs sung by Isabel Nisbet.

Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be shown to them.
Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Post Communion

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may reveal his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with St James and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of the Kingdom of God; and the blessing...

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

Final Hymn: (for reflection, not singing!) **The Church of God** [t. Arlington Square]

**The Church of God shall stand,
though troubles rage without,
where hope is built on shifting sand
and faith is lost in doubt.
In Christ shall all be well;
his promises endure:
before the very gates of hell
his Church shall stand secure.**

**The word of God shall stand,
his truth for this our day:
that word his providence has planned
shall never pass away.
The voice of God is heard
from Scripture's sacred page,
for by his Spirit and his word
he speaks to every age.**

**The child of God shall stand
forgiven, loved and free,
for none can pluck me from his hand
who gave himself for me.
'Fear not, then, little flock'
the Master's word recall:
our hope is set on Christ the Rock,
the changeless Lord of all.** (Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith)



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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.