



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

6 September 2020 TRINITY 13 Year A 20/36

Welcomers: Hilary Roden and Shirley Chinery
 Reader: As arranged
 Interceder: Ros Ford

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

Collect: Almighty God, you search us and you know us; may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



JACK CARTER, starting in year 7 at St Mary Magdalene CE Academy, is not the only young person wondering what lies in store for him this term. For all of our children, the months off school have changed the age-old school-going habit, forcing students and parents alike to find ways to learn together - sometimes, but not always, supported by materials sent in by teachers and by web-based learning on whatever computer is available at home. The closure of schools has inevitably altered the relationship between parents and their children, the ongoing friendships children make at school - and of course the serious matter of how parents can be enabled to go out to work.

And what will our children find when they are back in the classroom? Will the measures to ensure social distancing mean that schools won't feel quite the same? Creating bubbles for year groups and making arrangements for playtimes and lunch breaks have all required hours of careful planning.

On this *Education Sunday* we pray for all the challenges being faced by teachers and by our young people. But in the light of the pandemic we also ask: what is education all about? Is it mostly about acquiring lots of knowledge or is it, as Proverbs tells us, 'the gaining of wisdom'? And does that apply every bit as much to us as it does to our children?

SEPTEMBER has arrived with a vengeance and it is good to feel a new energy after such a long period of inactivity. First and foremost we are delighted that Pack-Up is starting again this week but there have also been lots of enquiries about concerts, rehearsals (and yet more filming). These all require risk assessments but we are delighted that choirs and music groups are wanting to return. In a fortnight we will be beginning a new First Holy Communion programme and on Monday evening the Church Council convenes for the last time before our Annual General Meeting on October 25th. On the Agenda: a catch up on the impact of Covid on our finances, news of the welcome offer of help with Building and Maintenance from Jay Wilson, and, hopefully, an update on the Organ Project which has been hanging fire since April. And then there is the question of what we will be able to do at Christmas...

ARC It is good to be building a closer relationship with the ARC in St Paul Street and their Food Bank is going from strength to strength. We are very keen to support their distribution to over 60 local families. As a fund raiser Epiphoni, one of the very best choral groups in London, are performing here at St James' at 6pm on Sunday 27th September. For obvious reasons numbers are limited but reservations can now be made via the Vicarage.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes	
Sun 6 TRINITY 13	Albert and Annie Bryan; the Vicarage family
Mon 7 DEL Wk 23	Vivienne Carlton; Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter
Tues 8 Birth of the BVM	Dionne, Aly, Sophie, Emma and Jack Carter
Wed 9 Charles Lowder	Shirley Chinery; Carly, James, Michael, Francis Russell
Thurs 10 Feria	Cyril Daley; Dennis Davis; Adam Dickson; Amanda Doyle
Fri 11 Feria	Teresa Pereira, Richard, May and Ivy Dennison
Sat 12 Feria	Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy
Sun 13 TRINITY 14	Amy Eldon-Richier, Scott, Freddie and Callum Kinch

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns tomorrow to Eva Kasella and to Evelyn Holtom who will be 2; on Wednesday to Poppy Wheatley who will be 10, and on Thursday to Chris Sabine.

SICK Christopher Browne, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, Laura Roden, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart.

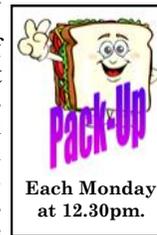
IN HOSPITAL We pray for Revd Melanie Toogood (St James' Close) who is currently resident in the Mildmay undergoing rehabilitation.

DEPARTED We pray for the soul of Clare Suksiri's father, Dave Church, who died in the early hours of Sunday morning, also remembering Alex, Kaitlin and Oliver at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES 7th: Kenneth Boone; 8th: Margaret Lee (2004); 12th: Dinah Jerome (1987).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne's husband Travis is Rector of Holy Comforter in Angleton, 14 miles up the road. 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** from custody in Iran. After last week's Panorama programme it seems certain that her detention is linked to the unpaid debt over tanks bought by, but not delivered to, the Iranians back in the 1970s. We pray for her husband Richard and their daughter Gabriella in London, now 6. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is even more difficult. She has recently been sent to the notorious Qarchak prison, deep in the Iranian desert with no clean running water, where food is regularly drugged and prisoners are subject to beatings from warders and detainees alike. She has not had regular contact with her family and she admits to being 'in a very bad place', sleeping on the floor with not enough money to buy essentials. She has been held since September 2018.



The Greeting



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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

**Faithful God, we set this hour 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.

**God of mercy, your love for us is strong,
but our zeal for you is weak.
You care for all that you have made
but we ignore your call to love you
and to serve each other.
We are truly sorry for all our sins
and ask for your forgiveness and grace.
Help us to please you by the way we live,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love. **Amen.**

Stand

Jubilate

**O be joyful in the Lord al the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

PARISH MASS
for Trinity 13 2020

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

**Know that the Lord is God;
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.**

Collect

**Almighty God, you search us and you know us; may we rely on
you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our
days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Proverbs 4: 1-13 CEV) Listen, my child, to a parent's instruction. Listen carefully so that you will remember all that we have told you for what we tell you now is true and is borne of long experience.

When I was a beloved son to my father and my mother's favourite, they taught me with these words: keep in mind all we have told you and you will live a full and contented life. Seek the best advice and seek out wisdom wherever it may be found. With sound knowledge and learning you will remain true, honest and good. Wisdom will guard you from all that is false and evil; her teaching will be the best of guardians.

If you live according to wisdom and do what it is right you will be honoured in the land. Like the warriors of old you will receive on your head the garland of victory. You will be held in the highest esteem.

Listen, my child, and accept these words so that you may enjoy a long life. Walk the path which is honest and true; accept correction and seek understanding. Be humble and generous. If you do these things your path will be straight and your journey successful. Keep hold of all you have learned and guard your wisdom with your life.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) **CH816 What do you want**

**What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises? I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.**

*I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

*You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded. Come see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my light. Jesus, Jesus you are the way.*

*I am your song and servant, singing your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to your Spirit, 'Let it be done to me.'
Jesus, Jesus, 'Let it be done to me.' Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

(Words: Sr Donna Cargill)

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. Guide me, Lord, in the way that I should go and teach me your truth.

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 Matthew 11: 25-30) At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

Sit

Address

Stand

The Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father; the almighty who is, and was, and is to come.

We believe in Jesus Christ; the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, the King of Kings who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of many gifts, sent from the throne on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

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

Stand

The Peace

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.**

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Sit or kneel

Eucharistic Prayer H

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.

God, all-wise and all-just,
you have taught us through your commandments,
how to live in perfect harmony and peace.

In your great love for us
you sent your Son Jesus to preach
and to teach the Good News of your Kingdom.

In sermons and in parables,
in miracles of healing and works of mercy
he revealed the way of true discipleship,
offering his life so that we might live.

For 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 is 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.

Invitation

[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 sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

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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 he
gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your
heart by faith 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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have
the light of life.

Post Communion:

Lord, your word and your sacrament give us food and life. May this gift of
your Son lead us to share his life for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your
holy food strengthen us in love and help is to serve you in each other. We
ask this in the name of 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 Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with you and guide you on
your way at every change and turn; 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.**

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.**

**Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. And it's from the old...**

**As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know. And it's from the old...**

**Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you. And it's from the old...**

(Words: Sydney Carter)



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.