



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

## 20 September 2020 TRINITY 15 Year A 20/38

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 Interceder: Ken Thompson

*Collect: God most high, your ways are not our ways and your love is given equally to all: teach us to rejoice in your generosity to those whom we think are undeserving so that, at the day of judgement, we may receive mercy ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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



**EPIPHONI** There are still plenty of tickets available for this outstanding concert in aid of the ARC Food Bank. Do pass the word onto others who may be interested. The aim is to make a significant donation to the team supporting local families in need - and what better way to contribute than by attending some live music! If you can't come to the concert and would still like to support the ARC Food bank, donations would be very welcome.

ST JAMES' CHURCH, PREBEND STREET  
 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th AT 6pm  
 FREE ADMISSION  
 All donations will be given to the ARC FOOD BANK, St Peter Street  
 Due to COVID restrictions tickets must be booked in advance from St James' Vicarage, 1a Arlington Square, N1 7DS  
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### FIRST COMMUNICANTS

It is always a huge pleasure to welcome new candidates onto the First Communion programme. Pictured here are: Tayah Phillips, Ava Wilson, Amariah Greenaway, Matilda and Barnaby Powell. The first session is always a tour of St James' exploring what we find in churches - as well as getting the chance to ring the bell!



**WELCOME!** Our stock of contact cards has been in demand this month as we have welcomed a number of new visitors to St James'. First was Thiago Chang. Thiago's first language in Portuguese so we are putting him in touch with Fr Stephen who spent so many years in Brazil. Next was Ruth Tsegai who was originally from Eritrea So we are putting her in touch with Weini Falppa for whom that was home. Finally today Clem, Pierre, Alex and Emma Friry! So good to see you!

### 2020 HARVEST 'FIVE (POUNDS) A DAY' APPEAL

We are very familiar with the '5-a-day' rule for healthy eating. As usual at Harvest, we are hoping to send money to help the AIDS orphans in Bonda, Zimbabwe to eat healthily too. Could you tuck a £5 note (or more if you can) into one of the Harvest envelopes so that they can enjoy what we so easily take for granted? For one of those children could you give a '£5 a day' please?



**SEASON OF CREATION** Pope Francis' major statement on Creation, *Laudato Si*, reminds us that everyone - and everything - is related. What we do here affects Antarctica; whatever happens in China affects the fire-prone areas of California; whatever happens in the Amazon affect us, and so on. The consequence of a stone hitting the surface of a pond and sending out infinite numbers of ripples is finally dawning on us - and not before time. For the next three Sundays - to include Harvest on October 4th we are, alongside our brothers and sisters in many parts of the world, turning our attention to the natural world and to the great challenge of our day, global warming. While am I no expert in environmental issues, we can at least look at the problem in the light of the Bible injunction to care for the earth.

**MUSIC AT ST JAMES'** Our music ministry has picked up much more quickly than expected as performers seek every opportunity to make live music once more.

After *Isabel Nisbet's* fine lieder recital last Sunday evening and the *Epiphoni concert* next Sunday, we look forward to a production of the popular opera *Pagliacci* being staged at St James' on October. 3rd. The monthly service, *Musical Vespers*, begins on Sunday November 1st and a cross genre Camden Arts group play on November 13th. And all that before we hear the outcome of the Organ Project proposals!

### THIS WEEK

Sun *TRINITY 15* Masses at 8am and 10am  
 Mon 12.30pm Pack-Up in the Church Hall. 2pm Funeral of Dave Church at Islington Crematorium.  
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 4.30pm First Communion preparation in Church. 'Is there a God?'  
 Wed 10am Mass. 10.30-5.30pm *Pagliacci Opera rehearsals*  
 Thurs 6-7pm Office session in Church.  
 Fri 10.30-5.30pm *Pagliacci Opera rehearsals*.  
 Sun 27 *TRINITY 16* Masses at 8am and 10am. 6pm Epiphoni perform at St James' in aid of ARC Food Bank.

### Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 20 *TRINITY 15* Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire and Sam  
 Mon 21 *DEL Wk 25* Mark and Norah Hodge; Rebecca, Rob and Evelyn Holtom  
 Tues 22 *Feria* Alastair and Diane Hume; Kris Hyde  
 Wed 23 *Ember Day* Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste  
 Thurs 24 *Feria* Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Grace and Elrose Joseph  
 Fri 25 *Lancelot Andrewes* Miranda Jules; Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella  
 Sat 26 *Wilson Carlile, CA* Charlotte, Josh and Olivia Kennedy; Philip Kingston  
 Sun 27 *TRINITY 16* Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd

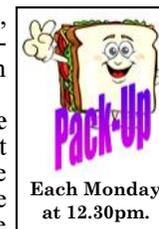
### PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

**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.

**ANNIVERSARIES** 21st: John Donald (2003); 22nd: Bryn Lane (1995), Ruth Parkes; 23rd: Brian Masters, bishop (1998); 26th: Daphne Fleck (1996).

**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 LATEST Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** had last Sunday's court appearance deferred for no apparent reason. We have no idea whether that is good news or not. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is equally 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. Unable to be in regular contact with her family Kylie 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.



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PARISH MASS  
for Trinity 15 2020  
in the Creation Season

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

PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 15 IN CREATION SEASON 2020

Opening Hymn (for reflection not singing!) **AM552 Think of a world**

*Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a world without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

*Think of a world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

*Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no one living there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no one to love and nobody to care.  
We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

(Words: Doreen Newport)

**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 always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Creation Season: Who cares?*

**Confession**

We praise you God, for the Earth that sustains life.  
Through the cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth,  
you open your hand to give all creatures our food in the proper time.  
But in these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits:  
our demand for growth, and an endless round  
of production and consumption are exhausting our world.  
We have not allowed the land its own Sabbath rest  
and the Earth is struggling to renew itself as you intended.

You tell us the land must rest, free from the burden of production.  
**We confess we do not take care of what you have given us.**  
You call us to pause from sowing and reaping in ways that destroy the soil.  
**We confess our endless demand for food and energy.**

You assure us that there is enough food for all.

**We confess our lack of willingness to limit what we want.**

You affirm that our security is found in enough.

**We confess to thinking natural resources are a right not a gift.**

You call us to leave enough fruit on the vine and in the fields to feed our neighbours, our animals, and those who have no food of their own.

**We confess our unwillingness to share what we have.**

You call us to fairness and justice.

**We confess to not loving our neighbours as ourselves.**

Turn us, Lord, from fear and mistrust,

**and free us to work for a life of fairness and hope for all.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect**

**God most high, your ways are not our ways and your love is given equally to all: teach us to rejoice in your generosity to those whom we think are undeserving so that, at the day of judgement, we may receive mercy ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*1st Reading:* (Jonah 3: 10 to 4:11) When God saw that the people of Nineveh had repented and turned from their evil ways, he changed his mind about the calamity that he had promised to bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This greatly upset Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a shelter for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

Then the Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm to attack the bush so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. Should I not, then, be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left?'

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

*Psalm:* [Ps 148]

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;**

**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
praise him you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;

for he commanded and they were created.

**He made them to stand fast for ever and ever.**

**He gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Young men and maidens,

old and young together

**let them praise the name of the Lord,**

**for his name only is exalted,**

**his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*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. Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(St Luke 16: 19-31) ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.”

But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.”

He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

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

*Sit*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father 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; though 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 with 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.**

## The Intercessions

*At the end:*

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

*Stand*

## The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love joy and peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn (for reflection not singing!) AM571 We bring you* [t. AM331 St Fulbert]

*We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
that every child on earth  
should live and grow in freedom’s ways,  
in dignity and worth.*

*Our prayers are for a world in pain  
where force and fear prevail,  
the plough becomes the sword again,  
and hope and harvests fail.*

*In Christ we learn to love and care,  
to lay aside the sword;  
that in his name we make our prayer:  
'Your Kingdom come, O Lord.'*

(Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith. alt)

*Remain sitting*

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 power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept  
our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your  
creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing*

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.**

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to  
give you thanks.

God of all creation, all things are of your making  
and all times and seasons obey your laws

Yet you have made us stewards of your creation,  
guardians of the earth and all that grows.  
In our ignorance and in our impatience,  
we have raided the treasures you have laid in store for us  
abusing and consuming at a rate which is unsustainable.

### **At the Offertory**

Pour upon us a greater understanding of the world in which we live;  
open our eyes and our hearts  
to the damage that we can so easily inflict on our environment.

Help us to understand the principles that you first laid down  
so that we do not rush headlong into a future which is out of control,  
may we be able to pass on to future generations  
a world of plenty, equally shared,  
a place of unity, peace and love.

And so we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
sharing for ever this song of your glory:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sit or kneel*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice  
made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup  
and thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother God,  
St James, St Peter and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through him from whom all good things come,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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**

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.**

**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**

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**

*Communion Antiphon:*

You have laid down your laws to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be  
firm in keeping your commands.

*Post Communion:*

Lord, surround us with your love for all your Creation. Make us strong  
through the eucharist so that we may put into action the saving mystery  
we celebrate; 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 strength to all who call upon him,  
fill us with courage and with insight,  
so that all the world may live as one,  
bearing one another's burdens  
and seeking the common good;  
and so may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us, now and for ever. Amen.

## Dismissal

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

*Final Hymn (for reflection not singing!)* **AM532 All creatures of our God**

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way.  
O praise him. Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show: Alleluia...**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One: Alleluia...** (Words: WH Draper)



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.