



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

25th April 2021 EASTER 4 Year B 21/17

Welcomer: Shirley Chinery  
 Readers: Sergio Villicana, Mostyn Goodwin  
 Interceder: Jane Kilgannon  
 Hymns:  
 Entry: AM794 The King of love  
 Gradual: NEH282 Faithful shepherd lead me  
 Offertory: AM621 Dear Lord and Father  
 Anthem: *The Lord is my shepherd Goodhall*  
 Final: AM456 Now let us from this table

**Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your commands, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



**SHEPHERDING** On this 'Good Shepherd' Sunday - with the familiar Vicar of Dibley theme ringing in our ears from the Post-Communion anthem - we focus on the way Jesus shepherded his friends and disciples. And at first glance he wasn't that careful with them! He takes them into tricky situations, he does things (like miracles) they can't copy, he suddenly leaves them behind and they have to go looking for him, his teaching is often cryptic to say the least - and he tells them off quite a lot! But despite this they trusted him. They knew that it would come right in the end even if they couldn't always see the road ahead. And they learned to hold their nerve.

As we take on board the implementation of the Organ Project, the way ahead might seem a bit uncertain. Driven on by the need to beat a price rise at the beginning of June and the desire to get this all finished in 2021, we have very little option than to follow the pattern that we adopted in the three major projects we have already undertaken since 2015 (the re-ordering of the sanctuary, the re-lighting of the Church and finally the re-painting of the Church interior) by doing much of the design and planning ourselves. Frankly we don't have much option: there isn't the money available to get professionals to do this work for us. But that requires us to stick together and to trust that God who started this work among us will also see us through to the end. It might seem slightly untidy and we will need to call in favours from our friends but we also remember last week's collect: *Lord, help us to endure the hardships of life, that we may seize the opportunities you offer and strive for that which is yet impossible...*



**KINGSLEY** Sadly Kingsley Lewis hadn't been well enough to attend last Sunday's AGM but he was able to be in Church last Wednesday when we had the opportunity to present him with a commemorative mug recording his 40 year association with St James'. True to form we couldn't resist taking a photograph after Mass, not least because I think Kingsley is already the most familiar face in the Parish Office archive as a result of his support for every social event since 1981!

**PACK ART PANEL** It is so good to know that there is a resident artist working on the new Packington Estate. It was Anna Hart who was responsible for the planting of the huge Chilean wine palm tree in Packington Square two years ago - probably the biggest palm ever planted in the UK! Now Anna is looking for volunteers for the 'Pack Art Panel', exploring new ideas for our area. Already one of its members (Paul Tozer) is planning to hang works in St James' this summer and we hope to forge a continuing link. If you are interested in art locally, I can put you in touch.

**PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 18th** Just six months after the last AGM in October because of the lockdown, this was a rather smaller affair than usual. We were delighted to be able to re-elect Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet as Churchwardens but we had to suspend other elections after the sudden resignation of Alastair Hume from the PCC. Alastair was one of the Parties Opponent over the Organ Project and he does not feel able to continue as a Trustee of 'St James' as we move to the implementation stage. Given his very long standing on the Church Council, we are sorry that he has chosen to leave the PCC but we do want express our very real thanks for all the work that he has done, not least for his work as Assistant Treasurer which he promises to continue throughout the summer. Once the present very intense period of setting up contracts is over we will look again at the membership of the PCC and seek volunteers to serve on the committee which stands at the heart of our parish life.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** This is a final call for signing up to the next admissions planned for May which we may now combine with the (adult) baptism of Thomas Gerbeaux on May 23rd, the Feast of Pentecost!

## THIS WEEK

Sun 25 **EASTER 4 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Fr Stephen)  
 Mon 12.15pm Pack-Up opens for lunch, Church Hall.  
 Tues 3pm Funeral for Alan McCarthy (Popham Road) at Islington Cemetery.  
 Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm PCC meeting by zoom.  
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Basic Christianity course: The Rite of Mass.  
 Sun 2 **EASTER 5 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 25 **EASTER 4** Teresa Pereira, Richard, Mae and Ivy Dennison  
 Mon 26 **DEL Easter 4** Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy  
 Tues 27 **Feria** Adam Dickson; Amy Eldon Richier; Scott, Freddie, Callum Kinch  
 Wed 28 **Feria** Amanda Doyle, Will Ellsworth Jones; Weini and Ethan Faloppa  
 Thurs 29 **St Catherine of Siena** Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo, Gloria Falcioni  
 Fri 30 **St George** Lisa and Sonny Follett; Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Maria Flavius  
 Sat 1 **SS Phillip and James Ap** Ros, Chris, Bea and Sebastian Ford  
 Sun 2 **EASTER 5** Jennifer and Aurny Franich; Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

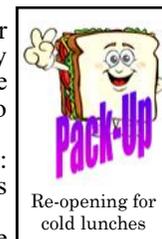
**BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns today to James Murphy; on Friday to Danni Green and on Saturday to Maria Flavius.

**SICK** Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Mariolina and Peter Freeth, Nieve Goodwin, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Lyn Thompson, and Melanie Toogood needing to transfer to the Mildmay Hospital shortly.

**ANNIVERSARIES** 27th: Barbara Turnbull (2013); 29th: Thomas Lloyd; 30th: Vicki Simmons (2019); 1st: Fred Welling (our verger who was murdered in 1984).

**INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne's husband Travis is Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton, 14 miles away. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in Ehime near Hiroshima.

**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** Continuing to remember **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** who still awaits news of the verdict from her second trial in Tehran before Easter.





PARISH MASS  
for Easter 4  
Sunday April 25th 2021

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1

PARISH MASS  
FOR EASTER 4 2021

Entry Hymn: **AM794 The King of love my Shepherd is** [t. Dominus regit me]

*The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth:  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth.*

*And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.*

(Words: Henry Williams Baker)

**The Greeting**

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen:

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

**Words of Preparation**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death;

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die:**

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive!**

## Confession

Easter Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

**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.  
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 you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

**Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to  
hear your voice and to follow your commands, that all your  
people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.**

*1st Reading:* (Acts 4: 5-12) The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

*Gradual:* **NEH282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me**

[t Pastor Pastorum]

***Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where thy steps are seen.***

***Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.***

***Day by day prepare me  
as thou seest best,  
then let angels bear me  
to thy promised rest.***

(Words: T B Pollock)

*2nd Reading:* (1 John 3: 16-end) We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

*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 am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia**

### Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St John 10: 11-18) Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Sit

### Sermon

Stand

### 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

Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia  
**And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Offertory Hymn: **AM62I Dear Lord and Father of mankind** [t. Repton]

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!*

(Words: John Greenleaf Whittier)

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.**

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.

*Remain standing*

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

Saving God, you sent your Son to be our Passover Lamb who would take away the sins of the world. You continue to search out your sheep who are lost, leading them to green pastures and guiding them beside still waters.

Send your Holy Spirit to renew the mission of your Church so that all who hear your voice will never be in want.

Call us by name and give to each a place in your sheepfold so that, with the angels and saints and all the company of heaven we may sing together these songs of everlasting 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 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;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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.**

## Agnus Dei

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

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

*Anthem:* **The Lord is my shepherd** [Music: Howard Goodhall, theme from the Vicar of Dibley]

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he maketh me down to lie in green pastures  
he leadeth me besides the still waters

Yea though I walk through the valley in the shadow of death I will fear no evil.  
For you are with me you will comfort me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
and I will't dwell in the house of thy Lord forever.

*Communion Antiphon:*

The Good Shepherd is risen. He who laid down his life for his sheep who  
died for his flock, he is risen. Alleluia.

*Post Communion:*

Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of  
Christ and lead us to the promised land. We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ the risen 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**

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Final:* **AM456ii Now let us from this table rise** [t Solothurn]

**Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul;  
with Christ we die and rise again his selfless love has made us whole.**

**To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then grant us grace, Companion-God, to choose again the pilgrim way  
and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.**

(Words: Fred Kaan)