



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

27th June 2021 TRINITY 4 Year B 21/25

Welcomer: Eva Kasella
 Cantor: Ros Ford
 Readers: Sergio Villicana, Cecilia San Vincente
 Interceder: Luigi Falcioni

Hymns:
 Entry: AM558 Now praise the God of justice
 Gradual: CAHON506 O let the love
 Offertory: AM499 Lord you gave the great
 Anthem: *Bist du bei mir JS Bach*
 Final: AM766 Praise my soul

Collect: God of the living, you enable us to overcome the fear of death so that we can take our place in the new creation: fill us now with an enduring faith so that we may one day inherit a life which will last for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHURCHWARDENS Today, due to the pandemic, we have been asked to re-license our Churchwardens - not in some big service somewhere in the Deanery but back at home. And we will say a profound thank-you to Hilary and to Isabel for their loyalty, commitment and sheer hard work on behalf of St James'. We have every reason to be hugely grateful to them both and I hope we count ourselves lucky that they are prepared to serve us in the way that they do.

But I also want to take this opportunity to think about power and authority. How does it work in general and how does it work in churches like our own? What is the role of a bishop, a parish priest, a churchwarden and indeed a member of the PCC? How does accountability work and how, under charity law, does trusteeship operate within the Church? This may not seem a very 'Gospel-orientated' topic ... or even a very glamorous one! But the Organ Project has brought all these issues out into the open and it is probably time that some basic misunderstandings were cleared up, once for all. The Church of England is not the same as a commercial business and it has to have different rules if God's priorities are to be at the forefront of all we do. I promise it won't be 'heavy'!

INTERNATIONAL LINKS DAY As you know we keep in regular touch with two Anglican churches abroad: Grace Church in Alvin, Texas and St Andrew's in Matsuyama near Hiroshima in Japan. *Next Sunday*, 4th July (note the irony) we are marking these relationships with a special 'Links Sunday' and are looking forward to Suzanne Smith of Grace preaching for us and Fr Sebastian of St Andrew's leading our prayers (I am preaching for Grace). We hope in this way that we learn more of what it is like to be a Christian in another culture as well as reflecting on the great things that God is doing around the world. This is in addition to the growing contributions being made to St James' by a lively group of young people who have joined us from other countries this year - from France, Mexico, Brazil and the US.

MEMORIALS Each week you will see or read names of those who have died. Some will be known but most won't. Bishop Richard Holloway said that one of the most important roles of the Church was not to forget those who had served it

in the past: 'their names live for evermore' as Ecclesiasticus says, an inscription often found on war memorials. This week there are two significant names, Ann Fathers and David Maitland, who were both part of that core group in 1979 who appealed to Bishop Jim Thompson to halt the Pastoral Measure which would have closed St James'. Ann was indomitable and David went on to revamp the hugely complicated finances of St James' and St Peter's to give us the financial security we enjoy today. May they rest in peace.

WEBCAMS After the glitch of last weekend CAVS came and replaced some hardware and reset a few of the protocols so we think all is set fair for the challenge of next weekend when we link up the screen to see Suzanne preaching for us from the US! The PCC are considering new microphones for concerts too.

NATIONAL GARDENS The Vicarage is providing tea and cake next Sunday afternoon as part of the NGS scheme. Home made cake very welcome please...!

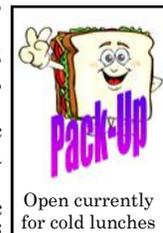
THIS WEEK	
Sun	TRINITY 4 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL with the re-licensing of our two Churchwardens.
Mon	5-6.30pm Rehearsal.
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10-1pm Filming in Church. 7-9pm Rehearsal.
Wed	10am Mass. 4-6pm Rehearsal in Church.
Thurs	6pm Evening Prayer.
Sun 4	TRINITY 5/INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL, linked with Grace Church Alvin and St Andrew's Matsuyama, Japan. 2-5.30pm National Gardens scheme. 1-3.30pm Rehearsal in Church.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 27	TRINITY 3	Paula, Gianna, Giandre Morrison; Sergio Munoz, Cecilia Huiza
Mon 28	DEL Week 13	Jade Nicholson; John, Charlie and Henry Green
Tues 29	SS Peter and Paul	Isabel Nisbet; Joyce Owusu; Toni Parker
Wed 30	Feria	Jessica and Tayah Phillips; Nick, Matilda and Barnaby Powell
Thurs 1	Birth of John the Baptist	John, Hilary, Lauren Roden and Hope Dixey
Fri 2	Feria	Rosemary Ross; Helen Schofield; Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook
Sat 3	St Thomas	Nick, Isabelle, Maxwell and Leon Sharples; Song and Jess Si
Sun 4	TRINITY 3	Susan and Eric Sorensen; Claire, Alex, Kaitlin and Oliver Suksiri

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns this week Isla Seabrook who will be 10 on Thursday, to Zuri Kasella who will be 8 on Friday and to Thomas Gerbeaux on Saturday.
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Warmest congratulations to Luigi and Jane Falcioni whose 'silk' wedding anniversary is today! I am glad that they are in Church so we can wish them many more happy years together!
- BANNS** Between Anthony Leahy and Eve Louise Clancy, both single and of this parish with a qualifying connection with Christ Church, Hampstead. These are for the third time of asking.
- SICK** Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Alvin Jules, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, Tayah Phillips, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe and Lyn Thompson.
- MEMORIALS** Today: Anne Fathers (2002, see article); 29th: Frederick Cooper; 30th David Maitland (1995); 1st: Charles Green, Elsie Stevens, Jenny Hartley; 2nd Jocelyn Raymond (1994); 3rd: Paul Holness.
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in St Andrew's Church, Matsuyama near Hiroshima.
- PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We join the rest of the free world in condemning the additional year of imprisonment imposed on **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** and to a further year of travel restrictions. We continue to pray for Richard and for Gabriella and for those in government working for Nazanin's release. Richard will not have seen Nazanin for over seven years by the end of it all. We hope and pray our government will find a way of obtaining her release much more quickly than April 2023.



PARISH MASS
FOR TRINITY 4 2021

Gathering



PARISH MASS
for Trinity 4 and the
re-licensing of Churchwardens
June 27th 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

Entry Hymn: AM558 *Now praise the God of justice* [t. Aurelia AM506]

**Now praise the God of justice
with heart and soul and voice;
remember all his wonders,
recount them and rejoice.
He stands with all who labour
for what is true and right,
till wickedness and falsehood
are banished from his sight.**

**Now praise the God of justice,
however dark the day:
the hope that calls for mercy
will not be turned away;
for evil shall not triumph,
nor human sin prevail:
the Cross of Christ shall triumph,
God's promise will not fail.** (Words: Martin Leckebusch, from Psalm 9, adapted)

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

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ordinary Time

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from all our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us 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.**

God of the living, you enable us to overcome the fear of death so that we can take our place in the new creation: fill us now with an enduring faith so that we may one day inherit a life which will last for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Genesis 3: 17-19, 22-24 CEV) And to Adam the Lord said, 'Because you listened to the voice of your wife, and ate from the tree which I commanded you not to touch, the earth on which you walk shall be cursed. No longer will it flourish naturally. Until the end of your life you must work for your food for from the earth will come thorns and thistles and only by the sweat of your brow shall you eat the plants that you have grown and the bread that you have made.' Then the Lord God said, 'Now the man has become like one of us, knowing good from evil. Soon he may reach out his hand and eat from the tree of life so that he may live for ever' And so the Lord sent Adam and his wife Eve from the garden of Eden and he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **CAHON506 O let the love of God enfold you**

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit, like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and bless us here;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and take away our fear.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, O Jesus...**

(Words: John Wimber, ed JB)

2nd Reading: (1 Corinthians 11: 17-22, 33-34 CEV) Now in these matters I cannot approve of what you do. For those who report to me say that when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse!

When you meet as a Church there is no unity among you but a stream of divisions. And the evidence is there, for the various factions in your community reveal which of you are genuine and which are not.

Even when you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's Supper.

For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead without regard for the others present so that one goes hungry and another becomes drunk.

What! Do you not have your own homes to eat and drink in? Do you show such contempt for the Church of God that you are able to humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I applaud the way you behave? Certainly not!

My brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, you must share what you have with generous hearts and learn to wait on one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you gather in Church you show each other patience and love. Then you will not be condemned. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

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 When we are judged by the Lord it is so that we will not be condemned with the world. 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 9: 46-48) An argument arose among the disciples as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Admission of Churchwardens

Hilary and Isabel, will you, as Churchwardens, seek to work with the Bishop, with your parish priest, the Parochial Church Council and with all those who exercise leadership responsibility in this parish, to further the mission of God and his purposes?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you undertake your task as a spiritual calling and seek, through the power of the Holy Spirit, by example and precept, to promote faith in Jesus Christ and peace and unity in his Church?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you care for the fabric and property of the Church and make it your responsibility to ensure its proper upkeep and repair?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

God give you grace to serve him with dedication, cheerfulness and humility. May his holy and all-powerful Spirit direct your path throughout the coming year as we work to fulfil the vision God has given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The declaration

Hilary and Isabel, before you can be admitted to office you must make this Declaration:

I solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the Office of Churchwarden in the parish of St James', Islington. I will seek to represent the laity of the parish and to cooperate with the parish priest. I will try, by word and example, to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion, and I will promote unity and peace among them.

I now admit as Churchwardens, Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet who, being duly elected to serve in the parish of St James' Islington in the Diocese of London, have now made their declaration.

May God give you grace to serve him faithfully in this office in the coming year.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayer which we offer for your faithful people; that each in their vocation and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through Jesus our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

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

Offertory Hymn: **AM499 Lord, you give the great commission** [t AM337 Blaenwern]

*Lord, you gave the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the Word'.
Lest the Church neglect it's mission
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:
'in my name baptise and teach'.
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end'.
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

(Words: Jeffery Rowthorn)

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 reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our
peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all that we offer
you this day. 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.

True and living God, you do not judge by outward appearances
but look directly into our hearts.
You came among us in your Son Jesus,
the one whose appearance was one with us
and yet whose heart was one with you.

Through him you gather a harvest of souls
so that all you have made can be transformed into glory
and all that shrinks from you can be turned to dust.

May we live by faith so that, with the angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven
we may for ever sing our endless 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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:



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; 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 in 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.**

Sit

After Communion

Anthem: **Bist du bei mir**

[Music: J S Bach]

*If you are here, with what contentment
I'll find in death my life's repose.
O sweet indeed would be my ending
if you in death my soul befriending
with gentle hands my eyelids close.*

(Words: Michael Forster)

Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask 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.**

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: **AM766 Praise my soul**

[t Praise my soul]

***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.***

***Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.***

***Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.***

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte)

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