

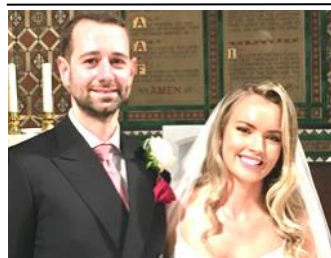


# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

3 October 2021 TRINITY 18 Yr B 21/38

Welcomer: Eva Kasella  
 Reader: Lebby Anafu  
 Interceder: Lucy Haire  
 Euch Min: Laura Roden  
 Coffee: Rosemary Ross  
 Entry: AM721 Love divine  
 Gradual: AM714 Lord of all power  
 Offertory: TP23 Though I speak  
 P-Comm: AM566 Put peace  
 Final: AM604 Brother, sister let me  
 Mass: Mass of All Nations, WGRG

**Collect: Creator God, you make men and women in your image to reflect your glory. Heal our hearts in times of distress with your tender love so that we may overcome our selfishness and willingly shape our lives after the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



**CHURCH WEDDINGS** As expected, the easing of Covid restrictions has enabled St James' to respond to a big surge of applications for weddings and baptisms. With confetti still blowing around the Church grounds we have as our readings today Jesus' words about the life-time nature of marriage. As we congratulated James and Gemma last week and Ian and Jenni yesterday this may be the time to look again at the way relationships are formed in the 21st century - and to ask what people expect from marriage today. To congregations of largely unchurched people, what is the message we want to get across?



**ISLINGTON PROMS** The Proms steering Committee met on Thursday, mightily relieved that with a mix of good luck and high aspiration, even in a Covid year, it has been possible to have a first class festival which almost balanced its books. We owe huge thanks to the very small team of organisers who worked so hard and today - at the general environmental level - we also want to say how much we will miss the current art exhibition when it is taken down next Tuesday morning.

**CONGRATULATIONS (1)** A few of you will be aware that Isabel Nisbet is a leading authority on trends in education, especially in testing. She has regularly appeared on radio and in educational journals. This week she was appointed to an independent review panel of the Northern Ireland executive to look at the future of education in the Province. What do they say about giving work to the busiest person...? She expects to be away for the inside of a week each month.

**CONGRATULATIONS (2)** We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of Abigail to Kerry and Chris Sabine on Wednesday 29th, a sister for Ben. Now living in Wanstead, Kerry says she is immensely happy - but very tired!

**HARVEST 2021** In normal years we would be holding our annual Harvest Festival today but this has not been possible so we look forward to that in two week's time, on Sunday October 17th. This year we will be responding to the appeal by *Christian Aid* for funds to respond to all the natural disasters around the world. Special gift envelopes are available at the back of Church.

**TIME TO DREAM** You may remember that, back in June, we shared a small blue document which set out some of the questions we need to ask as we move into the next phase of our life together. After the shock of the pandemic, now is the time to ask what our priorities ought to be - what are we good at, what not so good at; what resources do we have and how can we encourage more people to share in the running of this very diverse Church community? To help this process we are delighted to have the expert skills of Fr Jim Walters who has been working at these sorts of questions both in his workplace (as chaplain at the London School of Economics) and at the national Church level. Jim is very kindly celebrating the 10am Mass next Sunday (10th) and I hope he will use part of that to share some reflections about the process we all need to be involved in. I am sure you will enjoy his input: nothing could be more important for us at St James' at the present time.



**ORGAN PROJECT** Just in case you thought nothing much was happening, here is Sarah Pellereau our structural engineer updating the plans for the new steel platform that needs to be inserted into the very confined organ chamber - before all the

		THIS WEEK
Sun	TRINITY 18	8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.30-3.30pm Music School recital.
Mon		10.30-9.30pm Hamish Mackay recording session.
Tues		8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10am Proms Fringe Art Exhibition is taken down. 3.15-6.15pm Laurence Williams singing lessons.
Wed		10am Mass. 7-8.30pm Some Voices rehearsal.
Thurs		5pm Amelia Baillie organ practice. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini rehearsal.
Sat		2.30-6.30pm Ell Kendall music rehearsal.
Sun 10	TRINITY 19	8am Mass (Fr Stephen). 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL (Fr Jim).

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Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

**QR CODE** May we remind those of you with mobile phones that you can give to St James' via the large QR sheet on the back notice-board, or the smaller code printed at the foot of this Weekly News.

Sun 3	TRINITY 18	Fr Victor de Waal; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis
Mon 4	DEL Week 27	Fr Jim Walters; Belle Williams, Poppy, Pearl and Bow
Tues 5	Feria	Lucy McAllister, Jay, Ava, Ivy and Bella Wilson; Chris Wright
Wed 6	William Tyndale	Lisa, Darren, Max and Oscar Ahmet-Baker
Thurs 7	Feria	Louise Ahmet, Vinney and Benji Payne
Fri 8	Feria	Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen; Beatrice A-Renner
Sat 9	Feria	Vicky Bellamy, Archie, Holly and Josh Campbell
Sun 10	TRINITY 19	Albert and Annie Bryan; Vivienne Carlton; Thiago Chang

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

**BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns tomorrow to Emma Carter who is 17; and on Tuesday to Clem Friry, leading our push to upgrade St James' Gardens.

**SICK** Beatrice Awoonor-Renner, Darren Bavington, Christopher Browne, Archie Campbell, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, John Roden, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Lyn Thompson, Tim Willis.

**MEMORIALS** 4th: Betty Hegney (1993), Margaret Wheat; 5th: Harriet Simmons; 6th: Irene Earl (2009); 9th: Florence Hill.

**INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in St Andrew's Church, Matsuyama, Diocese of Kobe.

**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 ban on leaving Iran. We continue to pray for Richard and for Gabriella and for those in government working for Nazanin's release. We also pray for the civil rights lawyer **Nasrin Sotoudeh** sentenced to 30 years and 148 lashes for her work in defending those being unjustly tried in Iran today.



Open 12noon each Monday for hot lunches





PARISH MASS  
for Trinity 18  
October 3rd 2021  
  
as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1

PARISH MASS for TRINITY 18

Entry Hymn: **AM721 Love divine, all love's excelling** [t Love divine]

*Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.*

*Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our pace,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise!* (Words: Charles Wesley)

**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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this: 'Hear O Israel,  
the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your mind  
and with all your strength.**

The second is this:  
**You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

## Confession

We confess that sometimes we regard others as less worthy than ourselves. Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

We confess that we can build barriers of thought and action which separate us from other people. Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

We confess that our views can be prejudiced and that we fail to respect the views of others. Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## Gloria

L530 Gloria, Gloria!

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing your song of praise. Gloria...*

*Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God  
you take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all. Gloria...*

*At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord. Gloria...*

*Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands on high,  
we glorify your name. Gloria...*

## Collect

*Collect:* **Creator God, you make men and women in your image to reflect your glory. Heal our hearts in times of distress with your tender love so that we may overcome our selfishness and willingly shape our lives after the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Sit

## The Word of God

*Reading:* (Genesis 2: 18-24) Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stay sitting for the Gradual:* **AM714 Lord of all power**

[t Slane]

*Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,  
and, held by your keeping, my weakness is strong.*

*Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.*

*Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart:  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.*

*Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,  
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.*

(Words: Jack Winslow)

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

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

We say together

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the message of eternal life.**

We sing once more:

**Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St Mark 10: 2-16) Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**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**

Stand

**The Peace**

You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn: TP23 Though I speak the tongues of angels**

*Though I speak the tongues of angels,  
though I speak the tongues of men,  
if I give away my fortune  
or by faith could move the hills;  
but if it is not yet possible  
to do it all with love,  
none of this is any good at all.*

*Faith, hope and love,  
God's gifts to all his people.  
Faith, hope and love,  
but best of all is love.*

*Love is patient, love is kind,  
love will pardon and excuse.  
Love is never rude or selfish  
but delights in what is right.*

*There are things that we have come to trust  
that must come to an end.*

*Only love will finally endure. Faith, hope...*

*As a youth I had no wisdom  
I would talk of childish things.  
I still look into a mirror  
and find only half the truth.  
Though I faintly sense the future  
and what I should really see,  
one day I shall come to understand. Faith, hope...* (Words: 1 Corinthians 13/JB)

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 truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Remain standing

### Eucharistic Prayer for use when children are present

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.

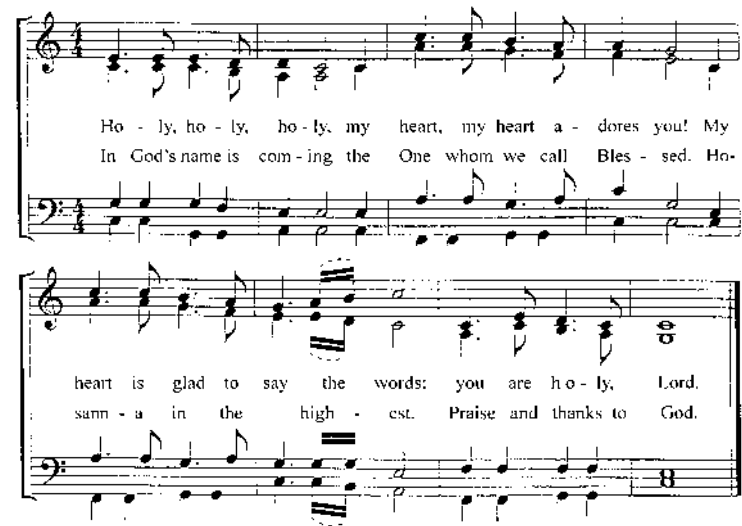
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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 our Lord.

Out of your great love you sent your Son to show us what you are like, to offer forgiveness and to fill our hearts with hope and with joy.

You continue to send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warm and to revive your Church.

Therefore with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, joining with all the angels and saints in their unending hymn of praise:



Sit or kneel

Father, you are holy indeed,  
and all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit.  
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,  
so that from east to west your people may celebrate  
the sacraments of the new covenant.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,  
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood,  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, and to work together for that day when the whole world is fed, suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary the Mother of God, St James and all your saints we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



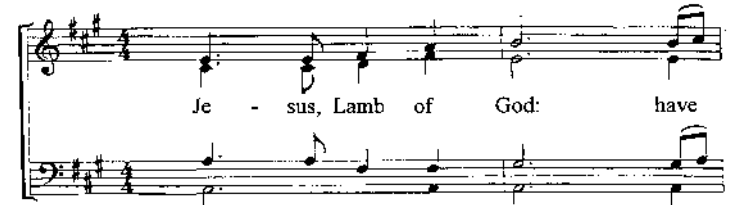
### Lord's Prayer

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 in the one Bread.**

### Agnus Dei



### 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.**

Communion Hymn: **AM566 Put peace into another's hands** [t AM463 Ach Gott]

**Put peace into another's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.**

**Put Christ into each other's hands,  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.** (Words: Fred Kaan)

### Post Communion

Communion Antiphon:

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Post Communion:

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

### Community Notices

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith, defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn: **AM604 Brother, sister, let me serve you** [t Servant Song

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

(Words: Richard Gillard)



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.