



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH
31 October 2021 ALL SAINTS' Yr B 21/42

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 Interceder: Lucy Haire
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 Coffee: Isabel Nisbet
 Entry: NEH372 He who would valiant be
 Gradual: AM42 Longing for light
 Offertory: NMP8 All earth was dark
 P-Comm: AM330 Do not be afraid
 Final: AM638 Give me joy

Collect: Almighty Father, you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints: inspire us to follow their example, that we in our generation may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HALLOWEEN - OR NOT? Isn't anyone who doesn't like Halloween or take part in 'trick or treat' just a 'party pooper'? What is the harm in dressing up and having fun with a few scary masks and lights in pumpkins? Who would want to stop our children going from house in the hope of getting a few sweets? Put like that, it all sounds completely harmless! But at our 10am Mass today we are taking a look at the background to Halloween and asking if Christians might not have something better to celebrate than the stuff that comes from the dark side of life.



WELCOME to the Taylor family (Allingham Street) whom we met for the first time on Thursday. Stu and Joemil (originally from Venezuela) are very much looking forward to their daughter being baptised at St James' - on Boxing Day! As we talked we went on to discover that they are yet another 'inter-Church' family where one member was born Catholic and the other a member of another Church denomination. And then I began to add up just how many other inter-Church families we have in St James' - in addition to Maria and I that is: Luigi and Jane, Scott and Amy, Matt and Nicole, John and Hilary, Richard and Teresa and Mostyn and Nieve - and there may be more! Does this present a serious problem? While it may break a few rules for some, by and large people find a Church which suits them, a Church which is welcoming; labels really don't count for very much these days. So perhaps in 2022 we ought to give one Sunday over to asking what the differences are between Anglicans and Roman Catholics - and give some time to giving thanks for all we share in common. Most of all we look forward to helping our children to discover that slight differences in religious practice and culture can actually be a good thing!

SAFEGUARDING This week I take part in the regular safeguarding training that the Diocese requires all clergy to undertake. We all know how important that is. But in addition to Sinead who is the person our young people can turn to if they feel unsafe, we also need a designated Safeguarding Officer who will make it their job to make sure we follow the right procedures and are seen to be taking safeguarding seriously. This post is currently vacant and we would be very grateful if someone would feel able to take on this responsibility here.

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HARVEST CONTINUED Although we have focused mostly on the needs of the Developing World this year through our appeal for *Christian Aid*, Maria and Sinead were also pleased to be able to turn 22lbs of grapes from the Vicarage vine into jam. If you didn't get a free pot last Sunday there are just a few left! Please ask. The appeal envelopes need to be returned by next Sunday please.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY As a slight variant on what we normally do, we are holding an evening *Musical Vespers* at 6.30pm on Remembrance Sunday this year, recalling the names of those who died in conflict but also praying for all our loved ones as All Souls falls on a Tuesday this year. Letters will be sent to those recently bereaved and the Corvus Consort will sing special music. Do invite others to come with you.

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THIS WEEK

Sun	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL
Mon	10am Peter Galton puts up his new art exhibition. 7.30pm Pink Bird music gig.
Tues	No 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. 11am Proms Committee meets by zoom. 5.45-7.45pm I Fagiolini rehearsal. 7.45-9pm Corsican Brass rehearsal.
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	10-12noon Rehearsal. 7.30pm Sonare Concert.
Sun 7	3 before ADVENT 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS with the Senior Music Group and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 24	LAST AFTER TRINITY	Rebecca, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom
Mon 25	DEL Week 30	Alastair Hume; Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste
Tues 26	Feria	Kris Hyde; Hayley, Theo, Freddie and Evie Jenkins
Wed 27	Feria	Eddie Jenkins; Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
Thurs 28	SS Simon and Jude, Ap	Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella
Fri 29	James Hannington, M	Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie Kennedy
Sat 30	Feria	Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd
Sun 31	ALL SAINTS'	Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; McBrien families

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

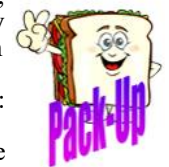
BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns today to Mother Suzanne Smith of Grace Church in Alvin Texas; on Wednesday to Oscar Ahmet-Rudkin who will be 10; on Thursday to Leon Sharples who will be 5 and on Saturday to Jerome Kasella who will be 14.

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

MEMORIALS 1st: William Marshall; 2nd: Charlie Kerr; 3rd: Irene Clark; 4th: Patricia Butcher.

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 were so sorry to hear that the appeal by **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** against an extra year in jail and a further year's travel ban was rejected without even coming to trial. We continue to pray for Richard and for Gabriella and for those 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 All Saints' Sunday
October 31st 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2021

Entry Hymn: **NEH372 He who would valiant be** [t:AM823 Monks Gate]

*He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent;
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.*

*Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.*

*Hobgoblin nor foul field
can daunt his spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.*

(Words: John Bunyan)

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.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

- Halloween - the background story

Words of Preparation

The day is coming soon, it will not be long
before our God will bring his light to be seen in all the world.
**For the Lord will protect all those who love him,
and take pity on those who live in fear.**

The Lord says, see I am he,
and beside me there are no other gods.

**It is I who have control over life and death:
it is I who restores those who are afraid.**

I am the Lord of heaven and earth.

I bring light to all those who live in darkness.

I will repay all those whose spirits are turned against me.

They shall be utterly destroyed. [From Deuteronomy 32]

Confession

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

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil, in your sight.**

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy upon us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing

and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen,

Stand

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory for ever

To him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen

Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

Please take your part in the song by repeating each line after it has been sung by the Cantor.

Almighty Father, you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints: inspire us to follow their example, that we in our generation may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (from Leviticus 18 and 19 CEV) The Lord said to Moses: 'Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: I am the Lord. You shall not do as the magicians did in the land of Egypt where you lived, and you shall not behave as the pagans do in the land of Canaan to which I am bringing you.

You shall not follow their ways, their laws or their religious customs. Rather it is my rules that you shall obey and my statutes that you shall keep. Only by doing what I demand of you shall your lives be saved. Whoever commits any of these dark and evil abominations shall be cut off from the people: I am the Lord your God'.

Again the Lord spoke to Moses: 'Speak to the people and say to them: you shall be holy, for I the Lord am holy. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: do not make any gashes in your skin for the dead or turn to mediums or wizards. Do not seek them out, lest you are defiled by them. Instead you shall honour my name and keep my sanctuary holy'.

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

*We stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: **AM42 Longing for light***

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts,

shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. Christ, be our light! ...

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come. Christ, be our light! ...

(Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell)

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

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Stand

Affirmation of Faith

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:



We say together:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Anyone who comes to me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

We sing once more: **Alleluia, alleluia..**

Gospel

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

(St Matthew 12: 25-34 CEV) Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin and no city or house divided against itself can stand. If I cast out demons by Beelzebul the Prince of demons, by whom do your own magicians cast them out? But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then know that God and his Kingdom have come to you. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not work with me works for Satan. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for many of their sins but working against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon

Life, death and the Light of Christ

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.

Kneel or sit

Intercessions

Lord, you are the source of our life, the light of hope against all that is evil: pour your Spirit onto your Church that we may learn to serve you alone until that day we are called to be with you and all your saints in the kingdom of heaven. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints throughout the ages and especially for those that have captured our imagination and taught us the way of holiness. We give you thanks for the saints whom you have gathered here at St James', and all whose lives reveal the wonders of your saving love. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above. We remember the citizens of Syria and Iraq, those controlled by the Taliban in Afghanistan, the young girls kidnapped in Nigeria and those like Nazanin Zaghari Radcliffe facing unfair trials in Iran. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your loving arms all who witness to your love in caring for the poor and needy; all who nurse the sick and the dying and those who bring light to those who have lost the will to live. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are overshadowed by darkness and despair through weakness, addiction or temptation. We remember those most in our thoughts this morning ... Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those who have gone before us, especially those who are dear to us and those whose influence has drawn us closer to you ...

Rejoicing in the whole company of Mary, the Mother of God, St James, St Peter and your saints in glory, we join our prayers and praises with them so that, by your grace we too may be made perfect in your love:
Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

We are fellow citizens with the saints and with the household of God, through Christ our Lord who came to preach peace those who were far off and to those who were near.

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

Offertory Hymn: **TP2/NMP8 All earth was dark**

*All earth was dark until you spoke,
then all was light and all was peace.
Yet still, O God, so many wait
to see the flame of love released.
Lights to the world! O Light of man,
kindle in us a mighty flame,
till every heart, consumed by love,
shall rise to praise your holy name.*

*In Christ you gave your gift of life
to save us from the depth of night.
O come and set our spirits free,
and draw us to your perfect light. Lights to the world....*

*Where there is fear, may we bring joy,
and healing to a world in pain.
Lord, build your kingdom through our lives,
til Jesus walks this earth again. Lights to the world...*

*O burn in us, that we may burn
with love that triumphs in despair.
And touch our lives with such a fire,
that souls may search and find you there. Lights to the world...*

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.**

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Today we keep the festival of your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Around your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise for ever. Their faithfulness fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your Church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them in your heavenly home.

And so with the angels and all your saints, we praise your glory as we cry out our song of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My
In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call Bles - sed. Ho -

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord,
sann - a in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

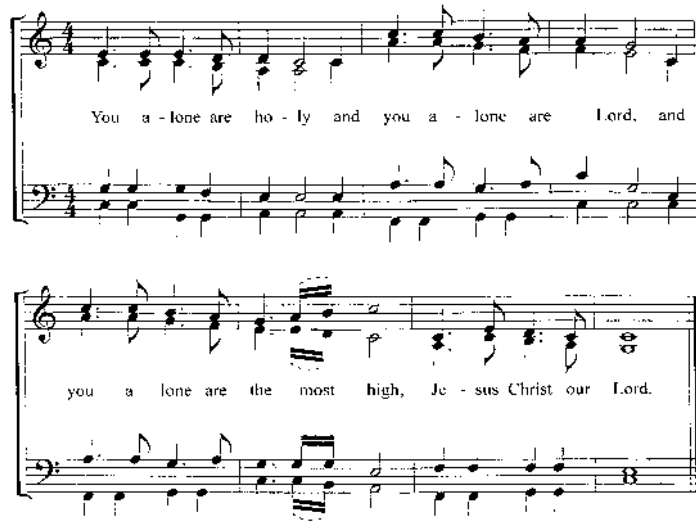
Sit or kneel

We thank you, loving Father, because you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross; now he shows us the way to live. 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:



You a-lone are ho-ly and you a-lone are Lord, and
you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ our Lord.

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:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power
be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

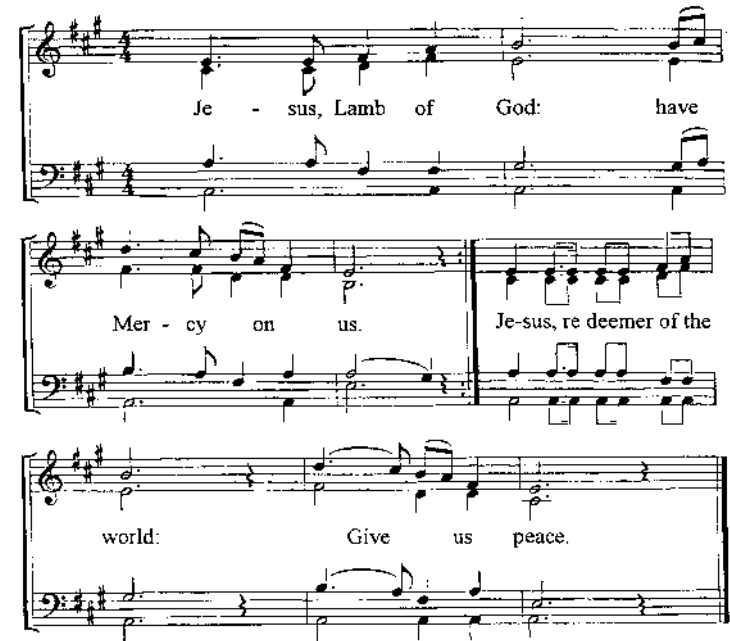
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have
Mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deemer of the
world: Give 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

After Communion: **AM330 Do not be afraid**

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

*When you walk through the waters I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves. Do not be afraid...*

*When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid...*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side. Do not be afraid...*

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid...*

*You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid...* (Words: Gerard Markland)

Post Communion:

Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
Happy are the peacemakers, they shall be called children of God.
Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**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

Blessing and Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: AM638 Give me joy

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the end of day!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
keep me resting till the end of day!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the end of day!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!** (Words: Traditional)

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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.