

Sunday 27 November 2022

ADVENT SUNDAY

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# ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH



Welcomer: Maria Flavius  
Reader: Jane Falcioni, Thomas Gerbeau  
Interceder: Ken Thompson  
Euch Min: Isabel Nisbet  
Coffee: As arranged

**Music:**

Entry AM45 O come, O come Emmanuel  
Candles TP16 Come and light the candles  
Gradual L686 God beyond all dreams  
Offertory AM42 Longing for light  
P-Comm AMJ57 Yes servants of the Lord  
Final CAHON449 Mine eyes have seen  
Mass Geordie Mass

**Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**



**ADVENT** While Christmas seems to arrive earlier and earlier, we do try to make sure that this start to the Christian year feels a bit different from usual. Our music in particular changes and we put off singing carols for as long as possible! Why? Because Advent is designed to prepare us for the great celebration to come and we are encouraged to think about how and why God sent his Son into the world when he did. We will hear lots from John the Baptist and also reflect on some of the others who were waiting for Jesus to come. It's all to do with looking into the future with confidence - and that is no bad thing for us at St James' to be doing right now!

**PCC** Our small Church Council got together again by zoom on Wednesday. While meeting face to face is usually nicer, this is a very efficient way to do business and we were all done in an hour and half. But not before we had looked at the three key issues that need the attention of the whole Church: all of which are designed to make the transition after I retire as painless as possible. The first was setting up a small group to write a job description for a Buildings and Maintenance coordinator. This person will need to take on the day to care of the Church and the Hall, both of which are very heavily used and need constant supervision. The second task was to make sure there are clergy to take services each week as from Advent Sunday 2023, to be on hand for regular pastoral care of our congregation and for enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals. Third we need to gather some of our community with good writing skills to begin to prepare the statement of what you want in a future Parish Priest. This really is going to be a case of everyone pitching in to help so that our Churchwardens don't get overwhelmed!

**THE JUNIOR MISC GROUP** are playing at the 10am Mass next Sunday (4th). Please let Lucy know if you are coming. Rehearsal that morning at 9.15am.

**WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.**

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

*St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*

NEW STUDY SESSIONS - INCLUDING THE CHANCE TO PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



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November 2022 edition

**RENEWING OUR FAITH** As we look forward to welcoming Bishop Joanne to confirm some of our newer members, we thought it would be good if we could also offer some study sessions for anyone to drop into if they were interested. Leaflets are at the back of Church and they give more details. The opening session is **next Tuesday (29th November)** at 7.30pm and we do hope people will feel able to come and see what's on offer.

**PACK UP** always very grateful for these items:  
Tea bags  
Instant coffee  
Sugar  
Tinned tomatoes  
Pasta  
Biscuits (in packets rather than in tins)  
Rice  
Herbs and spices  
eg bay leaves, oregano, thyme

**THIS WEEK**

Sun	ADVENT SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS 'Service of Light' and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 6pm Putting up the Christmas Tree. 11am Piano tuning. 1-8pm Beaufort Singers rehearsal.
Mon	No 9am Mass. 4.30-6pm Organ lessons. 7-9pm Corsican Brass rehearsal. 7.30pm Study Group opening session, Vicarage.
Tues	10am Mass. 2-10pm Phaedra Ensemble.
Wed	10.30-1.30am Karoline singing lessons. 6pm No Evening Prayer and Office session. 5-10pm North London Cares Film Night.
Thurs	2-9pm Heather Tuach Cello seminar and concert.
Sat	ADVENT 2 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS, the Baptism of Brison Lambert and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Sun 4	

**Calendar and Daily prayer themes**

Sun 27	ADVENT SUNDAY	Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria and Arlo Goodwin
Mon 28	DEL Advent	Karena and Amariah Greenaway
Tues 29	Feria	Lucy Haire and Sam Lewis; Norah and Mark Hodge
Wed 30	St Andrew, Ap	Rebecca, Rob, Eve and Alice Holtom
Thurs 1	Charles de Foucauld	Alastair Hume; Kris Hyde; Miranda Jules
Fri 2	Feria	Hayley, Theo, Freddie and Evie Jenkins; Eddie Jenkyns
Sat 3	St Francis Xavier	Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella
Sun 4	ADVENT 2	Charlotte, Josh, Olivia, Alfie Kennedy; Kingsley Lewis

**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns on Wednesday to Arlo Goodwin who will be 2, and to Bella Wilson who will be 4 on Saturday.
- BANNS** Between George Anthony Rafael Taylor and Kate Louise Benson, both of this parish with a qualifying connection with St James', Piccadilly. These are for the 3rd time of asking.
- SICK** Jean Dale, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Harry Lee, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Paul Mortier, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- MEMORIALS** 27th: Gladys Lloyd; 28th: Clotelle Bovell (2008), Anthony Hill, former organist (2015); 1st: John Russell; 2nd: Hortense Nazare (2004), Donald Gau (2002); 3rd: Nicholas Wood (1998).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US:** Fr Travis Smith at Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. **In Japan:** Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- IN OUR PRAYERS** During this coming winter we continue to pray for the ARC Foodbank and for good support for Pack-Up. We pray for the people of the Ukraine especially for the family of our Church cleaner, Olenka Nehneka..
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvenal*, who has been held by the Taliban since December 2021; for all the women imprisoned in Iran as the result of the recent riots. As we begin this year of transition we are asking everyone in the St James' family *what will you do?* to make sure the Church continues to flourish? Please help where you can.



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PARISH MASS  
for Advent Sunday  
November 27th 2022

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1



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.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT and PARISH MASS  
for ADVENT SUNDAY - Year A**

**The Service of Light**

*The Church is in darkness. As we sing the hymn a lit purple candle is carried to the front of the Church and placed in the empty space on the candle stand*

Entry Hymn: **AM45 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** [t. Veni Emmanuel]

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice...**

**O come, thou key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. Rejoice...**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the Law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice...** (Words: adapted by JM Neale)

*Welcome and introduction*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God,  
king of the universe,  
eternal creator of light and darkness.  
**In this season of Advent  
when the sun is at its weakest  
and the days are cold and brief,**  
you renew your promise to reveal among us  
the splendour of your glory,  
made flesh and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Through the prophets  
you teach us to hope for his reign of peace.**

Through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit  
you remove our blindness  
and reveal the glory of his presence.

**Strengthen us in our weakness;  
support us in our stumbling efforts**

that we may do your will

**and be free to sing your praise, now and for ever.**    *We sit*

- L Our first Advent candle reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when God will come back to demand an explanation for the way we have used our time, our resources and our talents. This is the moment for waking up and remembering that our lives will not go on for ever. If he should come back today, what would we say?

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead  
**and Christ shall give you light.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on the things that are on the earth,

**and Christ shall give you light.**

*Hymn:* **TP16 Come and light the candles** [t AM248 Glenfinlas]

*Come, and light the candles  
on the Advent stand  
scattering the darkness  
spread across our land.*

*We are all God's people,  
searching in this place  
hoping that in Jesus  
we shall see God's face.*

- L Four candles remain unlit on our Advent Candle stand. The second candle reminds us that God has already sent us prophets - holy men and women - to show us how to lead lives worthy of our calling.

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice;  
even the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

**They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.**

Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not:  
your God is coming to save you.'

**Joy and gladness shall be theirs  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

*Prophet voices speaking clear  
like a burning flame,  
making sure our world will  
never be the same.*

- L Our 3rd, pink, candle points to the figure of John the Baptist who called us to repent of our sins.

And you, little child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

**to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**to shine as those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide their feet into the way of peace.**

*John the Baptist telling us  
God wants to forgive,  
calling us to change the way  
we work and live.*

- L The fourth candle, another purple one, reminds us of how, within Mary, lay the miracle of Jesus: God who would be made man. With this 4th candle we honour Mary, the lowly servant through whom God's purposes were so perfectly achieved.

You, Christ are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose a Virgin.**

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people  
bought with the price of your own blood,**

and bring us with your saints

**to glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Mary, full of courage,  
echoing God's 'yes',  
going on the journey  
God will greatly bless.*

- L Finally, the white candle stands at the very top of the candle stand. When we come to light this candle at Midnight Mass, will anything have changed? Will we be ready to go out and meet him, Christ our Lord?

Save your people, Lord and bless them;

govern and uphold them now and always.

**Day by day we bless you.**

**We praise your name for ever.**

## The Word of God

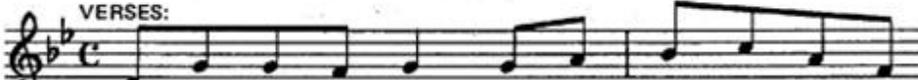
*1st Reading:* (Isaiah 2: 1-5) In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

We stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: **L686 God beyond all dreams**

Bernadette Farrell

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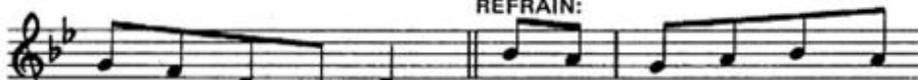


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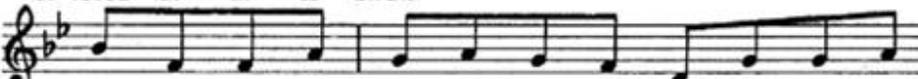


1. mem - 'ry; you have placed your pow'r - ful spir - it in the  
 2. im - age; we are like you, we re - flect you; we are  
 3. sto - ry; you have shak - en with our laugh - ter, you have

REFRAIN:



1. hearts of hu - man - kind. All a - round us we have  
 2. wom - an, we are man.  
 3. trem - bled with our tears.



known you, all cre - a - tion lives to hold you. In our



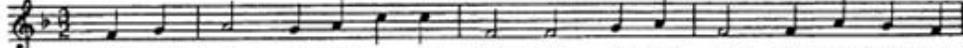
liv - ing and our dy - ing we are bring - ing you to birth.

A short period of silence follows, as we recall all we have heard so far

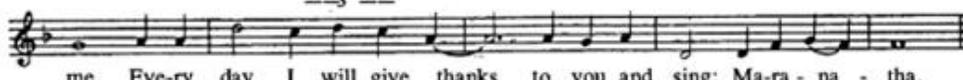
Let us stand to welcome the Gospel.

We sing:

[HON324]



Lord, how e - ver shall I re - pay you for the love you have shown to



me. Eve-ry day I will give thanks to you and sing: Ma-ra - na - tha.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy; and give us your saving help.**

**Lord, however shall I repay you...**

Hear the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St Matthew 24: 36-44) But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

**Reflection**

*Stand*

**An Advent Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**Though he was divine,  
 Jesus did not cling to equality with God  
 but made himself nothing.  
 Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
 even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has raised him on high  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### The Intercessions

At the end of each petition we sing the Taize chant, **Wait for the Lord**



The Prayers end with the Collect for Advent Sunday.

**Almighty God whose kingdom is coming: turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Confession

**Almighty God, long suffering and of great goodness: we confess to you with all our heart our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking and speaking; the hurts we have done to others and the good we have left undone. In your mercy, forgive us, and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie:

Geordie Mass



**Lord, have mercy on us all. Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us all. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Christ, have mercy ...  
Lord, have mercy...**

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

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory 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...**

**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...**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
walls made of living stone. Christ be...**

**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...**

(Words: Bernadette Farrell)

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.**

Father, from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve  
you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal  
life. **Amen.**

### The 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
today we give you thanks and praise  
as we watch and wait for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world.  
Grant us, Lord, your grace so that without shame or fear,  
we may rejoice to see his coming among us.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and holy name, for ever praising you and singing:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of might and God of power.  
Glory fills all heaven and earth. Sing to him, hosanna.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Christ our Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord. Sing to him, Hosanna!**

*Sit or kneel*

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 faith:

***Dying you destroyed our death  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus come again,  
come again in glory.***

[Geordie Mass]

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.  
[Remember Lord your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.....]

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God, St James 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:

## 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



**Lamb of God you take our sins,  
take away our sins, Lord.  
So have mercy on us all,  
so have mercy on us.** (repeated)

**Lamb of God you take our sins,  
take away our sins, Lord.  
Grant us peace, O grant us peace.  
Grant us peace for ever.**

## After Communion

Communion Hymn: **AM57 Ye servants of the Lord** [t Narenza]

**Ye servants of the Lord  
each for your Master wait,  
observant of his heavenly Word  
and watchful at his gate.**

**Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for holy is his name.**

**Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise his faithful servant's heads  
amidst the angelic band.**

(Words: Philip Doddridge)

## Post Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man when he shall return in glory. We ask this 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

## Blessing

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

Final Hymn: **CAHON449 Mine eyes have seen** [t Battle Hymn of the Republic]

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.  
He has loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword.  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory, glory, alleluia! Glory, glory, alleluia!  
Glory, glory, alleluia! His truth is marching on.**

**I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps.  
They have gilded him an altar in the evening dews and damps.  
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.  
His day is marching on. Glory, glory...**

**He has sounded forth the trumpets that shall never sound retreat.  
He is sifting out all human hearts before his judgement seat.  
O, be swift my soul to answer him, be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on. Glory, glory...**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make us holy, let us live that all be free,  
whilst God is marching on. Glory, glory...** (Words: Julia Ward Howe)