

Sunday 14 May 2023
EASTER 6

Year A

23/19

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

Collect Give us we pray gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen

Welcomer	Maria Flavius
Reader	Kerri Allen
Interceder	As arranged
E Min	Isabel Nisbet
Coffee	Eva Kasella
Music:	
Entry	AM448 I come with joy
Gradual	TP46 He comes to us
Offertory	AM766 Praise my soul
P-Comm	ChH710 I have a dream
Final	AM757 One more step
Mass	Burley Mass, Simon Lole



ORGAN DEDICATION What a wonderful occasion! A comfortably full Church, a bishop in top form, some lovely singing from the Corvus Consort, this really was a high day in the life of our parish. It was a real pleasure to welcome former members of St James' who had travelled back to be with us and many positive comments from serious organ experts about how the organ looked and sounded. Of course this was the result of so much team work – altogether there were over 40 people involved in the rebuilding itself. We also want to thank all those who contributed to the evening including the sound engineering team, those who cleaned the Church and those who prepared the Drinks Reception. Being a Bank Holiday there were any number who couldn't make it on the day but already (Thursday) there are more than a 100 people who have caught up via YouTube. This is just the beginning of an exciting journey and it was encouraging that a number of people spoke afterwards of their hopes of being able to perform in St James'. Most of all I was glad that several who were ambivalent about the Project now felt able to say they were happy with the result.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING How good it is that we have fresh faces to be elected to the PCC today. But we also have the option to co-opt further members later in the year so if you are not quite sure whether you can help at the moment, please do consider if you can join the PCC as the year wears on. Many hands...

CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY Congratulations to the group of eight who have wrestled with busy work and family commitments so that they are ready (ish!) for their big day next Sunday. Each of them have written really moving pieces for the service sheet explaining why they are ready for adult membership of the Church and their support for one another has been impressive. But Confirmations are also one of the few times we see a bishop in Church and I am hoping that everyone - especially our young people - will make the effort to come and meet Bishop Joanne so that she gets a feel for St James'. She will also have a few minutes to meet the Churchwardens and talk about how the Diocese will help during the vacancy.

THIS WEEK

Sun	EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15am Parish AGM. 7pm Noah Max concert.
Mon	11am HC taken to Kingsley Lewis in Bridgeside Lodge. 7.30pm New PCC meets at the Vicarage. 7.30pm <i>Lieder group meets in Church.</i>
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10am Proms Committee. 7pm Penance and Reconciliation Service and Confirmation rehearsal.
Wed	10am Mass. 3.30pm Bertie and Louise plan for their wedding in August. 7-9pm <i>'Sing' rehearsal.</i>
Thurs	6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office Hour. 7-9pm <i>Cantallini.</i>
Sun 21	ASCENSION SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 14	EASTER 6	Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Falcioni
Mon 15	DEL Easter 6	Lisa and Sonny Follett; Wendy Fisher-Gordon
Tues 16	Caroline Chisholm	Maria Flavius; Thomas G; Mark and Shireen Gilbert
Wed 17	Feria	Kika Macdonald, Luke, Parker Gilman; Mark and Norah Hodge
Thurs 18	Feria	Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria, Arlo Goodwin; Lucy Haire, Sam Lewis
Fri 19	St Dunstan	Rebecca Lee, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Kris Hyde
Sat 20	St Alcuin	Alastair Hume; Hayley, Theo, Freddie and Evie Jenkins
Sun 21	ASCENSION SUNDAY	For our eight Confirmation candidates

PACK UP for the street community always very grateful for these items:
Instant coffee
Biscuits
(in packets rather than in tins)
Tinned soup Sugar

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns on Tuesday to super-mum Jane Falcioni.
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Warmest congratulations to Richard and Elizabeth Batchelor of the 8am congregation who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 19th May.
- CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** Please continue to pray for Mohammad Bagheri, Thomas G, Karensa Greenaway, Eva Kasella, Rebecca Lee, Jade Nicholson, Anneke Pol and Belle Williams, to be confirmed next Sunday at 10am. .
- BANNS OF MARRIAGE** Between James Julius Michael Carrell and Alice Lydia Young, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Mary's, Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire; and between Elliot John Hart and Sarah Louise Hassell, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Francis', Welwyn G C. These are for the 2nd TOA.
- SICK** Elizabeth Batchelor, Peter Freeth, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- INDOOR MEMBERS** Annie Bryan, Vivien Carlton, Kingsley Lewis (Bridgeside Lodge) and Wendy Fisher Gordon. ,
- ANNIVERSARIES** Today: Revd Melanie Toogood (2020);
- INTERNATIONAL LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith, Rector of 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.
- PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of **Peter Jouvenal**, held by the Taliban since December 2021 and for all political prisoners.



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12 noon each
Monday.



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PARISH MASS
for Easter 6
May 14th 2023
before the AGM

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.

PARISH MASS FOR EASTER 6 2023
Rescheduled AGM SUNDAY

Entry Hymn: **AM448 I come with joy to meet my Lord** [t St Botolph]

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near,
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.*

(Words: Brian Wren)

The Greeting

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
**In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death;
by man has come also the resurrection
of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive!**

Confession

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

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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

Gloria

NMPI75 Glory be to God in heaven

[t AM231 Regent Square]

*Glory be to God in heaven,
and to all on earth his peace,
Lord and Father, King in glory,
gifts of praise in us release
that our worship and thanksgiving
from our hearts will never cease.*

*Christ incarnate, born of Mary
to redeem, renew, restore;
risen Lamb, in glory seated,
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore:
to the Father, Son and Spirit,
may our praise sound evermore.*

(Words: John Richards ed JB)

Collect: **Give us we pray gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a
will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we
may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through
whom we pray. Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Acts 17: 22-31) Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,
'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship,
I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What
therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made
the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live
in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he
needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.
From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted
the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would
live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—
though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move
and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are
his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or
silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While
God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people
everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world
judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given
assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

We stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: **TP46 He comes to us**

[t Repton]

***He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath, unseen, unheard,
as though within a heart of stone,
or shrivelled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.***

***He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart:
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart.***

***He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord.***

(Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith)

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:

**Jesus said, If anyone loves me they will keep my word,
and my Father will love them and we shall come to them.**

We sing once more:

Alleluia, your words, O Lord...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 14: 15-21) 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Pictorial Review of the Year 2023

Stand

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father; the almighty
who is, and was, and is to come.
We believe in Jesus Christ; the faithful witness,
the first-born from the dead,
the King of Kings who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of many gifts,
sent from the throne on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

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

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

Offertory Hymn: AM766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven [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)

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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city
of love and light, where Christ is King. 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, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unknown yet revealing God, your life is beyond our reach
and beyond our imagining.
Yet in your mercy you have kept all your promises
by sending your Son, so in his flesh we might see your love for us.

As we wait for the coming of your Holy Spirit,
we thank you that we are not left orphaned
but are filled with the Spirit of Truth to be with us for ever.

So, with the angels and archangels
and with all those who, with your ascended Son,
sits at your right hand on high,
we sing the hymn of your unending praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores 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 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:

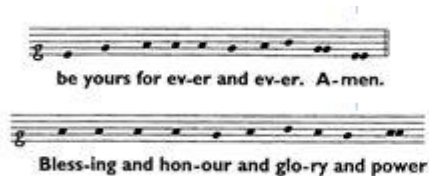
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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:

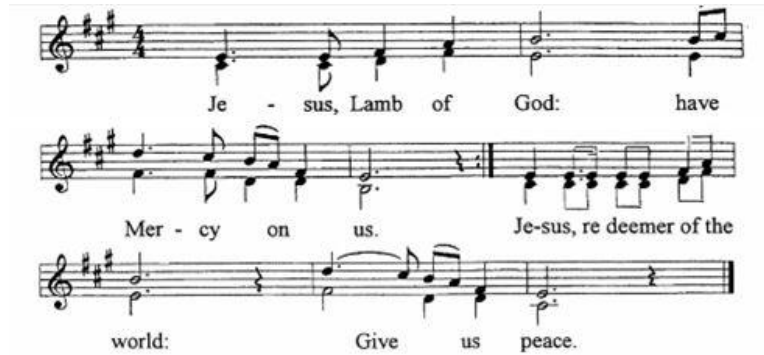


Lord's Prayer

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
**Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**



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

Communion Hymn: **ChH710 I have a dream**

[t AM621 Repton]

*'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace:
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.'*

*Fierce persecution, war and hate
are raging everywhere:
through struggles and through sacrifice
God's people pay the costly price
of standing for the right.*

*So dream your dreams and sing your songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain,
faith proves itself in deeds.*

*Lord, grant us vision, make us strong,
and help us do your will;
nor let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.* (Words: Pamela J. Pettitt)

Post Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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.**

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Blessing and Dismissal

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

Stand for the Final Hymn: **AM757 One more step**

[t Southcote]

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.**

**Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. And it's from the old...**

**As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know. And it's from the old...**

**Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you. And it's from the old...**

(Words: Sydney Carter)



*Living God, your love has called us in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing, old and young, and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing, in your service all unite. Jan Berry*

Do join us for the 2023 Confirmation Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, May 21st at 10am

also featuring Bishop Joanne and the Junior Music Group

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