

PLEASE PRAY...

For those baptised recently: Ada Mitchell-Stagg, 15.10.23; Kacey Menezes de Pinho, Julieta Fernandes, Ivy Fuller, 17.9.23; Chloe Hesketh, 3.9.23; Tilly & Rosie Harrison, 2.9.23; Zhara Buffonge-Williams, 30.7.23; Joshua, Jacob, Joseph, Bella-Rose & Myah Hans, 17.6.23.

For those confirmed recently: Mason Okpala & Sam Stewart, 5.11.23.

For those married recently: Tom Odell & Georgie Somerville, 25.11.23; Terri Locke & Guven Huseyin, 3.6.23; Thomas Hermet & Anna Packford, 27.5.23.

For those who are unwell: Maureen Beer. Danuta Brak. Rachel Bridgeman. Pauline Brown. Henrietta Buffonge. Sue Cannon. Margaret Cooke. Emanuel Curto. Doug Davies. Pat Farquhar. Mary Faulks. Paulette Francis-Ingram. Elizabeth Gabbidon. Jolanta Graham. Cathy Harris. Gerry Harris. Georgina & James Hughes. Pat Johnson. Pamela Jones. Mary Marshall. Connie Nantege. Milly Nasiwa. Melissa & Eric Nordh. Michael Osapanin. Elizabeth Paul-Worika. Silverline Paul-Worika. Gem Pusey. Joan Rawson. Doreen Robinson. Christelle Vantard. Gordon Wellard. Margaret White. Roseanna White. Michael Wilmott. Holly Young.

For those who have died recently: Helen Johnston. The Revd Duncan Ross. George Cleghorne. Adam Czerniawski. Violet Laniyan. Aina Aideloje. Amy Louise Irvine. Shirley Burge. Linda Galvin.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Una Sear. Pam Chapman. Walter Ford. Alfred Farquhar.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
& Prayers for Healing*

17 March 2024

Parish Eucharist



**St John of Jerusalem
South Hackney**



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17 - 24 March 2024

Sunday 17 March	Parish Eucharist - with Junior Church <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> APCM Youth Group Outing to Puttshack, Bank Evening Prayer	10am 11:15am 11:15am 4pm
Monday 18 March	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Lent Group (Parish Room)	9am 5pm 7pm
Tuesday 19 March	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	9am 6pm
Wednesday 20 March	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Coffee Morning Evening Prayer	- 11am-2pm 5pm
Thursday 21 March	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	9am 5pm
Friday 22 March	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	9am 12 noon 5pm
Saturday 23 March	Morning Prayer <i>No Evening Prayer</i>	9am -
Sunday 24 March	Palm Sunday: Procession from St John of Jerusalem School Parish Eucharist - with Junior Church <i>No Evening Prayer</i> Festival Chorus Concert <i>(Free entry; retiring collection)</i>	9:45am 10am 7pm

Dates for the diary: HOLY WEEK

- 25/26/27 March - Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday of Holy Week: 7pm Eucharist
 28 March - 8pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Vigil until midnight)
 29 March - 10am Good Friday Liturgy
 2:30pm Stations of the Cross
 30 March - 9am Holy Saturday Morning Prayer; 9:30am Cleaning & decorating
 31 March - 5:30am Easter Day Dawn Eucharist (followed by Easter breakfast)
 10am Easter Day Eucharist

If you are new to our church – Welcome!
 Do please make yourself known to one of the clergy,
 as we'd really like to greet you properly. If you'd like to, do please leave your
 contact details in the file at the back of church.

Organist: Beatrice Isherwood

Today's volunteers
 Stewards: John & Julie DLC
 Junior Church: Susan & Kurt
 Intercessions: Niul
 Refreshments: John G & Kurt

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Would you by any chance have the energy to bring **someone from Leander Court** (about 50 yds from the church) to church on Sundays - or be part of a small rota doing that. **If yes, please sign the list at the back of church.**

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with the occasional **Junior Church or Youth Group session**, please speak to Estelle, Ibi, Lisa-Raine or Susan to find out more.

Parish Newsletter - volunteers needed! With design, interviewing, ideas, general help. Please speak with Liz.

Prideaux House is seeking donations of good quality clothes/items to sell in their **Charity Shop**. Donations can be left at Prideaux House (10 Church Crescent) or at the shop (407 Mare Street). Also seeking volunteers who would be willing to help out in the Charity Shop. Please speak to Liz or Estelle for further details.

Pension credit: Do you live in Hackney and receive a state pension? Do you know that you might be eligible for pension credit to top up your weekly income? If you are not receiving pension credit and would like to find out more, please speak to Lisa-Raine, or ask Andrew to introduce you. If you prefer to access anonymous advice on this, or wider financial support, you can contact <https://hackney.gov.uk/hackney-money-hub>

If you see anyone struggling with the size of the font used for this readings booklet, please tell Andrew and he can make sure that **larger A3 versions** of the sheet are made available. Thank you!

The Gathering

Processional hymn

Please stand

Hymn: **598** There's a wideness in God's mercy (Corvedale)

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Prayer of Preparation

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

Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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

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

All **Amen.**

All **Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

NOTICES

Every Sunday there are people who would be happy to **pray with you** immediately after the service, or offer prayers for healing - just make your way to the side chapel (top right, behind where the organ is played).

We will hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** immediately after church today. We of course understand if there are people who can't stay for the meeting, but do stay if you can. It usually takes about twenty minutes. Also, please think about whether you'd like to join the church council (PCC) this year - as we can elect up to 7 new members. Forms at the back of church. (NB All PCC members will be required to undertake a DBS check and to participate in Foundation Level Safeguarding Training, which can be done online.)

Youth Group are missing out on the APCM to hone their putting skills at Puttshack Crazygolf, Bank, after the service today. Those who have signed up, please meet Lisa-Raine at the back of church.

If you would like to buy an Easter lily (at £5 each) in memory of someone who has died, please **sign the list at the back of church by the end of the Palm Sunday service** - and print in **CAPITALS** the name of the person you are remembering. General donations towards the cost of Easter flowers are also welcome.

There is **Evening Prayer** here today at **4pm**. For a list of Morning and Evening Prayer times for the week ahead, please see the diary overleaf.

The final session of the "Living in Love and Faith" **Lent Course** (a "structured and accessible way for local groups to learn about and reflect on questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage" will meet at **7 - 8.30pm** in the Parish Room on **Monday 18 March**.

New Coffee Morning - every Wednesday, 11am - 2pm here in church - in the Parish Room. All very welcome!

Festival Chorus Concert - Sunday 24th March, 7pm. Martines - *Dixit Dominus*; Schubert - *Mass in G major*; Handel - *Coronation Anthems*. Free entry, retiring collection. You don't have to, but you can sign up for a free ticket on Eventbrite. Type into a search engine - "Festival Chorus Easter Concert 2024."

The Dismissal

Collect

Notices

Let us pray:

Final Hymn

Hymn: **530** Now thank we all our God (Nun Danket)

Please remain standing

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We say:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Voluntary

If you are new to our church - welcome!

***For further information about the life of the church,
do please leave your contact details in the A4 folder
on the table at the back of the church***

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

A candle for peace is lit

Christian Aid - Prayer for the Middle East

All **God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.
May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.
We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss
of life.
God, may the injured and distressed know your healing
presence.
May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths
of justice, mercy and peace.
We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every
life.
May the clamour of violence cease, replaced by the
beating of swords into ploughshares.
God, in your name we pray,
Amen.**

Please sit

At this point in the service, children and young people are invited to join Junior Church in the Parish Room, if they would like to do so. Younger children may prefer to make use of the children's area at the front of church, outside the Parish Room.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Sam)

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Jeremiah 31:31-34

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at Communion. Please come up - forming two lines in the centre aisle - to the wooden rails on the left and the right of the altar. **Please leave the area in the centre, in front of the altar, empty.** You are very welcome to stand or kneel.

If you would prefer to receive a Blessing, then please come up to the Communion rail and bow your head.

If you would like to receive **prayers for healing**, please make your way to the side chapel (on the right, behind where the organ is played) straight after receiving communion.

Music at Communion

Hymn: **97** Lord Jesus think on me (Southwell)

Post Communion Prayers

All **Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.**

and we continue together

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei/Lamb of God

We sing:

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Psalms (Lisa-Raine)

Psalms 51.1-13 (please say the verses in bold type):

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned ♦
and done what is evil in your sight,**
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 **I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
- 8 **Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Turn your face from my sins ♦
and blot out all my misdeeds.**
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*said*)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12.20-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*said*)

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of John the Baptist and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

We sing:

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

All **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.**

We sing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

We sing:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

Please sit

Sermon

The Revd Doug Hiza

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please sit

Prayers of Intercession

During the prayers (led by Niul)

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: **96** Jesu, lover of my soul (2nd Tune, Aberystwyth)

During which the collection is taken up. If you would prefer, there is also now a Card Reader at the back of church. (If you are a tax payer, you can indicate that on the Card Reader, or please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope which you will find at the end of the pew, signing it and supplying your address)

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing: