

St J of J 'At Home'

The Building is closed, the Church is open



*St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney
from the Rectory window*

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 17 May 2020

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let us pray:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Collect

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Acts

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.’

Acts 17:22-31

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘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.’

John 14:15-21

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

To neighbours in Victoria Ward

You may well have seen or heard of posters around our neighbourhood offering aid to people who need to be at home all the time now. People who are self isolating, including older members of our community and those with underlying health conditions.

The service being offered is that people can ring a number and a volunteer will be found who can help with shopping, running errands, walking your dog, have a conversation if you're feeling lonely - if you need to be at home at this time and there is no one to help you do these things.

The volunteer base has grown organically - all local people who live in Victoria Ward.

This volunteer network only covers Victoria Ward, so if you don't live in the Ward, I'm afraid this won't work for you. Neighbouring Wards are also running similar schemes. To check the Ward boundaries please use the 'Wards in Hackney' map on this page of the Hackney Council website. Scroll down to find the map, and then zoom in:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/constituencies-wards>

The number for people to call is
07447 462 531.

email is victoriamutualaid@gmail.com

Just to repeat - the area covered is Victoria Ward. People would need to be warned about that if this goes out widely, as the system is based on a web of very small units which cover the Ward.

Please spread the word about this to friends and neighbours in the Ward.

With all good wishes,

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