

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. Rosemia Brown. 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. Helen Johnston. 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. Christopher Randag. Joan Rawson. Doreen Robinson. Christelle Vantard. Gordon Wellard. Margaret White. Roseanna White. Michael Wilmott. Holly Young.

For those who have died recently: George Cleghorne. Adam Czerniawski. Violet Laniyan. Aina Aideloje. Amy Louise Irvine. Shirley Burge. Linda Galvin. James Maloney Sr.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: William Searle. Wendy Perrott. John Willers. Lilian Lloyd. Ronald Hase. William White. Fraulene Johnson. Mary McMillan.

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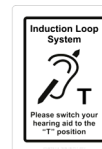
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Mothersing Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent)

Parish Eucharist - All Age Service

10 March 2024



Parish Eucharist



**St John of Jerusalem
South Hackney**

10 - 17 March 2024

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: Reynold & Walter
Junior Church: No Junior Church (All Age Service)
Intercessions: Pat
Refreshments: Jon & Susanna

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| Sunday 10 March | Parish Eucharist - Mothering Sunday <i>(All Age Service - no Junior Church)</i> Evening Prayer | 10am 4pm |
| Monday 11 March | <i>No Morning Prayer</i> Evening Prayer Lent Group (Parish Room) | - 5pm 7pm |
| Tuesday 12 March | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | 9am 5pm |
| Wednesday 13 March | <i>No Morning Prayer</i> Coffee Morning Evening Prayer | - 11am-2pm 5pm |
| Thursday 14 March | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | 9am 5pm |
| Friday 15 March | Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer | 9am 12 noon 5pm |
| Saturday 16 March | Morning Prayer <i>No Evening Prayer</i> | 9am - |
| Sunday 17 March | Parish Eucharist - with Junior Church <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> APCM (Annual Church meeting) Youth Group Outing to Puttshack, Bank Evening Prayer | 10am 11:15am 11:15am 4pm |

Dates for the diary:

- 18 March - 7pm - Final *Living in Love & Faith* Lent Course session
- 24 March - 9:45am Palm Sunday procession from St John of Jerusalem School
10am Eucharist in church
- 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

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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

1st Hymn: **563** Rejoice! The Lord is King (Gopsal)

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

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

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.**

Lord have mercy
All **Lord have mercy**

Lord have mercy
All **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy
All **Christ 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).

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 PCC has decided that this year our **Lent Course** will be the **'Living in Love and Faith Course'** which is "structured and accessible way for local groups to learn about and reflect on questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage." We will meet 7-8.30pm in the Parish Room on **Mondays - March 11 & 18**. **Do sign the list at the back of church** if you know you'd like to come.

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

The Festival Chorus are holding a **Fundraising Ceilidh** at the New Kingshold Community Centre (49 Ainsworth Rd) on **Saturday 16th March, 7:30pm - 10:30pm**. Tickets £20, including light refreshments and entertainment. Please speak to Liz if you would like tickets.

Our annual parochial church meeting (APCM) is on **Sunday 17th March**, straight after church. Please check the **electoral roll** at the back of church. If you're on it, nothing needs to be done. If you're not, **do please fill out a form**. 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.**

Also straight after church on **Sunday 17th March: Youth Group Outing** (for those Year 6 to Year 13) to **Puttshack Crazygolf**, Bank. Please speak to Lisa-Raine or Estelle if interested.

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

Final Hymn

4th Hymn: **175** Come down, O love divine (Down Ampney)

Please remain standing

Blessing

May the Father
from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,
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***

Let us pray:

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Music at Communion

*There is no Junior Church today, as it is an All Age Service.
Younger children are welcome to make use of the children's corner at the front
of the church, or the Parish Room if supervised by a parent or carer*

3rd Hymn: **507** Lord of all hopefulness (Slane)

Post Communion Prayers

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Kala)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'
The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'
Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

1 Samuel.20-28

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**All Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.**

Agnus Dei/Lamb of God

Psalm (Thomas)

We say:

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.

*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.*

Psalm 34.11-20 (congregation please say the verses in **bold type**)

- 11 Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 **Who is there who delights in life ♦
and longs for days to enjoy good things?**
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil ♦
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 **Turn from evil and do good; ♦
seek peace and pursue it.**
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 **The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
- 20 **He keeps all their bones, ♦
so that not one of them is broken.**

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 (Adrian)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.33-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit

Sermon

The Revd Andrew Wilson

Please stand

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.**

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.**

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.
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,

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 Pat)

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

Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Peace

Please stand

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory

2nd Hymn: **558** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren)

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.**

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:

We say

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.**