

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.

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

For those married recently: Tom Odell & Georgie Somerville, 25.11.23.

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.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Reginald Cornell. Judith Cannell.

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Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Eucharist (no Junior Church)

7 April 2024



Parish Eucharist



**St John of Jerusalem
South Hackney**



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7 - 14 April 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: Andrew Tait

Today's volunteers
Stewards: Datoru & William
No Junior Church: (Easter holiday)
Intercessions: George
Refreshments: Jon & Susanna

Sunday 7 April	Parish Eucharist (no Junior Church - Easter holiday) Second Sunday of Easter Evening Prayer	10am 4pm
Monday 8 April	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	9am 5pm
Tuesday 9 April	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	9am 5pm
Wednesday 10 April	No Morning Prayer Coffee Morning (here in the Parish Room) Evening Prayer	- 11am-2pm 5pm
Thursday 11 April	No Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Hackney Singers (evening rehearsal)	- 5pm
Friday 12 April	No Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	- 12 noon 5pm
Saturday 13 April	No Morning Prayer No Evening Prayer	- -
Sunday 14 April	Parish Eucharist (no Junior Church - Easter holiday) Third Sunday of Easter No Evening Prayer	10am -

Please take a look at the boards at the back of church which show some exciting development ideas for our church. **Do please put any comments into the suggestions box.**

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

*There is no Junior Church today, as it is the Easter school holiday.
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*

Processional hymn

Please stand

Hymn: **140** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Truro)

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 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.

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.**

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.

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.

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

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.

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).

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>

We'd like to put together a list of **trained first aiders** in the congregation. If you have up to date first aid training, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

We say:

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

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***

Gloria

We sing:

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray:

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(Dorothy)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4.32-35

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

The Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn

Hymn: **162** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (St Fulbert)

Please remain standing

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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.*

Music at Communion

Hymn: **311** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (St Helen)

Post Communion Prayers

All **Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Psalm (Susan)

Psalm 133 (congregation please say the verses in **bold type**)

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 **It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,**
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦
even life for evermore.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

We sing the Celtic Alleluia

All **Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord. (*said*)

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of
the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with
you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then
the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them

again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are
forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not
with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We
have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of
the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and
my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was
with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood
among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas,
'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and
put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed
because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book. But these are written so that
you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sing:

All **Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Please sit

Sermon

The Revd Andrew Wilson

Please stand

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.**

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.**

The Apostles' Creed

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,
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.**

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 George)

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

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory

Hymn: **I 48** Jesus lives! thy terrors now (St Albinus)

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

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.**