

St J of J 'At Home'

The Building is closed, the Church is open



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter - 24 May 2020

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Let us pray:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near

Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1.6-14

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 looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17:1-11

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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