

SAINT **+** JAMES'S PICCADILLY

WEEKLY UPDATE – Thurs 25 June 2020



Daniel Quasar – 'Progress: A Pride Flag Reboot' to highlight Black and Trans lives in the Queer community (2019)

Pride Sunday

Sun 28 June - 11am - [YouTube](#)

For **Pride Sunday**, we will live stream the Eucharist from the church on the [SJP YouTube channel](#). **Lucy** is celebrating and **John** is preaching, with recorded contributions from members of our LGBT+ group.

Service sheet will be on our website [here](#).



After the service, you're invited to **bring your rainbow to Zoom Coffee** - a colourful outfit, face paint, hair colour, a flower from the garden, your favourite coffee mug, a picture, a poem or a verse from a special song – nothing too long or well-rehearsed – just something to help us capture the **celebratory spirit of PRIDE**, with thanks to Michelle Griffiths for hosting.

- <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79376163627?pwd=MIJSNFhkbktMZHIzdjlURVp3Y3dMUT09>
Meeting ID: 793 7616 3627 | Password: 005683
- To dial in from the UK: +442034815240
- Other international numbers here:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79376163627?pwd=MIJSNFhkbktMZHIzdjlURVp3Y3dMUT09>





The Four Seasons – Sat 27th June 7:30pm

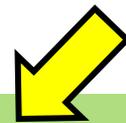
THIS SATURDAY at 7.30pm, the **Piccadilly Sinfonietta** will be joined by pianist **Warren Mailley-Smith** in our first live-streamed concert from St James's since lockdown began.

In this special socially-distanced concert there will be no audience in the church and musicians will all be positioned 3 metres away from each other.

The programme will be:

Mozart - Piano Concerto in A major, K414

Vivaldi - The Four Seasons



YOU ARE INVITED TO BUY A **DONATION TICKET** [HERE](#)

All proceeds will directly support St James's and the musicians whose livelihoods have been decimated by the pandemic.



And on **SATURDAY** at 7.30PM, join us at <https://www.facebook.com/CityMusicPromotionsLtd/live>

Eco-contemplative liturgy – Sun 28 June 9:45am – Zoom

For this eco-liturgy, you're especially encouraged to Zoom in from an outdoor space or view if you have access to one, or to collect a leaf, flower, twig or stone; with an invitation to speak about your experience of the natural world during lockdown if you'd like to. And this month you are also asked to bring **a glass of water**. The session will be open from **9.30am**, with Zoom coffee afterwards.



Service sheet will be [here](#).

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372639789?pwd=Rk1MRE9QYTIFT3FJZDBYQU1tUUZuUT09>
- Meeting ID: 883 7263 9789 Password: 675017

Other Regular Worship

- **Midday Prayer** is led every day at 12 noon on our [YouTube channel](#)
- **Wednesday Eucharist on Zoom at 6pm** with breakout groups for short discussions. Email John at associate.rector@sjp.org.uk to join the mailing list for the Zoom invite and service sheet.
- **Compline** is said every night on **Zoom at 9pm**. Email Adolfo for a Zoom invite at adolfosansolini@gmail.com

Other News and Activities



Call for Volunteers!

The Prime Minister announced on Tuesday that churches may open for public worship from 4th July – but this doesn't mean we must do so immediately. We are busy working out the staffing, cleaning and other arrangements that will make St James's a prayerful and safe space, and thinking carefully about the use of our outside space too. At the PCC meeting on 29th June, we will consider our plans so please look out for further announcements.

Meanwhile, the **church building** is now open **for private prayer from 1pm-2pm Monday to Friday**. In July, we need volunteers to come and sit in the church when we are open and help to welcome our visitors.

If you could do a two-hour slot of volunteering from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm on a weekday (bearing in mind that things might adjust as new guidelines emerge) please email our churchwardens Deborah and Trevor as soon as possible: churchwardens@sjp.org.uk

Unlock consultation survey and follow-up workshop

Thanks to everyone who has so far completed the questionnaire to help us think about our future life as a church. For those who haven't yet done so, the deadline has been extended to **Friday 3rd July**.

There is also an online **interactive workshop** facilitated by Transformational Index Group for any members of the congregation who would like to participate on **Thurs 2nd July 6.30pm-8.30pm** (to help us estimate numbers, please email pcc@sjp.co.uk if you're intending to come)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936403555?pwd=YzRXeUNWdnFkK2hWZmlzeDZlWU21Tdz09>
- Meeting ID: 839 3640 3555 Password: 654684



God in Lockdown

Lucy will lead 3 different sessions of spiritual reflection, prayer and discussion on what this lockdown experience has meant for our souls, including **writing or drawing your own psalm** and **writing a letter to yourself from lockdown** to be opened in a year's time.

What have I learned? What have I missed?

What have I gained? Where is God?

Fridays 3rd, 10th and 17th July - 6pm -7.30pm on Zoom. Please email pcc@sjp.org.uk for a Zoom invite.



Gifts and Glitches in Online Worship



Sarah our ordinand is running a workshop for us to share ideas of how to engage in online worship, minimise distractions at home, overcome technical problems (possibly!) and help our homes grow into places of prayer. The same workshop is running on two dates (for 1 hour):

- **TODAY: Thurs 25 June 12.30pm**
- **Sun 5 July 1.15pm**

All welcome.

Send **Sarah Howard-Jones** an email for a Zoom link: sarahhj16@gmail.com

Sustainable church, sustainable planet – **TOMORROW** Fri 26 June 4.30pm

Join us on Zoom for this HeartEdge workshop on local **church responses to the climate emergency**. With input from Ruth Valerio (author of this year's Lent book), Stephen Norrish (Milton Keynes Christian Foundation) and our very own **Deborah Colvin** (St James's Piccadilly, Gold Award Eco Church). Details and booking are [here](#).



Death Café

Death Café is an international movement that offers a safe space for group discussion about death. Our facilitator is Lia Shimada, Associate Chaplain of Whitelands College, who runs the Death Café programme at Brompton Cemetery, where her infant son is buried. Forthcoming dates on Zoom are:

- **Friday 26 June, 1pm - 2pm**
- **Wednesday 1 July, 1pm - 2pm**

To register for a discussion, or if you are interested in participating at a later date, please email Lia at lia@liashimada.com, including the date and time of your preferred session.

All are welcome -- from anywhere in the world!



Staying in Touch

We now have 16 different **cluster groups** staying in touch with each other in various ways. If you would like to be in a contact/cluster group, it's never too late to join!

Please email **Joan** on community@sjp.org.uk

Photos of **masked men cleaning things** and other curious delights can be found on



our **twitter account**. Recent tweets have included the letter signed by St James's to lobby the government over **extending the hotel scheme for people sleeping rough**, and we were delighted that yesterday the Treasury announced a further £85m to



help prevent people housed in hotels during the pandemic from having to return to the streets. Follow us at [@StJPiccadilly](https://twitter.com/StJPiccadilly) 



Michelle Griffiths has set up a congregation-wide WhatsApp group called **SJP Community of Friends**. All are welcome. You can join via this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FBLcTuKR9B4K1SFJ2zqGpY>

All your clergy – **Daniel, Ivan, John & Lucy** – can be contacted via the website [here](#).

Our next **Weekly Update** will be sent out on **Wed 1st July**
Please send brief notices to John at associate.lector@sjp.org.uk
by **6pm on Tues 30th June**, including an email address for any further info.



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