

WEEKLY UPDATE – Thurs 30 July 2020



Lammas – Loaf Mass

Sun 2 August – 11.00am – Eucharist in-person & online

This Sunday, we celebrate the festival of 'first fruits' when traditionally a loaf made from the new crop was brought to church to be blessed. We will offer a loaf made from our own wheat which was harvested, threshed and winnowed last Sunday, before being milled and baked. **John** is celebrating, **Ivan** is preaching and - weather-permitting - our socially-distanced congregation will once again be **outside in the courtyard**.

❖ Watch the live-stream on our [YouTube channel here](#)

❖ **Sign up in advance by booking a free ticket here** (and entering your track & trace details): <https://bit.ly/3fVyy23>

Please **read carefully** the **Information for People Coming to the Sunday Service** on the next page and remember that **a face-covering must be worn**

Everyone will need the Service Sheet, which will be on our website [here](#)

We have **Zoom coffee** after the service, with thanks to Michelle Griffiths for hosting. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79376163627?pwd=MIJSNFhkbktMZHlzdjlURVp3Y3dMU T09>

Meeting ID: 793 7616 3627 | Password: 005683

- To dial in from the UK: +442034815240
- Other international numbers are here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79376163627?pwd=MIJSNFhkbktMZHlzdjlURVp3Y3dMU T09>





Important Information for People Coming to the Sunday Service

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back into the church building over the coming weeks. If you plan to attend in person, please read the following information carefully:

- Please **sign up in advance** by **booking a free ticket** and entering your track & trace details on our website [here](#)
- On Sunday mornings, the gates open at 10.15am and the building opens at 10.30am. **Please arrive well before 11am**. If you arrive after 11am, you may not be admitted.
- Please **BRING A FACE-COVERING** and a **service sheet** with you (either on your phone or printed out, from the website [here](#))
- Singing is not permitted but we shall **hum quietly!**
- We are not allowed to share microphones, which means all notices will be made by the celebrant. Please **submit any notices by Friday at 5pm** to **John** at associate.rector@sjp.org.uk
- We need **volunteers to clean the pews** after each service. Please email **Deborah and Trevor** at churchwardens@sjp.org.uk
- We cannot serve coffee after the service but you are very welcome to **bring a flask & cake** and enjoy the garden and courtyard **until 1.15pm** when the site will close.

Other Regular Worship

- **Holding the Silence** 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

Our financial appeal

Our financial appeal continues with a new message from Lucy and the Planned Giving Group, available on our website [here](#). We always welcome donations of any size – to make a one-off or regular donation simply click here:



DONATE



We also have a new **text donation facility** if you text the word **WREN** and the amount you wish to donate to **70085**
– e.g text **WREN10** to **70085** to donate £10



STORY SLAM ONLINE!

Monday 3rd August, 7pm - Zoom

Either pre-record or perform live a **2-minute story** –

- something original,
- an excerpt from your favourite book,
- a poem,
- or anything entertaining.

For more info email **Elijah** at pastoralassistant@sjp.org.uk

What's YOUR Emergency? – Sunday 16th August, 1pm

We are joining the **Just Transition** campaign to help transform London into a clean,



green city with climate change policies that tackle **expensive energy bills, insecure employment, inadequate housing and poor health**. We're going to start this project with a fresh **introduction to London Citizens** from Senior Organiser Daniel Mackintosh after the Sunday service on Sun 16th August.

Call for Volunteers!

We need **four volunteers each Sunday** to help with the **track and trace system** and show people where they can sit before the service, and then to help with **cleaning the church** after the service. The latter is not as daunting as it sounds – many hands make light work and it takes about 20 minutes. If you are able to volunteer please email Deborah and Trevor: churchwardens@sjp.org.uk





Unlock Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Unlock survey, took part in Zoom consultations and gave us your thoughts and ideas for our future. **Transformational Index** will be analysing the responses and working with the PCC and its Working Group from September. At the same time, the PCC has appointed **design company Strudel** to work on a new visual identity for St James's, including a refreshed website and social media strategy.

Our new curate Mariama Ifode-Blease

Mariama will be joining us at St James's on 26th September, and please pray for her as she prepares to be ordained. She will make her preaching debut with us on Sunday 16th August, perhaps from the outdoor pulpit if the weather is fine enough for us to hold the service outside again.



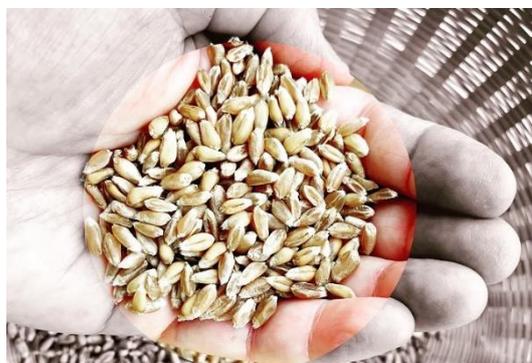
In the meantime, you can **watch an online conversation** between Lucy and Mariama on our YouTube channel [here](#) and **read more on our website** [here](#).

Contemplative prayer – Saturday 22nd August

Join Lucy and John for a half day of silent and guided prayer from 10:30am-1pm in church or online. Please email secretary@sjp.org.uk to register to be here in person or receive a Zoom invitation nearer the time. If the weather is fine, we will be in the garden! Our prayer will encompass our own hopes for the future as individuals and prayer for our future as a church.

Attention Wheat Growers!

Your wheat crop is probably ready! Please keep your wheat dry and in the dark until September when it can be milled ready for the Harvest Festival. If you have space please keep your straw too, for our Christmas crib.



Our **Daily Bread Project** is a collaboration between artist Sara Mark, poet Diane Pacitti and Deborah Colvin our Sustainability Champion, and includes a sumptuous reflection on each successive stage of the wheat's life -- all on our webpage [here](#).

Death Café

Death Café 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:

- **Fri 31 July, 1pm-2pm**
- **Wed 12 Aug, 8pm-9pm**

To register for a discussion, or if you are interested in participating at a later date, please email Lia at lia@liashimada.com.

All are welcome -- from anywhere in the world!



Watch a short performance

Watch cellist Josephine Knight and rap artist Cassie Rytz join forces in support of **Black Lives Matter**. Recorded at St James's on 3 July 2020, featuring the Prelude from JS Bach's solo Cello Suite No.1 in G major, BWV 1007, with lyrics by Cassie Rytz. [Click here](#). Video/audio by Sam Vincent.

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

Follow our twitter account 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](#) – though Lucy is on annual leave from 1-15 August and we hope she will have a splendid time of well-earned rest and recuperation.

The **Weekly Update** is sent out regularly on **Thursdays**. Please send brief notices to John at associate.lector@sjp.org.uk by **6pm on Wednesday**, including an email address for any further information.



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