

SAINT ~~+~~ JAMES'S PICCADILLY

WEEKLY UPDATE – Thurs 6 August 2020



And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. – Matthew 14:25

The 9th Sunday After Trinity

Sun 9 August – 11.00am – Eucharist in-person & online

This Sunday, **Ivan** is celebrating and **John** is preaching. Once again we are delighted to be welcoming a socially-distanced congregation and - weather-permitting - and we'll be **outside in the courtyard** so we will have more space. If you are attending in-person, we need you to **book separately for each service** so that our track & trace details are accurate.

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

❖ **Sign up in advance by booking a free ticket here:** <https://bit.ly/331kG2G>

You will be asked to enter your track & trace details. Please also read 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=MIJSNFhhbktMZHlzdjlURVp3Y3dMUU09>

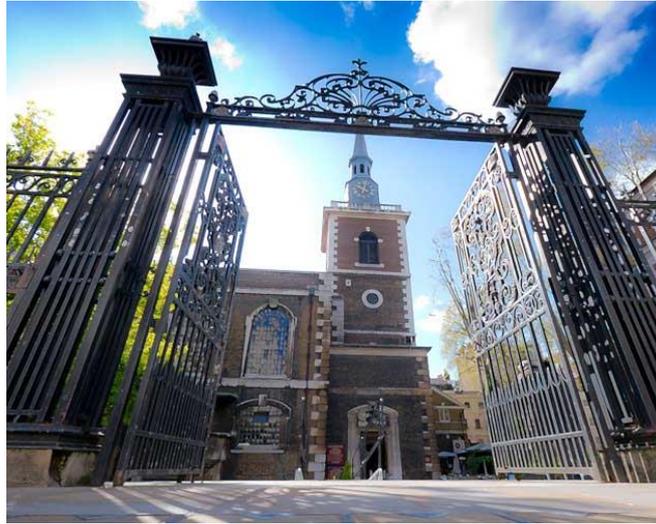
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• To dial in from the UK: +442034815240

• Other international numbers are here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fdlgPOW1bB>





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 on our website [here](#). We need you to *book separately for each service by midnight on Saturday* so our track & trace details are accurate.
- 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.lector@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 weekday at 12 noon on our [YouTube channel](#)
- **Wednesday Eucharist on Zoom at 6pm** with breakout groups for short discussions. Email John at associate.lector@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



Saturday Yoga – starts THIS SATURDAY 9.30am, Zoom

For the next four Saturdays, John is leading a **60-minute yoga class** online at **9.30am**, using postures and breath-work to help calm your mind, reset your stress system & set a positive intention for the coming week. The classes are suitable for people of all faiths and beliefs, and we're advertising them within and beyond the St James's community and inviting everyone for a suggested donation to the church of **£5 per class** (plus the cost of one standard rate text message) by texting **YOGA 5 to 70450** (or you can vary the donation to whatever you can afford simply by changing the digit). Email **John** at associate.rector@sjp.org.uk for a Zoom invite.

'Just Transition' Environmental Justice Campaign

Sunday 16th August, 12.30pm; and Tuesday 1st September, 7pm on Zoom

St James's is 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. And then we'll run our own **Just Transition 'house meeting'** for up to **20 people** on Zoom on Tues 1st Sept at 7pm. To sign up for the 1st Sept meeting, email **Elijah** at pastoralassistant@sjp.org.uk



Our new curate Mariama Ifode-Blease

Our new curate Mariama will be ordained on **Saturday 26th September** and join us at St James's the following day. 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. And 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, 10.30am-1pm.

Join Lucy and John for a half day of silent and guided prayer from 10:30am-1pm in church or online. Our prayer will encompass our own hopes for the future as individuals and prayer for our future as a church. If the weather is fine, we will be in the garden.

Please email secretary@sjp.org.uk to register to be here in person or receive a Zoom invitation nearer the time



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:



- **Wed 12 Aug, 8pm-9pm**
- **Wed 26 Aug, 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.

All are welcome -- from anywhere in the world!

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



Our financial appeal

The Planned Giving Group is updating their process so that we can keep you regularly informed and make sure people are thanked individually. If you haven't received a thank you yet please bear with us, and if you have any questions please send them to plannedgiving@sjp.org.uk. We always welcome donations of any size – to make a one-off or regular donation simply click here:



Or you can text the word **WREN** and the amount you wish to donate (plus the cost of one standard rate text message) to **70085** – e.g text **WREN10** to **70085** to donate £10

Staying in Touch

We now have 16 different **cluster groups** staying in touch with each other in various ways. Thanks to all the group facilitators who were able to attend a discussion meeting last month. It was wonderful to hear about everything that's going on and we've been thinking about how to best sustain and develop this project. Joan is sending some feedback from last month's meeting to the facilitators to update you on our thinking and give you some time over the next couple of months to do some further thinking and discussion amongst yourselves. 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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