



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist with Baptism for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27th October 2024
at 11am

With a congregation in the church
and live on YouTube



Welcome to St James's Church. Whether you are with us in person or joining us online, you are very welcome.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing, so please do come forward when invited.

Today we especially welcome William Wakefield, and those who have come to support him, as he is being baptised today.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Bunesan; Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall,
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light**

**Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

OPENING RESPONSES

The priest says

Grace, mercy and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

The priest welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

**Eternal 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.**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

The deacon says

Let us call to mind the fractured relationships and injustices of
our world;

Let us remember our own part in this and make our confession
in penitence and faith.

KYRIE (*Zimbabwean*)

The cantor sings

Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.**

**Christ have mercy on us,
Christ have mercy on us.**

**Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept.

**Ever-loving God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

The priest says

May the God who is both power and love
forgive you and set you free.

May you take God's forgiveness to heart and be at peace.

Amen.

THE GLORIA (*Argentinian*)

The cantor sings

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Blessed God,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of

your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34 vv1-8

Response: O taste and see that God is gracious.

I will bless God at all times;
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Most High;
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify with me the greatness of God;
let us exalt God's Name together.
I sought, and God answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and God heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God
and delivers them.
O taste and see that God is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in the Most High!

THE GOSPEL

John 5.36b-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept

glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

The Revd Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The deacon says

Let us pray for the world, for the church,
for all in need and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Please kneel or sit for prayers led by a member of the congregation.

BAPTISM

*Parents and godparents move to the font,
and the congregation turns to face them, singing ...*

**Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul
who leads me into life.**

The priest addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to all people.
In baptism, Christ is adding to our number those whom he is
calling. People of God, will you welcome William and uphold
him in his new life in Christ?

THE DECISION

*The priest addresses William through his parents and
godparents.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
into marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin
and rising to new life in Christ.

Therefore I ask:
Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on William's forehead.

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of glory
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

God's promise is kept forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues:

We thank you, God of life, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Friends, I ask you to profess
together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God the Creator.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.**

THE BAPTISM

The priest says

William Charles Wallace

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May God who has received you by baptism into the Church,
pour upon you the riches of grace, that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by the
anointing of the Holy Spirit and come to the inheritance of the
saints in glory.

Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE CANDLE

The priest gives a candle to the parents, saying:

God receives William by baptism into the Church.

Receive this light.

This is to show that William has passed from darkness to light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Creator.

THE WELCOME

The priest says

William, God receives you by baptism into the church.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are members together of the body of Christ.

We are children of the same Creator.

We welcome you!

THE PEACE

The priest says

Peace to you from God, eternal Creator:
Peace to you from Christ, who is our peace:
Peace to you from the Holy Spirit,
the giver and sustainer of all life.

The deacon says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The priest says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share the Peace in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat function if you are online.

*During the offertory hymn, a collection will be taken.
If you have cash, please fill in the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews with the pens available.*

If you don't have cash, please use the tap donate device in the collection plate, which is set to £5, or the QR code on page 21.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Hyfydol; Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)]

**God has spoken - by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.**

'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken - by Christ Jesus
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time was born;
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Christ, revealing God to all.

God is speaking - by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast;
God still speaks, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
Give us the bread of everlasting life,
And make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

GATHERING (*Taizé*)

All are invited to gather round the altar. Should you need to sit, please use any of the benches or seats around the altar at the front of the church.

While moving to the altar, please join in singing ...

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation,
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

The priest leads the Church's Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*HEW*)

The priest continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one.

**Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's
command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with:
"...as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"*

The cantor sings

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues ...
at the end of the prayer, sing after the cantor*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power,
be yours for ever.
Amen.**

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

The priest says

Let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Bread is broken and the priest says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest says

This is the table of Christ.

It has been made ready for those who love God,
and those who want to love more.

So come; you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for some time.
You who have tried to follow Christ
and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who asks us to meet him here.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Singing Scholars and Lay Singers will sing **A Prayer**, words: Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)
music: Ken Burton (b.1970)*

O Lord, the hard-won miles
have worn my stumbling feet:
Oh, soothe me with thy smiles,
and make my life complete.

The thorns were thick and keen
where'er I trembling trod;
The way was between
my wounded feet and God.

Where healing waters flow,
do thou my footsteps lead.
My heart is aching so;
thy gracious balm I need.
Amen.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

inspired by Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)

*Thanks be to you, Christ Jesus,
for all the benefits you have given me
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,*

*I ask you to be present with me spiritually in my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.*

Prayers for use during Communion

*Christ Jesus, you promised in your gospel
'I am with you always'.
Be with me as part of this community today in this Eucharist;
Hear my prayers for others and for myself.
May I bind myself to you,
in communion with all that lives this day,
knowing that nothing can separate me from your love.
Amen.*

*O God, help me to trust you,
and to know that you are with me now.
Help me to know that all are yours,
and you are ours, in this Eucharist and for ever.
Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of life and love,
we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven.
Hear our prayer for all your hurting world,
that we may grow together in unity and go out with joy,
as witnesses to your generosity and love.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens, and clergy.

HYMN

[Tune: St Denio; Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)]

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

May God give you grace to follow the light of Christ,
wherever you are led and however long the road.
And the blessing of God almighty;
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



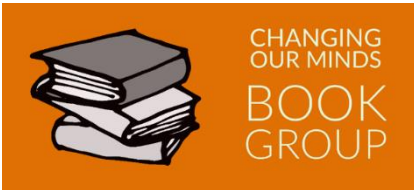
In addition to the physical collection, if you do not have cash with you, please scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a one-off or regular donation.

Alternatively, please visit [sjp.org.uk/donate](https://www.sjp.org.uk/donate), or us one of the tap donation points in the church.



Changing our Minds Book Group

TODAY - 27th October at 6pm on Zoom



Come and join our online Ecozoic Book Group for the final event in a season of lively ecumenical discussions!

We will be exploring in more depth some of the themes raised by the *Changing Our Minds* series of conversations with academics, theologians and indigenous thinkers from Northern America and Australia.

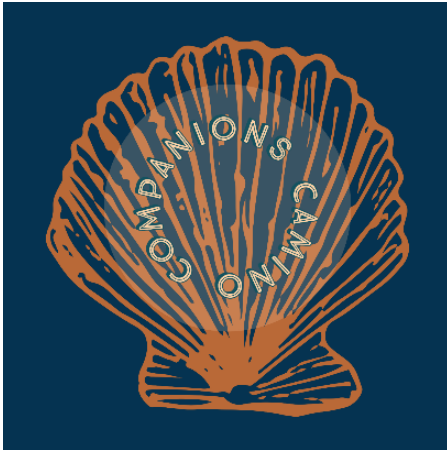
Today we will discuss *The Powers that Be: a theology for a new millennium* by Walter Wink.

Further information at www.sjp.org.uk/earth-justice/changing-our-minds-book-group

Camino Companions

October 2024 - July 2025, in church on Sundays from 1pm-2pm and on Zoom on Mondays from 6.30pm-7.30pm

Inspired by the Camino pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostella - St James's Cathedral in Spain - Camino Companions is a journey together in which everyone can deepen faith, strengthen community, and explore topics including earth justice, prayer and spirituality, the Eucharist, ethics, social justice and liberation, belonging and hope, and much more.



Everyone at St James's is welcome to join the group as we journey together. Last year there were c.50 participants.

It's an important and exciting part of the congregation's life, connecting with each other and with God.

More details and the sign up form can be found at: www.sjp.org.uk/groups/camino-companions/

The deadline for signing up is Sunday 3rd November.

If you're interested in embarking on this journey, please email Ayla for more details: associaterector@sjp.org.uk

The 2024 Vincent Strudwick Lecture on Religion in Public Life given by The Revd Lucy Winkett

Imagine the world to be different: the Church as an agent of change?

The Hub, Kellogg College, 60-62 Banbury Road, Oxford
Monday 28th October at 5.30pm

The Revd Canon Vincent Strudwick is a theologian and educationalist, and an Honorary Fellow of Kellogg College. The Vincent Strudwick Lecture is held annually in honour of his work and brings eminent theologians, other scholars and public figures to speak about religion in public life.



Lucy Winkett is Rector of St James's Piccadilly in London, a post she has held since 2010, and prior to that was Canon Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral.

She is a longstanding contributor to BBC R4 Today Programme's *Thought for the Day* and is the author of *Our Sound is our Wound* (2010).

For further information and tickets (free of charge), please go to: www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/events/2024-vincent-strudwick-lecture-on-religion-and-public-life/

All Souls' Sung Eucharist

Thursday 31st October at 6.30pm

All are welcome to this service which includes Duruflé's *Requiem* performed by our Music Scholars and Lay Singers.

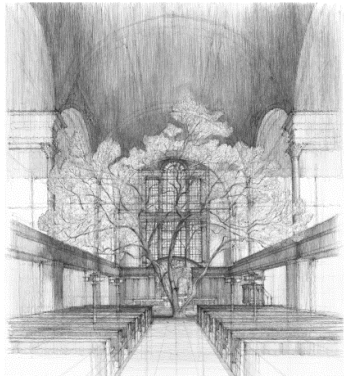


Please send names of the departed to be remembered at this service by Tuesday 29th October to David at administrator@sjp.org.uk

Rooted in God's Earth: Trees in Scripture

Mondays 6.30-7.30pm until 2nd December on Zoom

Inspired by the *Conversations Under Trees* programme at St James's throughout 2024, this online Bible study series led



by the clergy team is an invitation to explore trees in scripture across the Old and New Testament, as well as in the church buildings at St James's Piccadilly and St Pancras Euston Road.

The structure for each session allows space for reflection, dialogue, contemplation, debate, and deepening faith together.

Further details and Zoom link at: www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/rooted-in-gods-earth-trees-in-scripture/

Newcomers Lunch

Sunday 3rd November from 1pm-2.30pm in the Rector's flat

If you're new or relatively new to St James's, and haven't yet been to one of our newcomers welcome events, you're warmly invited to come and meet people over a light lunch.



The lunch is co-hosted by Lucy, Ayla, the Wardening Team (Dee, Claire, Jen, Sarah and Tchansia), and congregation members. There are a number of steps up to Lucy's flat in the Rectory.

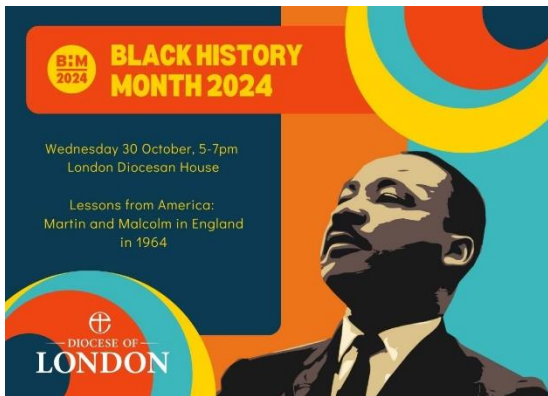
Sign up at <https://sjp.churchsuite.com/events/wgfaaq0b> or contact the wardening team at churchwardens@sjp.org.uk and please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Lessons from America: Martin and Malcolm in England in 1964

Wednesday 30th October 5-7pm at London Diocesan House

A talk with food and refreshments at Diocesan House for Black History Month.

The work of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X in the USA has been central to so many school and university programmes about Black History. Much less is shared about their influence on Black Civil Rights activism in the UK in the 1960s.



As we mark the 60th anniversary of their visits in 1964, this talk will explore their significance and impact.

For further information, please go to:

<https://www.london.anglican.org/event/why-we-cant-wait-martin-and-malcolm-in-england-in-1964/>

Walking Boots: join us for a second visit to London's green lung, the beautiful Lee Valley, led by Deborah.

Saturday 23rd November

The Lee Valley Regional Park is a 26-mile-long strip of meadows; wildlife havens; farms; heritage, cultural and sporting sites; and a lot of water. It was created by a unique Act of Parliament in 1966 as a "green lung" for London, Essex and Hertfordshire.



We will walk approx 3.5 miles from Rye House station to St Margarets, passing through RSPB Rye Meads with excellent bird-spotting opportunities, and followed by lunch at The Jolly Fisherman pub.

After lunch you can choose to get on the train at St Margarets, or walk a further 1.5 miles along the Lee Navigation back to Rye House and catch the train there. If you still have walking in your legs, we can continue south to Broxbourne and beyond by a variety of scenic routes.

It's Christmas Fair time at The Jolly Fisherman, and they require confirmed numbers by 2nd Nov, and menu choices by 9th Nov. Please email Deborah on ecochurch@sjp.org.uk as soon as possible to confirm, and ideally return your menu choice at the same time. See menu at:

at <https://www.mcmullens.co.uk/local-pub/jolly-fisherman/>

Meet at Liverpool St Station at 9.50 am. We will catch the 10.09 train to Hertford East, arriving Rye House at 10.48. You will need a return ticket to St Margarets if you only want to walk 3.5 miles.

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

The Wren Project.

Our partnership with St Pancras Euston Road.

Fiona and Matthew whose wedding is on Tues 29th October.

Black History Month during October.

All attending the All Souls' Eucharist on Thurs 31st October.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Hazel, Stephen

Recently departed

Deonte, and for family, friends, and all who cared about him.

Robert, and for Fletcher who mourns him.

Malcolm, and for Christine who mourns him.

Philippa, and for Hilary, Jeanette, and all who mourn her.

Milly, and for Christine who mourns her.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

As part of the Anglican Communion, and the Diocese of London Prayer Cycle, we pray today for:

The Scottish Episcopal Church: Mark Strange (Primus, and Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness).

Stavanger (Norway): Anne Lise Ådnøy (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: for all working in the arts.

Today we pray for racial justice in the Diocese of London.

Brent Deanery: Sophie Schuil-Brewer (Area Dean),

James Yeates (Assistant Area Dean).

Deanery Synod: Sharon Dunbar (Lay Chairman),

Carole Bevis-Smith (Secretary).

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