

# Fourth Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019



## For your prayers

Albert Placide, Nico Fletcher, Eric Stovell, Michael Cole, Martina Robinson, Melanie Dowland, Jane Reynolds, Freya Paul, Ebenezer, Jessica, Winnie Hull, Sheila McPhee, Lesley Cox, Charmain, Janet McLagan, Terry Lefevre, June Hutchins, Rosemary Witts, Daniel Donkor, , Michael Rickens, Kenneth & Barbara Clifford, Heidi Williams, Frances Sullivan, Michael Nalty, Lacey Robinson, Neil Rider, June Bradley, Elizabeth Miah, Ana Maria Gonzalez, Paul Abuaji, Tracey Coulson, Flo Hinton, the Cleary family, David Hart, Shaboy Burns, David McLintock, Leonard Robinson, James Wellington, Thomas Cabey, Jennette Skinner, Michael Nalty, Barry Chandler, Wendy Gorle, Valia Pecheva, Jason Buckham, Eddie Warr, Ayshia Best-Forbes, Pablo Emilio Bedoya, Milvida Lopez, Soledad Gonzalez, Linda Hughes, Arthur Gallagher, Johnny Gallagher, Scott Price, Tavana Stephenson, Obitre Klight, Susie and Sean, Michael Manigan, Shirley Naylor, Christopher Hall

**Recently departed:** Scott Price, Margaret Cole, David Hall

**Anniversaries of Death:** Martha Martin, James Townsend, David Brotherton, Emma Rosaman, John McCarthy, Stephen Atherton, John Charles Gunter, Edward Harper, John Miah

**In the Parish:** We pray for Islington Green Spaces, all those who look after our parks and open spaces.

**In the wider world:** We pray for the people of Yemen, for all those caught up in the civil war there.

## Notices

**This week in church...**

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>

**Next Sunday**                    **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30am Sung Mass**

### Smarties!

**If you, as a part of your Lenten devotions, collected money for the Diocesan Lent Appeal and the Dunloe Centre using the Smartie tubes, please return them as soon as possible for counting.**

### St Clement's PCC

The next meeting of St Clement's PCC will be **next Sunday 19th May at 6.15pm in church.** Agendas and minutes are available.

### St Clement's Shopping Basket

Our chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London.

*Welcome to St Clement's Church, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us this Easter morning. If you are a visitor to St Clement's or are here for the first time today we're very glad to welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service.*

*You are very welcome to join us for refreshments which will be served in the vestibule after the service.*

*Donations towards the cost of refreshments provided by parishioners are gratefully received.*

*You'll find this morning's service in the Mass booklet, and the hymns in the hymn book. Today's Bible readings, parish prayers and news are on this sheet. Please take this sheet home with you.*

*We ask, as a matter of courtesy to others and respect for the Sacrament, to keep SILENCE both waiting to receive and after receiving Holy Communion.*

*St Clement's is delighted to receive all donations for our work. UK taxpayers can increase their gift by over 20% by placing it in the Gift Aid envelope you'll find in the back of the seat in front. Please remember to fill in and sign the envelope.*

*During the second hymn children of school age will be invited to leave for a story and activity in the Kids' Club Room. They return to receive a blessing at Holy Communion. The soft play area remains available for children of all ages. For child safeguarding as well as health and safety reasons we ask parents and carers to supervise children not in Kids' Club at all times.*

*If a child becomes noisy or restive please don't be embarrassed. The Vestibule (as you entered church) is a great "time out" space, and we encourage you to use it (and there's a speaker so you can still follow the service). You're welcome to use the toys provided. We all - and especially those who are hard of hearing - appreciate your thoughtfulness and understanding!*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading (Acts 9:36-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## Psalm (Psalm 23)



**Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. /R

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. /R

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. /R

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. /R

## Second Reading (Revelation 7:9-17)

A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Gospel Reading (John 10:22-30)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

## Post Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**