

A warm welcome to our parish today.
Our services are in person and on Facebook
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Sunday 21st April:
4th Sunday of Easter



We are a diverse Christian community, a single parish of two churches & part of the Church of England in the Diocese of London:

- Striving to be disciples of Jesus, learning at Jesus' feet.
- Committed to showing God's unconditional love.
- Committed to social and environmental justice in our lives.
- Offering sacred spaces in times of crisis, sorrow & celebration.
- Aiming to reflect Jesus' inclusive hospitality by treating all people with the dignity Jesus did and being a fully affirming community, no matter the gender, race, sexual orientation, physical or psychological position, education, or economic status.

Provision for Children

- We warmly welcome children at both our churches. Please let your children be comfortable **and don't worry if they talk or want to explore.**
- Sunday School meets at St Mary's from 9.45 in the narthex (porch at the back of church). There are songs, teaching, and arts and crafts. **Don't worry if you've missed the beginning of the lesson - you are free to join us whenever.**
- At St Mary's there are also spaces if you want to stay in the service with children: the chapel which is the left hand side at the front of church or, if you're worried about noise you are welcome to use the narthex where Sunday School meets.
- At St James' you are welcome to sit on the sofas towards the back of the church if that is more comfortable for you and your children.

Safeguarding

As a parish we are committed to promoting a safer environment and culture, especially for young people and vulnerable adults, within the church and those who work with them and to responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation, and to those that may pose a present risk to others. **Contact - Nancy Jirira** is our Church Safeguarding Officer: nancysoko@aol.com

Giving

At the Offertory a collection of money is taken up. If you give in cash please use the gift envelopes to enable Gift Aid relief. You can also give by contactless payment using the machines at both churches. Alternatively, you can give online: <https://parishnw6.com> or by using the QR code:



At St Mary's

Presider: Fr Robert
Preacher: Amy Plender

At St James'

Presider: Fr Ross
Preacher: Amy Plender

Collect for the Day

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people
may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading (Acts 4. 5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Psalm 23 (St James' only)

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing. (R)

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. (R)

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (R)

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (R)

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full. (R)

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (R)

Second Reading (1 John 3.16- end)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have **boldness before God**; and

we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Gospel (John 10. 11-18)

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

For those who have asked for your prayers: We pray for: Bob Graham, May Hedges, Dory & John Humpage, Mekhye & Shoulana Adedeji, Nelissa Mendy & Archie, Kathleen Quinn, Patricia O’Sullivan, Irene Vallis, Fr Ross, Geoffrey Browne.

For those who have recently died Alison Brassil and those whose anniversary of death falls this coming week: Sheila Ross, Alec Gowing, Brian Locke, Paul Owusu, Eva Farnham, Maeve Crowe, Bibi Carse.

The Diary

Monday 22 nd	9.30 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Drop in at St Mary’s Upper Hall Meditation at St Mary’s Said Eucharist at St Mary’s
Tuesday 23 rd	9.30 am	Drop in at St Mary’s Upper Hall
Wednesday 24 th	10.30 am 1.00 pm	Said Eucharist at St Mary’s (followed by coffee & cake) Funeral of Alison Brassil at St Mary’s

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer: Morning prayer is said at St James’ and online at 9.15am and Evening Prayer is said online at 5pm. Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7389943684?pwd=TldWdIVrZGpMcHVZalVHWXpNaDh5QT09#success>

Next Week’s Rota at St Mary’s (27th):

Welcomer: Issabella

Intercessor: Nelissa

Reader: Nancy

Chalice Assistants: Nancy & Denny

Coffee: Denny

New Notices

Today we welcome Amy Plender as our preacher at both St Mary's and St James'.



Amy is a former young carer and current Civil Servant, supporting the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission on their journey to a fitting and lasting memorial to those lost in the fire.

She studied Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, where her Masters explored Holy Saturday and what this day of silence holds for humanity's relationship with God and how the Church encounters and responds to pain.

When she's not in North Kensington or Westminster, she's usually walking along the river or curled up with her family dachshund Luna Beetle.

Her theological interests include divine providence, disability theology, suffering, the liturgy, singleness and community, and interfaith dialogue.

Open table on today - Sunday 21st April with guest preacher Ayla



The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine (she/they)

Fruit of the Spirit: Queer Joy and Social Justice

This talk will explore St Paul's list of the Fruit of Spirit in Galatians 5.22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Connecting these powerful themes with social justice and queer Christianity, the theme of joy in relation to the Eucharist will guide our time together.

Ayla is Associate Rector of St James's Piccadilly. Their parish is a place of inclusive belonging for queer folks. Ayla's ministry focuses on connections between social justice, the arts, and the Eucharist at the heart of each person's unique journey with Christ. They were the Ahmanson Fellow in Art and Religion at the National Gallery in 2021-22 before arriving at St James's. She came out as queer and was baptised when she was a teenager in Canada, and has been an activist ever since.

Continuing Notices

Sofar Sound concerts: Dates coming up for the concerts at The Sherriff Centre are 27th April and May 10th. For more details please go to the [Sofar Sound website here](#).





Open Table West Hampstead

with

The Revd. Dr. Ayla Lepine
(she/they)



Fruit of the Spirit: Queer Joy & Social Justice

Sunday 21st April 2024
Refreshments from 18:30
Eucharist & talk at 19.00

St James Church, Sherriff Road, London, NW6 2AP

Open Table is a safe sacred space for LGBTQIA+ folk
& friends. Meets 3rd Sunday of the month for
inclusive community & Eucharist.

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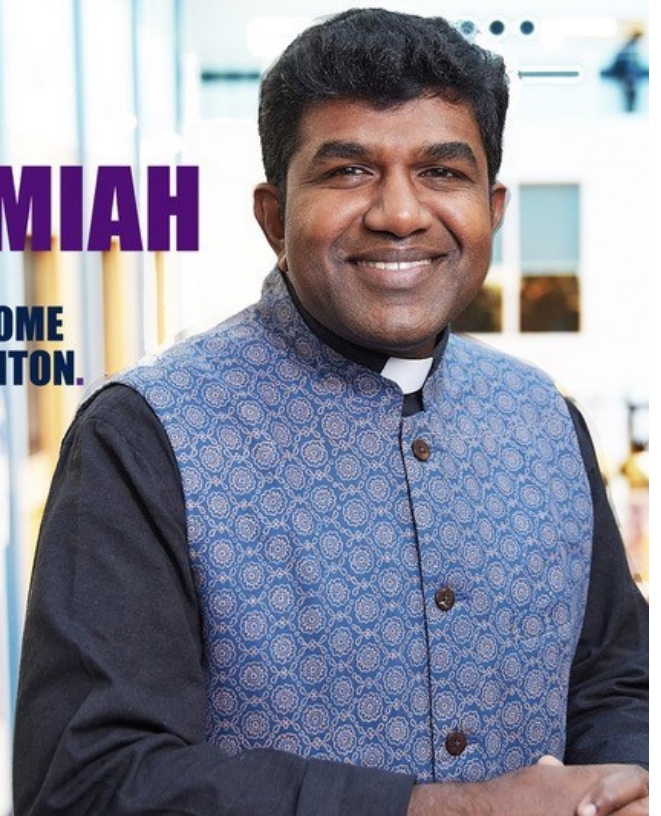


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WELCOME AND CONTACT FORM

A very warm welcome to our parish if this is your first visit.

St Mary's, Kilburn and St James', West Hampstead are Inclusive congregations and we are committed to living our faith in the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ. Our worship is in the liberal Catholic tradition. If you are new to our church please stay for coffee after the service and say hello to the clergy.

We would like to keep in touch and if you're happy for us to do this please complete the form below and hand it to the person behind the coffee bar at St Mary's or ask for Tom Rainbow, our Warden at St James'.

Name

(Please print)

Contact Details (email)

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Date: