

# THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Movement for Religious Renewal, London



Raising of Lazarus by Ninette Sombart

Programme  
Passiontide to Saint John's 2024  
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# THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF MAN

is celebrated at

51, Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith

on Sunday at 10.30 hrs

Tuesday at 11:00 hrs

Thursday at 11.00 hrs

Sunday Service for Children

(by arrangement)

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Passiontide

#### The Suffering of Jesus

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Luke 11:14-36

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12:00 hrs Passiontide Festival: *Contemplative Poetry*

Revd Nigel Lumsden

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March**

John 6:1-15

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12:00 hrs Servers Meeting: New Offertory & Training

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** 11:00 AoC

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** 11:00 AoC & Bible Study

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March**

John 8:1-12

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12:00 hrs Talk: Lazarus, Martha & Mary

Louise Sofair

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

11:00 AoC

Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> March      11:00 AoC & Bible Study

## Holy Week

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March**      Matthew 21:1-11  
10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:00 hrs Talk: *Paul's Letter to the Roman Community*

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March**      Romans 1:18-25  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Study: Romans 1:18-32 with Eurythmy

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March**      Romans 2:1-16  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Study: *Romans 2:1-3:20 with Eurythmy*

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March**      Romans 3:21-31  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Study: *Romans 3:21-4:25 with Eurythmy*  
Rev'd Tom Ravetz

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March**      Luke 23:13-32  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Study: *Romans 5 & 6 with Eurythmy*

**GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**      John 19:1-15  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Study: *Romans 7 & 8 with Eurythmy*  
13:30 hrs Lunch: Bring and Share  
14:30 hrs *Contemplation of the Cross*

**HOLY SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March**      John 19:16-42  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:30 hrs Preparing Church for Easter

# Easter

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Mark 16:1-8

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Story: *Child Jesus, Judas & the Birds*

Jennifer Stiasny

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

AoC

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC & Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April**

John 20:19-31

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Talk: *Walking with Christ to Emmaus*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC & Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April**

John 10:1-16

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Concert: *Dvorak to Ullman: A Journey in Song*

Katharina Baiter & Rhyl Godber

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC & Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 21<sup>th</sup> April**

John 15:1-27

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Congregation Meeting

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

AoC

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC & Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**

John 16:1-33

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Bible Study: *Possessed Gerasene Luke 8:26-39*

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

AoC

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

AoC & Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May**

John 14:1-31

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Singing: *Ascension & Whitsun*

Katharina Baiter

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

AoC

# **Ascension**

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May**

John 16:24-33

AoC & Outing to Sky Garden

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May**

John 16:24-33

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Talk: *Christ and the Elements*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

AoC

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

AoC & Bible Study

# Whitsun (Pentacost)

## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

John 14:22–31

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man - English

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Talk: The Holy Spirit & Community

## MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May

John 14:22–31

11:00 hrs Die Menschenweihehandlung - Deutsch

12:00 hrs Coffee

## TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May

John 14:22–31

11:00 hrs Діяння Освячення Людини - Ukrainian

12:00 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Conversation with

Revd Nataliia Shatna

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

AoC & Bible Study

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May

John 4:1-26

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Talk: Christ and His Disciples - Peter Selg

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May General Synod, Berlin

Tuesday: no AoC; Thursday: Devotional Gathering

## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 hrs Coffee

12:00 hrs Bible Study: Raising Jairus' Daughter 8:40-56

Revd Elizabeth Majoros

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** AoC  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** AoC & Bible Study

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June** Romans 8:18-27  
10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
11:30 hrs Coffee  
12:00 hrs Congregation Meeting

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** AoC  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** AoC & Bible Study

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June** John 3:1-17  
10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
11:30 hrs Coffee  
12:00 hrs Bible Study: Healing Epileptic Boy Luke 9:37-43

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** AoC  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** AoC & Bible Study

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June** 1 John 4:1-16  
10:30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
11:30 hrs Coffee  
12:00 hrs Talk: John the Baptiser

# Saint John's

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June** Mark 1:1-11  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:00 hrs Coffee  
12:30 hrs see next programme

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** AoC  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** AoC & Bible Study

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June** Mark 1:1-11  
11:00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
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**Tuesday 2<sup>th</sup> July** AoC  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** AoC & Bible Study

# Resurrection

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There is good reason why the last chapters of all the Gospels are written in the same style. Every Christian person has to become himself a witness of the Resurrection. Those described by the evangelists were the first, who should be followed by a host of others, who know out of their individual experience that Christ is risen. Some people would like to think: we need a definite statement of what actually happened, then we shall believe. Yet belief does not come through statements of this kind, which can be dissected at will by critics. The cloud of witnesses, of those who know, carry the fact of the Resurrection into human minds and hearts. No one can find this knowledge through historical proof or through the conviction of another. Each one has to see the fact for himself, become a witness, out of that which he has thought, felt and understood, of Christ's deed of death and life.

The Resurrection was an event which changed the history of the world. It dawned like a great sunrise of the Spirit's light and none of the witnesses was able to see the whole. Each of them caught a glimpse through the window of his heart's consciousness of a happening which was beyond all description. When we read the Gospels, we are able to look through the eyes and hear with the ears of one after another of the men and women who experienced the first day of Easter. In so doing, our hearts may begin to apprehend something of that which they saw in a glimpse. What they knew may start to kindle knowledge in ourselves.

The stories in all the Gospels have one feature in common. They mark clearly the time at which each experience took place. They point to a transition from what was seen at dawn, later on the same day, and still later at other times. A second common feature is the distinction between what the women experienced and the men. The women all received a different kind of revelation from that which came to the disciples. What is said in

the four Gospels may be so read that these distinctions of time and persons illumine our outlook on to the world-event which all the witnesses beheld.

In the earliest light of the morning the one fact stood revealed which could be seen with ordinary sight by everyone, the empty tomb. All the women, described by the four evangelists, the two disciples mentioned by St. John, the soldiers whose history is recorded by St. Matthew, saw that the stone was rolled away and the tomb was bare of all but the linen clothes in which the body had been shrouded. A modern writer on the subject has remarked that the empty tomb is the single fact in the history of Jesus Christ upon which everyone present at the time agreed and which has never been disputed since. St. Matthew says that the Jewish priests bribed the soldiers to spread the news that the body had been stolen, but even they accepted without question the fact that the tomb was empty. Negative as the fact is, nevertheless it has great significance. Spiritual insight was and is now necessary to perceive that Christ rose again. Yet a sign of this great spiritual event was actually impressed into the material, physical layer of existence, in a form such that people with their ordinary eyes, whether they were interested or not, whether they believed or not, could see it. This sign was the empty tomb. Even a materialist can accept it without argument. But those who rely on material evidence and trust to earth-bound faculties, will not get beyond this negative fact. They continue to stand before the picture of the empty tomb, as before a sphinx with an unanswerable question. They only hear the words:

**He is not here.**

from "The Christian Year"  
by Evelyn Francis Capel

## For the OTHER SACRAMENTS:

Baptism,  
Confirmation,  
Sacramental Consultation,  
Marriage and  
Last Anointing,

please contact the congregational priest directly.

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