

@StJames'

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New Stewardship Envelopes

The new envelopes have been ordered and should arrive well in time for 12th April when they start (the first Sunday in the new tax year).

Congratulations to Lillian Ladele, Neil McNab, Michelle Collings and Sarah Nash who made their First Communions on 1st February.

February Dates/Services

Wednesday 18th February
ASH WEDNESDAY
10am Mass with Ashing

Thursday 19th February
7.30pm FRG meets at the Vicarage

Sunday 22nd February
ASHING SUNDAY
Masses at 8 and 10am

Monday 23rd February
7.30pm Deanery Synod, St Mark's, Myddleton Square

Wednesday 25th February
7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church with speaker Louise Paine-Davey (Children's Society)



Work begins!



The re-ordering work finally began in January with the installation of a second toilet in Church. The building work, carried out by Darren Newman with Maciej Osiecki doing the carpentry, is now complete and all that is needed is a lick of paint to complete the job. So the days of queuing for the toilet are past and we have some new storage space to boot! Go and have a look next time you are in Church.



Before (top far left), Maciej Osiecki at work (bottom far left) and the finished toilet (left).

See page 2 for more about the re-ordering plans.

140th Anniversary

The Wardens, Kerry Sabine and Fr John (the enVision group) have met and, in the light of the pressures on the parish brought about by the Chancellor's request for one Faculty submission rather than several, are to recommend to the PCC that we scale down the celebration of our 140th anniversary – in particular, postponing the two open weeks that we had planned in June and July. When all the re-ordering work has been completed, they will be reinstated. We will have rather more to show people then!

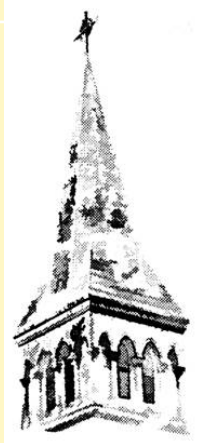
But the festivities on **May 10th** (the Sunday after the anniversary) are still in place and the day looks like this:

8am Mass

10am Shortened Parish Mass

1pm 'Beating the Bounds' – an all age walk around the boundaries of our parish, from Packington Street/Essex Road to New North Road, to the Regent Canal, to City Road, to the Angel Tube Station and back to Britannia Row – arriving back at St James' about 3pm for a shared tea.

6.30pm Choral Evensong, sung by Cantallini, followed by wine and cheese. Preacher to be confirmed.



Old mobile phone?

If you have an old, unwanted mobile at home, it has real value for the Children's Society who would be grateful for it (or for them!) as part of their latest fund-raising campaign. There is a box at the back of Church. Please help if you can.

Recycling Christmas Cards

Sr Moira Jones of the Sisters of St Margaret in Hackney makes new cards from old. If you still have your cards available, please leave them in the bin marked "Christmas Cards"! Thanks

March Dates/Services

Sunday 1st March

LENT 2 Masses at 8 and 10am; new Stewardship Envelopes available

Saturday 7th March

3pm Induction of Revd Charles Beacham as Vicar of St Stephen's Canonbury

Sunday 8th March

LENT 3 Masses at 8am and 10am

Tuesday 10th March

7pm Lighting Demonstration in Church

Saturday 14th March

St James' Occasional Concert with Alex Nikiporenko

Sunday 15th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am with the **baptism** of Isabella Osborn

Thursday 19th March

Prayers together for Islington at St James'

Saturday 21st March

Quarter Peal to be rung, time tba

Sunday 22nd March

PASSION SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am

7.30pm Concert for Passiontide and Easter sung by Cantallini

Re-ordering: the next phase

Now that the Chancellor has given his backing to our re-ordering plans and in order to take advantage of the pause in activities in Church in August and the first half of September, we are hoping to complete the final details of our faculty application at the PCC meeting on Wednesday 13th May. This will give the Chancellor three months to agree to our proposals before work begins in Church on Monday 27th July. We will use the AGM on Sunday April 19th as the final major opportunity for the congregation to feed back ideas and to contribute to the overall project.

Among the issues to be settled are –

- Whether to remove the chancel walls and re-site the radiators as the Chancellor suggested
- Whether to move the Tabernacle back to the north aisle
- The colour and extent of a new carpet
- The removal of some pews
- The lighting scheme
- The placing of the data projector screen

At this stage we will be not including the final repainting of the Church which will come at a later date.

To start the lighting discussion off, everyone is invited to meet James Wadsworth, a professional lighting consultant, who will be bringing his portable light show to St James' on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm. James will show us just what modern technology is available today and what a difference good lighting can make. All are very welcome.

There is therefore a great deal of detailed planning to be done over the next few weeks and we look forward to a series of informal discussions after Sunday Masses so that people can keep abreast of ideas and make constructive comments for the PCC to consider. Please look out for individual appeals over the next few weeks beginning with the circulation of colour charts!

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