

@StJames'

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Epiphoni Concert

One of the highlights of this year's Proms concerts features a member of our own Second Sunday Choir. Ros Ford is a member of Epiphoni which, since their foundation in 2014, has established itself as one of the very best chamber choirs in the city. They were runners up in last year's London International a capella choir competition and the judges described their performance as 'mesmerising'. Having performed in Westminster Abbey and St John's Smith Square and having made their debut on BBC TV, it would be wonderful to have a packed Church for this event on 24th September. Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions). Please do let people know about this.

Church Bells

The work to put in mobile phone aerial masts inside the Church tower has proved to be vastly more difficult than planned. The space is very small and access is extremely tight. The latest difficulty has been the interference with local TV reception, especially in St James' Close but it is hoped that new filters will restore reception very shortly. Peter Blight has been supervising the work with huge expertise on behalf of St James' and is contact on a regular basis with the engineers and with Whitechapel Foundry who have had to make some significant adjustments within the tower. The next step is to get the clock mechanism cleaned so that we can have the clock restored. Our expectation is that the bells themselves will be ready for James and Megan's wedding in October (see page 2).

Harvest 2016

For several years we have devoted our Harvest Appeal to the needs of the orphan children of Bonda in Zimbabwe. Familiar to Jill Hetherington when she worked in eastern Rhodesia as it was then, this small community of children are even more dependent on foreign help than ever under the corrupt government of Robert Mugabe. In the past we have sent pens and pencils and stationery; we also sent a mountain of face flannels. But these are bulky and expensive to transport unless we happen to know someone who can take goods in their hand luggage. So this year we are making an appeal for a proportion of the money we spend in September at the supermarket. Prayer cards are available in Church and alongside, envelopes marked with a large spoon. We hope people will be able to offer an additional percentage of what they spend on food each week, and give it to these needy children. Do help if you can.

When you shop in September 2016, look at the total and give a proportion to the children of Bonda.

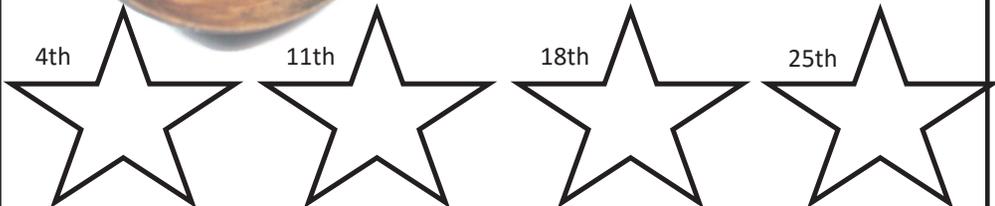
If you spend £60 a week

1% = 60p 2% = 1.20

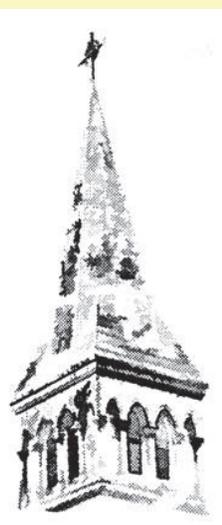
3% = 1.80 5% = £3

10% = £6

example



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND



Rotas

The new rotas for Welcomers Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee and Readers are on the [website](#) - please take a look and make a note of the dates you are covering.

Kitchenette

During the summer we have been getting quotes for a complete re-fit of the Church kitchenette. This space at the back of Church has been in use for over twenty five years and it is now not able to stand up to the demands we are making on it. Offering refreshments to large crowds is almost impossible as things stand and we hope that by adding more storage space, a fridge and an induction hob we will also be able to extend what it can offer. I am glad to say the Richard Cloudesley Trust have already expressed their willingness to help with this project.



Diary Dates

Saturday 17th September

1.30pm Wedding of Matt Jean-Baptiste and Nicole Ridewood.

Sunday 18th September

TRINITY 17 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Monday 19th September

7.30pm PCC meets in Church.

Saturday 24th September

7.30pm ISLINGTON PROM
Epiphoni perform a programme with a Shakespeare theme.

Sunday 25th September

TRINITY 18 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Roman Lane.

Tuesday 27th September

10.30am Stepney Area Clergy Conference (to Wednesday teatime).

Friday 30th September

7.30pm Concert by the Islington Council Choir.

Sunday 2nd October

HARVEST Masses at 8am and 10am (All Age) .

12 noon Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall.

Sunday 19th October

TRINITY 120 Maseat 8am . 10am Parish Mass and Admission to Holy Communion for Nicola Flynn, Lisa and Sonny Follett and Jade Nicholson.

Saturday 15th October 2pm

Wedding of James Gill and Megan Kloet.

7.30pm ISLINGTON PROM The Volta Quartet play Schubert and Dvorak.

James and Megan

It was just before Christmas that James and Megan joined the congregation and they soon made themselves at home. Not only did they join the carol singing group raising funds for Pack-Up, they also made it possible for a party of our young people to attend the Price Waterhouse Pantomime at the Peacock Theatre in which they were both taking part. Now we are delighted that they are planning to be married at St James', on Saturday 15th October. We have already met some of Megan's family from the States and the event looks like being a real highlight of the year. We wish them every happiness.

St James at Compostella

By tradition the bones of our patron saint, St James, are to be found in Compostella in north west Spain. This has, over the years, become a great centre of pilgrimage, not least for those like Ken Thompson who have arrived as pilgrims via the famous El Camino de Santiago. Maria has a conference in Barcelona in October and Fr John will join her for a flying visit to Compostella to see if, in the future, a group of us may like to go out as part of parish pilgrimage. Watch this space!

2016 Tough Mudder North West Challenge

On Saturday 11th September, Catriona Burnison ran this half marathon to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity in memory of Anthony Hill. She completed the challenge, and looked suitably muddy afterwards! Hopefully we should have a full report from her for next month's newsletter, including photographic proof of just how muddy she was. In the meantime, if you would like to donate, there is still time - the details are [here](#).

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