

# @<sup>St</sup>James'

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## Parish AGM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM were held on 30th April 2017 in the Church Hall following Mass. The full minutes are available and everyone is encouraged to read them and the full reports, but highlights are as follows:

- Isobel Nisbet was elected as the new Church Warden and Hilary Roden was re-elected. Our sincere thanks go to Maria Flavius for all her dedication and hard work in the role over the last 6 years.
- Vera Taggart confirmed that there are now 109 members on the electoral roll.
- 3 PCC members were re-elected and Toni Parker was elected as a new member.
- The PCC Treasurer, Susan Sorenson reported that the year had proceeded according to plan. There was a small deficit (£6,477) on the account but this was expected and in line with investments made into the Church building throughout the year.

Fr John then gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of 2016-17 which will be available to view on the website soon. Looking ahead he asked the meeting to consider the Phase 2 Objectives laid out in the report booklet and summarised some of the things we need to consider:

- How we can reach out to the new residents in the Packington Estate community?
- Education – is there demand for more than the current Enquirer's course?
- Is there is a call for a Sunday evening service?
- How can we better support our young families?
- Can we persuade the whole congregation be persuaded to contribute to our costs?
- Are we doing all we can to serve this part of Islington?

Please do pass on your thoughts and ideas to Fr John or any member of the PCC. At the end there was a brief discussion about Sunday School and All Age Services - see right.

## NGS open Gardens

The opening of nine gardens in and around Arlington Square (including the Vicarage of course) is set for Sunday 11th June from 1-5.30pm. With live music and home-made refreshments, we hope the weather will be kind to us and to the 300 plus people who pass through on the day. We would be really grateful for your help in providing the refreshments - and also offers of cake, scones and other goodies on the day. Do help if you can.

## Catherine Daley



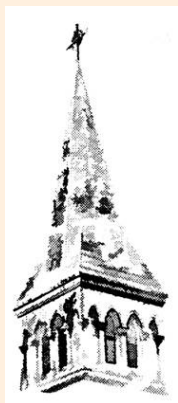
We are so sorry to have to record the death of Catherine Daley, aged 99. Still walking to

Church a year ago (the photograph was taken at our 140th celebrations last May), Catherine has been in and out of hospital ever since. We thank God for her faithful support of St James' over the years. Her funeral, being organised by her daughter Annie, her son Cyril and by their extended family, will be held at St James' at 11am on Friday 16th June, followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

## Children and All Age Masses

Over the last year we have seen a substantial increase in the number of children coming to Sunday School. Attendance is almost 100% higher than two years ago! However, that increase is not reflected in the number of children attending the All Age Mass on 1st Sunday. While in theory we are very keen to share at least on event each month as the whole St James' family worshipping together, this may not be possible while our children are quite so young. The PCC will be discussing this issue in July so we hope our young families will fill in the questionnaire, currently being circulated. This will help us to decide what to do on 1st Sunday mornings so the more replies we receive the easier it will be to make the right decision.

**Pastoral Letter** You can view the Archbishops' General Election 2017 Letter [here](#)



## John and Grace Hoskin



It was very good to be able to call in on John and Grace on April 23rd. Stalwart members of St James' for many years, they have moved into a very comfortable new apartment in Marlborough, Wiltshire. They send their warmest best wishes.

## Diary Dates

**Sunday 21st May EASTER 6** Masses at 8am and 10am

**6pm ISLINGTON PROM** Ensemble Nova Luce: 'Seven play a Symphony'-music by Haydn, Chopin and Rubbra.

**Monday 22nd May 7.30pm PCC Meeting** at the Vicarage

**Wednesday 23rd May 7.15pm Meeting of the Islington Proms Committee** at the Vicarage

**Sunday 28th May ASCENSION SUNDAY** Masses at 8am and 10am to include the Baptism of Hettie Hinton.

**Sunday 4th June PENTECOST** Masses at 8am and 10am.

**Tuesday 6th June 7.30pm Deanery Synod.**

**Thursday 8th June ELECTION DAY** Voting takes place in the Church Hall.

**Saturday 10th June 4pm POCKET PROM** Tickets £10. Opera and Jazz in the Vicarage garden. Bring your own hamper!

**Sunday 11th June TRINITY SUNDAY** Masses at 8am and 10am

**1-5.30pm NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME:** The Arlington Association offer 9 gardens in the area for viewing, with live music and refreshments in the Vicarage Garden. £7 combined ticket.

**Sunday 18th June TRINITY 1** Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Thomas and Charlie Senior.

**Pack-up** continues to thrive, even when Toni Parker has to be away caring for her family. Among the new recruits is Matt Pinder who takes a long lunch break from his job as a lawyer in Old Street to help serve lunches and wash up. As the summer approaches and people are away we would be grateful for similar offers of help!

## Appeal for volunteers

"Shelter from the Storm" is a charity that provides overnight accommodation and practical support for homeless people. It started life as a joint venture between St James' Church and St John the Evangelist RC church in Duncan Terrace. St James' Church Hall became one of the overnight shelters. The project rapidly outgrew the available accommodation and is now located in a small industrial estate in Blundell Street between Caledonian Road and York Way. The Shelter benefits from the Pret a Manger scheme for donating perishable snacks to homeless charities at the end of the day. Volunteers collect the food from Pret in St John Street just south of the Angel at 9 pm on a weekday evening and take it to the Shelter. They are looking for a couple more volunteers to join the weekly rota. I have been doing it for many years and it takes me about an hour maximum round trip by car from my house near the Angel. If you feel you would be able and willing to help once a week, or would like more information, please contact me on 07973 141406 or email [susoren2@icloud.com](mailto:susoren2@icloud.com).

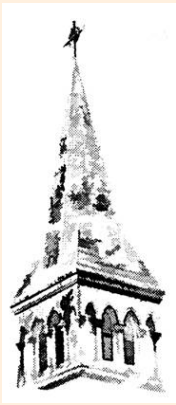
## Welcome

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers to St James' and as well as several new families we are delighted to announce the arrival of Elijah to Jodie Speirs and Gary Silvera; Benjamin to Louise Ahmet and Vinny Payne, and finally Henry to Jade Nicholson and John Green. Congratulations to all of them! We are also looking forward to a whole crop of baptisms: in addition to Elijah and Henry we look forward to special days for Hettie Hinton (Mike and Kate), Thomas and Charlie Senior (Carl and Fiona) and Teddy Wilding (Daniel and Danielle). God is good!

## Pocket Prom

This Glyndebourne style event is a lovely way to enjoy the later afternoon sunshine. Set for Saturday 10th June, the first half is a medley of opera and classical pieces performed by students from the Guildhall School of Music, whilst the second half is some mellow jazz. Tickets are available from either Adam or Fr John and are just £10.

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## Yuki Ihara

You may remember the Japanese organist who regularly visited us during the summer months a few years ago. Yuki Ihara is an internationally celebrated organist and performed regularly in London and Paris as well as throughout Japan. She became an Anglican during her time in London and was later appointed Organist of St Michael's Cathedral in Kobe. At Christmas she emailed to say that she is due to marry an Anglican priest on 20th May 2017. We wish them every happiness and hope that she will return to London to play the inaugural recital when all the upgrading of the organ has been completed.

## Getting To Know You



**Name:** David Addison.

**Birthday:** 2nd May

**Place where you were born:** Beeston, Nottingham

**How long have you been coming to St James'?** One year.

**Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'?** Occasional assistant priest.

**Do you have a family?** Yes – ever growing (in number as well as development)

**What is (or was) your day job?** Parish priest and Art History lecturer and Curator.

**Did (do) you enjoy school?** Hated most of it – but I did enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

**What hobbies do you enjoy most?** Painting and drawing, listening to music, reading.

**What is your favourite kind of music?** Classical; particularly Baroque; favourite composer Henry Purcell.

**Do you have a book that you would like to recommend?** A very difficult question as so many books have inspired me, delighted me, and so forth. I presume that the question implies fiction rather than non-fiction - so my recommendation, after a considerable struggle, would be Jerome K Jerome's 'Three Men in a Boat' with the proviso that you forget all the adaptations, particularly on television, and let the words speak to you. This is a humorous but realistic work for which the original prefatory quote indicates the nature of the work - 'Work fascinates me ..... I can sit and look at it for hours'. The structure of the book is essentially a string of stories about three friends who are fed-up with city business life and decide to go for a lengthy holiday in a small boat on the Thames. The whole is introduced by one 'chap' idly flipping through a Medical Encyclopaedia and realising that each ailment described he had in abundance - but not 'Housemaids Knee'. This annoyed him as he wondered why he had been picked out NOT to have this affliction - which by a process of devious thought led him to the brilliant idea of persuading his chums to join him on an extended river trip on the Thames. What follows is loosely based upon their progress, and mishaps, on the river but also contains stories and reminiscences from the characters which are, quite simply, hilarious. Amongst these tales I would recommend the one about trying to erect the awning over the boat at night, or the one about the very pungent cheese in the railway carriage, or the attempts to open a tin of pineapple pieces having forgotten to bring a can-opener.

**What kind of food do you enjoy most?** Meat, such as Belly pork with roast potatoes or Yorkshire pudding and greens; liver and bacon; etc. Fish – from fish and chips to plaice and mashed potatoes with peas. Fruit salad, ice cream, etc.

**Which person has most inspired you in life, and why?** Very difficult – several people at various points in my life – from my Art Master at School, through my undergraduate Professor (Laurence Gowing),

**Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special?** Cheltenham is particularly special – a creative, and very challenging, period where I re-launched the Art Gallery & Museum and established the Gustav Holst Museum; as also are villages in which I have lived and worked as a parish priest, Bisley in Gloucestershire, and Ipsden in Oxfordshire.

**If you were given £50,000 to spend, what would you do with it?** After fainting I would put straight into my bank account and take time to consider.

## Painting the Study

After 8 years at the Vicarage, the time has come to renovate the study. Given a quick lick of paint and a very cheap carpet in 2009, it now needs to be brought up to standard again which will mean taking the room apart (computer, photocopier, files and a couple of thousand books and photo albums). That means that during June and July I won't be able to find a thing!