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Annual
'Review of
the Year'
2017



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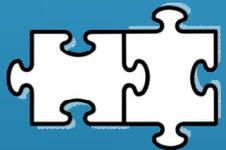
PART ONE

Getting all
the
infrastructure
in place

This is just a snap-shot of
some of the things that
have been
happening at St James'
since our AGM last year –
one small Church trying to
follow God's lead...

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The igN1te plans



Completed 2015-6:

Toilets



Flattened chancel



Sacrament
Chapel



Seven week
re-ordering project



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Five major contractors



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St James', Prebend Street, N1

**All Age PARISH MASS
for EASTER 3**

30 April 2017

The technology
that supports
our
worshipping life

Antiphon:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Alleluia.

Collect:

Jesus, you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Help us to endure the hardships of life, that we may seize the opportunities you offer and strive for that which is yet impossible; for you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1: 17-23
St Luke 24: 13-35

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia.

At the Offertory:

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Preface for Easter 3:

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the grave of death you raised Jesus your Son to life on the third day.

In him you turned mourning into dancing. In the presence of your disciples you transformed the breaking of bread into a resurrection banquet, the miracle of his saving passion and glorious rising from the dead, given as a blessing and as a sign of our liberation from the powers of darkness and despair.

And so with all whom you have gathered around yourself and raised to the company of heaven, we join in their eternal hymn of praise:

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: **AM333 God the Father**

*God the Father, name we treasure,
each new generation draws
from the past that you have given
for the future which is yours;
may Sofia, in your keeping,
love your ways and love your laws.*

*Christ, the name that Christians carry,
Christ, who from the Father came,
calling us to share your sonship,
for this child much grace we claim;
may she be your true disciple,
yours in deed as well as name.*

*Holy Spirit, from the Father
on the friends of Jesus poured,
may our children share those graces
promised to them in your Word,
and their gifts find rich fulfilment
dedicated to our Lord.*

Final Hymn: **AM477 Go forth and tell**

*Go forth and tell! O Church of God awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.*

*Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call;
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?*

*Go forth and tell! where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for humankind.*

[t Regent Square AM502]

Databases with 500 edited/new hymns - plus all the psalms set for weekday use

(Words: Basil Bridge, ed)

[t AM394 Woodlands]

(Words: James Seddon)

Psalm: [Ps 116]

I love the Lord for he has heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

**Because he turned his ear to me
I will call on him as long as I live.**

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**



LEONARD SWEET
Post-Modern Pilgrims (2000) "EPIC"

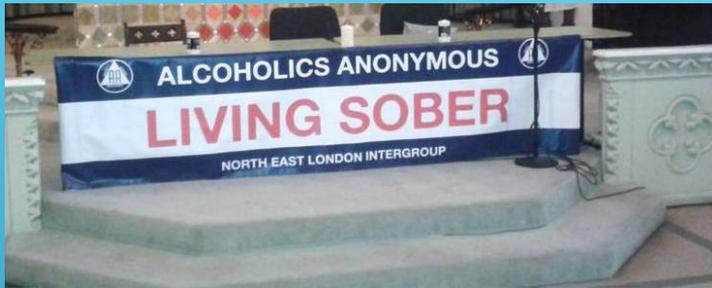
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Trying to make special days
very special





Church Hospitality



Every kind of music





Making long-term friends
through music





One thing leads to another





Four "smaller" Building and Maintenance projects in 2016/17



Making best use of
the Vicarage garden



islington proms
presents
POCKET PROM
Music in a summer garden



Education: Enquirers and Sunday School



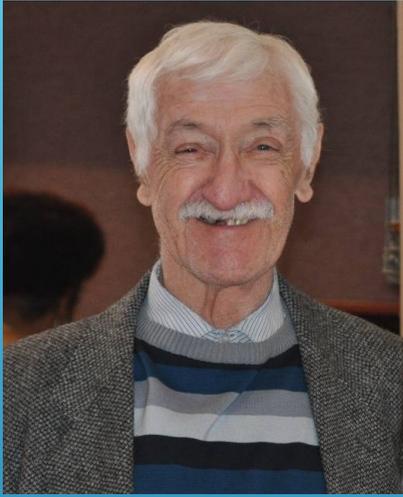


Ecumenical visit to St Paul's Cathedral

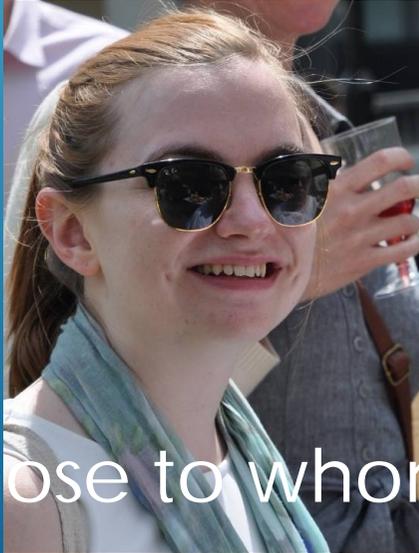
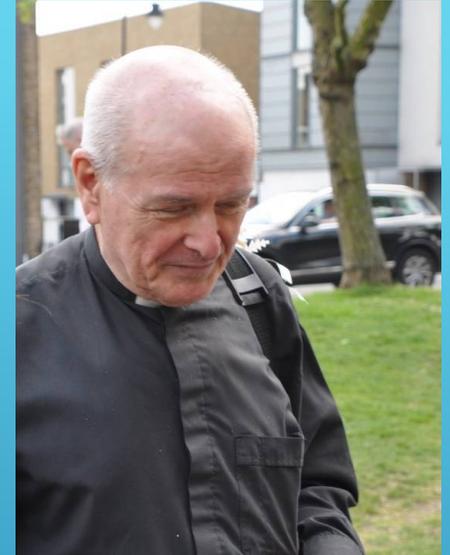


Pack-Up has completed its first year





Losing friends...



Those to whom we extend special thanks

**END OF
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PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION

WORSHIP

COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL EVENTS

PASTORAL CARE

STEWARDSHIP

CHARITABLE GIVING



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

The re-building of the Packington estate, started in 2010 is almost complete



How many new residents know we are here?

PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

EDUCATION

Sunday School continues to grow but depends on just two leaders.

Is there are a demand for more than just than current Enquirers courses?

Schools ministry in state schools limited



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

ADMINISTRATION

The appointment of Adam as part-time administrator is key to our future stability (cf future of the Proms)

Time required to 'know the system'

Needs to grow lettings in both the Hall and the Church



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

COMMUNICATION

Plans for the updating of the website are in hand for completion by July.

The use of Twitter and Facebook are at an early stage

Regular posters on our boards and flyers for new residents a priority



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

WORSHIP

More time should now be available for service preparation

Is there a call for a Sunday evening service like those in Holy Week?

What about the 1st Sunday All Age?



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

SOCIAL EVENTS

The ecumenical trip to St Paul's Cathedral proved popular.

Children's parties are well supported

What else could/should we do together?



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

PASTORAL CARE

The support and nurture of young families is a major part of our ministry. Does it need additional resources?

The project to display pictures of the congregation will be revived in the autumn of 2017. What else?



PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

STEWARDSHIP

St James' is kept afloat by the hire of the Hall and Church, the fees paid for the mobile phone installation in the spire and by voluntary giving.



Can the whole congregation be persuaded to contribute to our costs?

PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

CHARITABLE GIVING

St James' currently supports
Pack-Up
MOP/TZABA in Zimbabwe
The Children's Society
CARIS, the Islington based
bereavement counselling service



Is that enough?

PHASE 2: 2016 - 2020

As we review the past year, we continue to ask:

Are we genuinely doing all we can to serve this part of south Islington?

Are we fulfilling our potential?

How can we avoid being distracted by things that don't matter so much?





Thank you
for all you
do to
make
Christ
known at
St James'.
May he
continue
to bless us
in the
year to
come.