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First Communion Programme

Staying in touch with our children is a crucial part of our ministry and we are delighted that a number of them are looking forward to making their First Holy Communion this year. The programme will start towards the end of September.



July PCC Meeting

At the meeting on 4th July, Maria Burniston reminded us of the numbers of children regularly involved in Sunday School (21, not including babies) and how we want them to feel equally valued in the All Age 1st Sunday Masses. New steps are being devised to encourage our children to share more fully in these services. An appeal by Pack Up was responded to and we agreed to buy a dishwasher for the Hall. We also reviewed some technicalities relating to the Proms as a new team takes on responsibility for organising these in 2018.

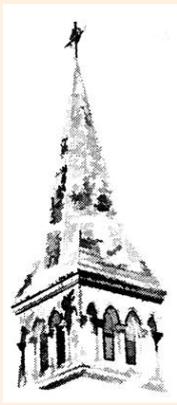
Kate and Mike Hinton released a helium balloon on **Ascension Sunday** at which their daughter, Hetty, was baptised.



Young Families and Newcomers Party

July's party was a great success with over forty people enjoying the bright sunshine in the Vicarage garden, the large bouncy castle, lots of food and plenty of good conversation.





Diary Dates

July

Sunday 16th July TRINITY 5/ST JAMES Masses at 8am and 10am. Fr John and Maria away in Malta until Saturday.

Sunday 23rd July TRINITY 6 Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 30th July TRINITY 7 Masses at 8am and 10am

2-7pm Roden family warmly invite the congregation to their new home for an extended 'Open House': 4 Marcon Place, Hackney, E8 1AA

August

Sunday 6th August TRANSFIGURATION Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 13th August TRINITY 9 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Teddy Wilding (Finnemore House, Britannia Row.

Sunday 20th August TRINITY 10 Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 27th August TRINITY 11 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Henry Green (Rotherfield Street)

September

Saturday 2nd September 2pm Wedding of James Mensforth and Katherine Byart

Monday 4th September 7.30pm PCC meets at the Vicarage

Organ

After two big surveys of our organ - by the Diocesan team and by a digital organ builder - this week it was the turn of the famous organ builders, Nicholson and Co of Worcester to come and have a look. And what good news they brought. In contrast to the Diocesan advisers who told us that we had a dreadful organ, Nicholsons said we actually had a gem

in urgent need of being restored to its original condition after the disastrous rebuild in 1989. As was the fashion of the time, all the pipework had been made to produce a sound far bigger than it was designed for - with horrid results. We look forward to their report very shortly. Then the big question will be: can we afford to go ahead with the restoration?

