

@StJames'

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Eleanor McEvoy

The Islington Proms changed a gear on Saturday 23rd September when the Irish folk singer Eleanor McEvoy came across from Dublin for a live performance of her recent album 'Naked Music'. This event was co-hosted by Tony Collins of the Duchess of Kent pub and showed once again the versatility of St James' as a venue for good music.



Keeping the Church open

St James' is now open for prayer and for visits during the day and one of the first to take advantage were Terry and Jean Foster, now living in Bexley. They were married at St James' 50 years ago this year and were so pleased to be able to get inside. "Does it look the same?" we asked. "Oh yes" they replied, "only less gloomy!"



Where have all these children come from?

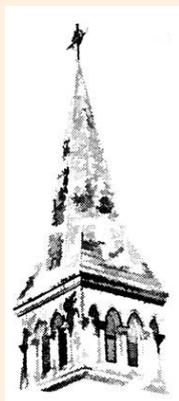
Harvest this year was a week earlier than usual but there was no lack of enthusiasm for our annual appeal for the orphan children of Bonda in Zimbabwe. Altogether (including Gift Aid) our envelopes raised £1000.78. Afterwards 35 sat down to another fine Harvest Lunch in the Hall. It was there that we realised just how many more children there are at St James' these days!



PCC October Meeting

After the appointment of a new Quinquennial Inspector, the PCC is beginning to tackle two major projects as part of our Phase 2 Five year plan. With help from the Cloudesley Trust, celebrating their 500th anniversary this year (see note for Sunday 29th October) we are working hard to find the very best possible way of repairing and enhancing the organ which hasn't had work done to it for 25 years. With the help of organ consultant Dr Christopher Batchelor, we look forward to bring our Gray and Davison organ back to its original form. This is a hugely exciting and demanding process – but one which will cost a great deal of money. We are also re-visiting the plan to install a screen and data projector into Church. The present 'Heath Robinson' experiments have been very time consuming and not entirely satisfactory.





Sleep Out

Each of us has the great fortune to have a bed to sleep in each night. Many young people are not so lucky. On Saturday 18th November Fr John is taking part in a 'sleep out', sleeping rough in Borough Market (next to Southwark Cathedral) on behalf of the charity depauluk. They arrange thousands of bed spaces each year through the 'NightStop' scheme. Donations are very welcome via the virgin money website: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnBurniston>



Baptisms



It has been a great delight to welcome the children of two members of the congregation this month, both of whom brought great crowds to the Baptism Masses! On September 17th we welcomed Henry Green, son of Jade Nicholson, and on October 15th Benjy Payne, son of Louise Ahmet.



Diary Dates - October & November

Sunday 22nd October

TRINITY 19 Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 29th October

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Masses at 8am and 10am The Mass at 10am will include a speaker from the Richard Cloudesley Charity, celebrating their 500th anniversary.

Sunday 5th November

ALL SAINTS' Mass at 8am . The Mass at 10am includes the Baptisms of Jerome and Yuri Kasella.

Sunday 13th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 19th November

2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Masses at 8am and 10am

6pm Final 2017 ISLINGTON PROM: Pocket Sinfonia, popular music arranged for a piano quartet.

Tuesday 21st November

5.15pm Rehearsal and Service of Preparation for Sunday's First Communions

Sunday 26th November

CHRIST THE KING Mass at 8am. 10am Parish Mass and First Holy Communions.

First Communions

Combined with Benjy's baptism were the presentations of those beginning their First Communion course this year. We have two groups of young people meeting weekly: Please pray for Jack Carter, Gianni and Giandre Esprit, Jerome Kasella, Sam Lewis and Charlie and Isla Seabrook. We are also delighted that Eva Koy is preparing for her First Communion as an adult. Their First Communions will be on Sunday 26th November.



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