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There is no good time to get everyone together for a congregational meeting: Sundays after the 10am Mass is the least inconvenient but is not ideal either especially if you have young children! This year, after the re-election of Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet as Churchwardens and a string of thanks for the work done by an increasing number of St James' members, we looked at the annual 'Review of the Year' slide-show. This was chock full of the many changes to our buildings but most importantly recorded the arrival of many new members of St James'. If you weren't able to be at the meeting you can see the presentation on the website [here](#).



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Faculty Permissions

Nothing major can be done to the Church without permission (the equivalent of planning permission from the Council) so the 'Diocesan Advisory Committee' will be receiving all our recent proposals including the installation of a data projector and screen and hanging rails for occasional art installations in Church. Much of this work is being funded by the Cloudesley Trust, a major Islington charity which supports the work of the Anglican churches in Islington to the tune of £1million each year.

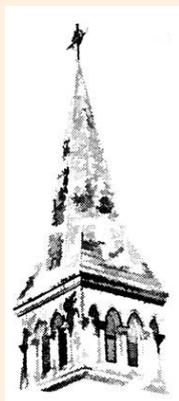
Redecoration of the Church

At the end of the meeting we considered the computer generated pictures of the interior of the Church 'as it might be'. The most dramatic suggestions were to strip the columns back to the original mottled red stone and replacing the brown paint in the sanctuary with a warm maroon. These proposals will be sent on to the Diocese for their approval. We then have to get competitive quotes for the work which we hope will start on 6th August.



Forward date

St James' Day is so late in the summer that many people are already away on holiday. So, on Sunday July 15th we are proposing a St James' Fun Day with a walk and a picnic. Keep the date. More details to follow.



Concert in aid of Pack-Up

For those staying at home for the May Bank Holiday – or welcoming visitors – there is a concert on Saturday 5 May, in aid of Pack Up. Isabel Nisbet will be accompanied by Rhidian Jones in a range of songs and piano music with a theme of “Songs for a Grandchild”. The programme includes Schumann’s famous song-cycle “Frauenliebe und –leben”. And the drinks are free!

Heating

Cloudesley were also offering us substantial grants to improve our carbon footprint and to make St James’ warmer. Sadly our energy consultant, Colin Bemrose, discovered that



the pipework underneath the laminate flooring is only a single circuit system and that won’t support more efficient radiators. However Cloudesley have just awarded us £10,000 to install secondary glazing in the windows directly above the radiators in the hope of keeping more warmth from escaping through the window frames! These will be fitted in September after the repainting has been completed.

Diary Dates

Sunday 29th April EASTER 5 Masses at 8am and 10am.

6.00pm Occasional Concert: The Massey Ensemble - including Tchaikovsky’s ‘Souvenir de Florence’.

Saturday 5th May 7.30pm ‘Songs for a Grandchild’, a recital of songs by Schumann and Britten sung by Isabel Nisbet (contralto) and Rhidian Jones (piano). Tickets £8 (£5). In aid of Pack-Up.

Sunday 6th May EASTER 6 Mass at 8am. 10am All Age Mass focusing on the work of Christian Aid in Haiti.

Tuesday 8th May 7.30pm Deanery Common Fund Meeting, St Andrew’s, Thornhill Square.

Saturday 12th May 11am Bishop Sarah’s installation as the new Bishop of London, St Paul’s.

Sunday 13th May ASCENSION SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am.

Sunday 20th May PENTECOST Masses at 8am and 10am.

Thursday 24th May 7.30pm PCC Meeting at the Vicarage.

Sunday 27th May TRINITY SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am.

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