



ST JAMES' Islington

AGM
2018

In a word – what are we doing here at St James’?

St Paul says in Colossians 1: 27

God has chosen us and made his home among us, leading and guiding us – so that the world may have hope. This we proclaim and to this end we struggle - thanking him for his energy which is so powerfully at work in us...



This 'Review of the Year' is a brief record of what God has been doing amongst us this year – just in case we fail to notice the way he is leading and guiding us!

Let's start with people...



Hilary Roden



Isabel Nisbet

*What do
Churchwardens do?*

“the eyes and ears of
the parish”

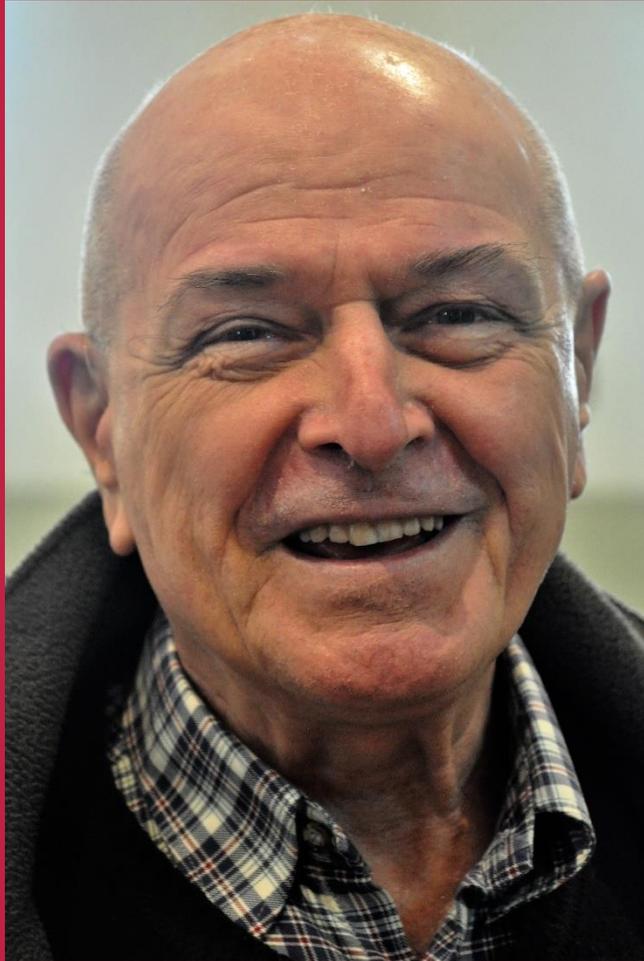
Informally:

Hilary: Pastoral Care

Isabel: Administration

Let's start with people...

Fr Stephen



Let's start with people...

The PCC



Kerry Sabine



Lenka Chou

During Kerry's maternity leave her place as PCC secretary has been taken by Lenka Chou to whom go many thanks.

The PCC meets every six weeks and has the final responsibility for the parish assets and any changes to the fabric of our buildings. They have been especially busy preparing for the new Proms season, for the repainting of the Church and for the installation of the data projector

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*A Parish Administrator ...
at last!*



Adam Dickson

Essential work on

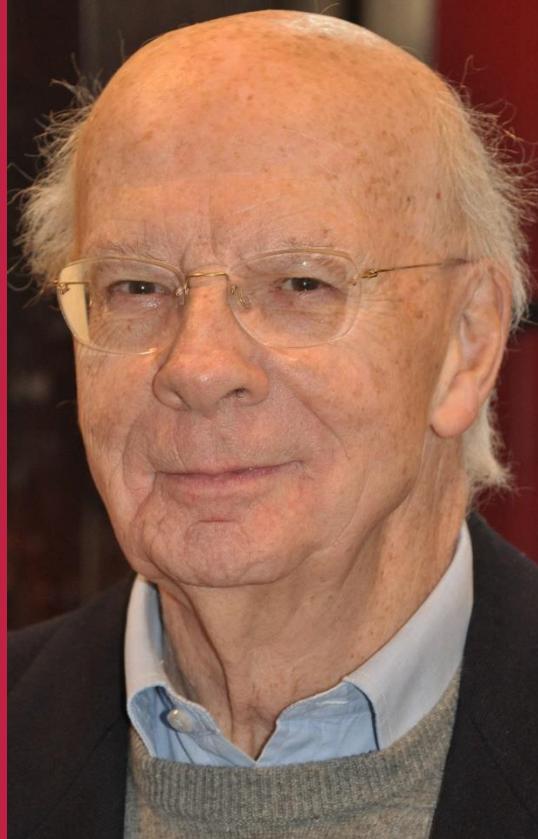
- Hall and Church bookings
- Updating Church records
- Annual service contracts and maintenance repairs
- Faculty applications
- Support for the 2018 Proms

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The Treasury Team



Susan Sorensen



Alastair Hume

Complete overhaul of our accounts. Counting the weekly collections. Meter readings. Budget targets and employee contracts. Rationalisation of our inherited funds. Access to Cloudesley Trust grants

Let's start with people...

*Hall Management Team
Cleaning and Repairs Team*



Maria Burniston



Vera Taggart



Ildiko Csabi



Adam Dickson



Brian Higgins



Susan Sorensen



Fr John



Linda Dyche

With Hall and Church lettings amounting to over £52,000 last year the administration, cleaning and repair of our buildings is now a very significant element of our ministry to the community.

Let's start with people...

Pack-Up



Dave Collins and Toni Parker



Hilly Janes



*Ximena Alberttis, Kate White,
Lisa Scadding, Ken Thompson,
Dee/Rod Austin, Stephen Thean*



Joyce Owusu

An average of 25 come for lunch each Monday. In addition to Joyce's home-made soup, the Felix Project provides a range of drinks, cakes and fruit. Financial support for the project comes from the Arlington Association and EGA School, Islington.

Let's start with people...

Sunday School

Our Sunday School now averages 10 children (and as many adults) each week. Ingenious crafts mirror the theme being discussed in Church. The 'show and tell' at the end of Mass is a highlight for many!



Maria and Sinead Burniston



Let's start with people...



*Adam Dickson, Organist
Second Sunday Choir
Junior Music Group
Senior Music Group
Bell ringing Team*

Church Music making

New this year has seen the creation of both a Junior and Senior Music group, playing occasionally after Communion. The bells are rung before Mass weekly.

Let's start with people...

Communications



Kerri Allen

St James' Islington N1

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Welcome

Welcome to our website which we hope will give you a taste of life at St James' Church, Islington, a modern catholic parish within the Church of England committed to exploring how to live like Jesus in the 21st century.

The Church was built in 1875 to serve the new houses being constructed to the south of Essex Road following the opening of New North Road in 1812 and the Regent Canal in 1820.

St James' remains a spiritual oasis within this vibrant and ever-changing community. Here the new award-winning Packington Estate stands alongside the remodelled wharves of the Canal basin, the picturesque tree lined Colebrook row, the completion of tall apartment blocks of City Road and the highly acclaimed rose beds of Arlington Square. In the 2011 census the population is given as 10,341. 30% are between the ages of 25 and 35.

The recent refurbishment of the church has been designed to enable us to provide hospitality for a range of community events. The 'Islington Proms' are based at St James' and the Church is used for concerts, rehearsals as well as meetings and school visits throughout the year.

Most of the community of St James' is engaged in discovering how to balance faith and intelligent enquiry with the demands of living in London today. But we do not believe that being sacred means being solemn.

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Electoral Roll

Vera Taggart has sent forms to all members of St James' who have been worshipping with us for at least six months. Please do make sure that you return the form in the envelope provided by 11th March.

Visit to Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 20th January, St James' joined with the congregation of St John's RC parish in Duncan Terrace for an afternoon tour of London's senior Catholic Cathedral. Very different from our joint visit to St Paul's last year with a strange fascination with decaying cardinal's hats! The interior is definitely a 'work in progress' with some stunning mosaics both old and contemporary. As always it was good to be able to pray together at the end.

Picture Show

The first 60 congregational photographs are now up in Church and we very much hope you will help us to complete the project as they represent less than half of the family at St James'.

ABRACADABRA! Find out what was going on here on page 2.

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EASTER 2018

IT'S (ALMOST) EASTER!

The 'beast from the east' has finally given up and we are beginning to enjoy Spring at last! I hope Alex Sukasin isn't right when he says there is more snow forecast for next week-end...

For us in Church there are two big Sundays coming up. The first is this Sunday (25th) which we call **PALM SUNDAY**. Together we tell the story of Jesus' last week of his life **OUTSIDE** St James! With palms in our hands we walk to various spots in the streets and gardens outside Church. We watch the tables being turned over and think about the Cross that Jesus carried. There will be a quick Sunday School afterwards when the rest of us go back into Church.

The following Sunday (1st April) is **EASTER DAY**. When you arrive you will find a fire burning by the west doors. This is to celebrate the fact that Jesus, the light of the world, has come back to life! We then light the special Easter candle which Simead has decorated for us and carry it into its special place in Church. And at the end of the Mass - as you would expect - there is the great 'Easter Egg Hunt' with loads of crème eggs to find in and around the Church.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in the huge photo shoot at St James'! We are almost there - but a quick word of reassurance. The new GDPR rules about privacy and digital communication are a timely reminder that nothing we hold is shared with anyone else ... and none of these congregational portraits will be posted on the internet without people's permission.

As you can imagine an exercise like this is fraught with difficulties as my poor memory is stretched to max, as I try to remember everyone's names and relationships. So apologies to Belle Williams whom I confused last month with Ashley Williams. This would be bad enough if they looked alike. But Ashley is African-American - with a cute son called Theo! Sorry!

There was a great crowd in Church on Sunday 18th March when Mosryn and Nieve brought Ilaria Goodwin to St James' for her baptism. The Irish side of her family were especially happy after the win by the Irish Rugby squad the day before!

WELCOME

Electronic communications are the bed-rock of any parish that wants to be noticed. Few try harder than St James'.

Let's start with people...



Isabel Sharples



Sinead Burniston



Safeguarding

This year we have been able to appoint a new Safeguarding Officer and re-appoint our Children's Champion. With well over thirty children on the congregational roll it is vital to ensure their safety.

... and then move on to the events of 2017-8

New families

The task of photographing as many of the congregation as possible this year happily coincided with the arrival of ten new families, starting with the Kasellas.



... events in 2017-8

Baptisms We have been able to welcome 12 new members into St James' this year, including



*Florence
Maile*



*Elijah
Silvera*



*Teddy
Wilding*



*Hetty
Hinton*



*Saffron
Bentley*



*Henry
Green*



*Benjy
Payne*



*Ilaria
Goodwin*



*Jerome
and Zuri
Kasella*



*Gianna
Morrison*

... events in 2017-8

*First Holy
Communions*

Our policy is to admit anyone over the age of 8 to Holy Communion.



... events in 2017-8

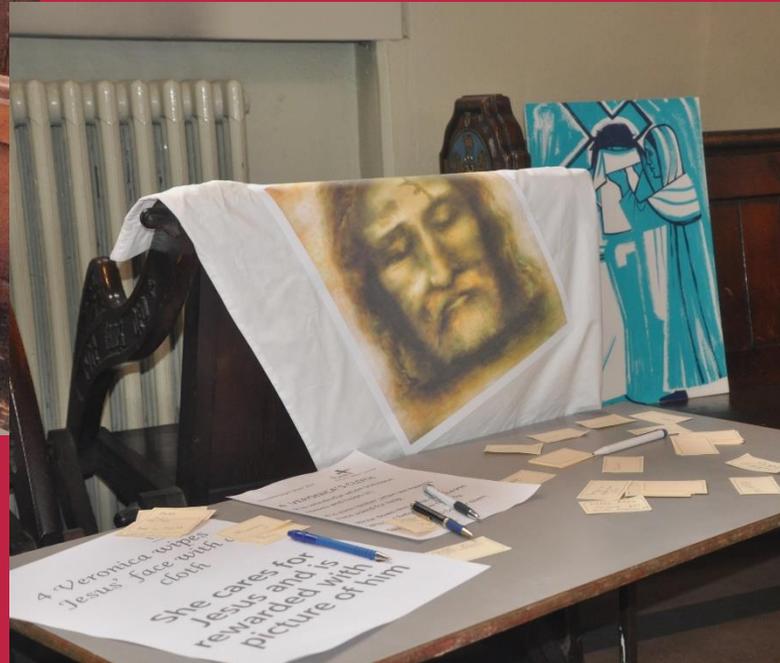
*First Holy
Communion*

Preparation takes place over five weeks
and there is a formal admission service



... events in 2017-8

*All Age
Worship* More children: more opportunities to
involve them in First Sunday 10am Masses



... events in 2017-8

*All Age
Worship*

At least six of our young people are now able to read in Church on a regular basis.



Additional pictures by Lucy Haire

... events in 2017-8

*All Age
Worship*

But 'All Age' means ... All Age!



... events in 2017-8

How can we celebrate Festivals especially at Christmas and Easter when everyone goes away?



... events in 2017-8

We have to adjust our calendar to the times when people are around: Epiphany, Mardi Gras, Harvest...



Recurring themes: 1. Hospitality

“Can we get married at St James’? We liked the look of your website...”



Recurring themes: 1. Hospitality

THE CHURCH WILL
BE OPEN
THROUGHOUT
TODAY FOR ALL
WISHING TO PRAY
FOR THE PEOPLE
OF MANCHESTER.



For private prayer
For Deanery Synod
For local community meetings
For opera rehearsals



Recurring themes: 2. Musical programme



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Recurring themes: 3. Ecumenism



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

Following the success of the ecumenical visit to St Paul's Cathedral last year, Mgr Seamus O'Boyle and the congregation of St John's RC Church, Duncan Terrace Invite us to join them for a tour of WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL and a short prayer service on SATURDAY 20th JANUARY 2018 followed by tea.

This is a very rare opportunity so please sign up on the sheet if you would like to come. We meet at the Cathedral at 2pm sharp.

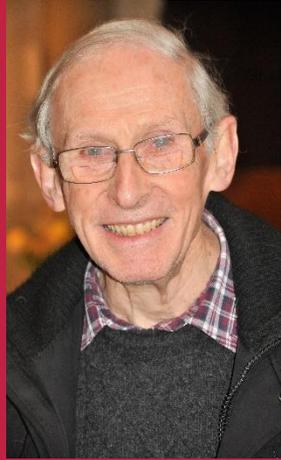
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL



Recurring themes: 3. Charities



Recurring themes: 4. Upgrading our facilities



Alex Veal Colin Bemrose



Linda Oestreicher /Alex Veal



Sustainability grants

Recurring themes: 4. Upgrading our facilities



Site of data projector



Site of retractable screen

After 5 years a compromise solution for a data projector

Recurring themes: 4. Upgrading our facilities: Organ



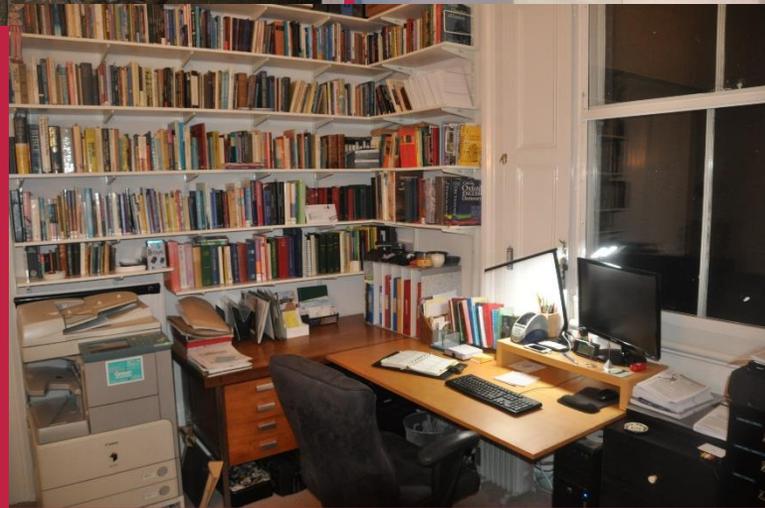
Church of St Michael, Bray



Christopher Batchelor

Aim:
To restore the
Gray and
Davison organ
as built – with
repairs and
some modern
enhancements

Recurring themes: 4. Upgrading our facilities: Vicarage



With the agreement of the Diocese the rent paid by tenants goes exclusively into the renovation of the Vicarage. The parish does not make any contribution to the upkeep of the house.

Recurring themes: 5. Keeping in touch



Joan Hill after the 2017 Anthony Hill memorial concert



Brian and Amy Wallace (Santa Barbara) after four years away



At least ten families who only manage to come occasionally because circumstances at home keep them away – but who still want to belong



Terry and Jean Foster (Bexley) married here 50 years ago

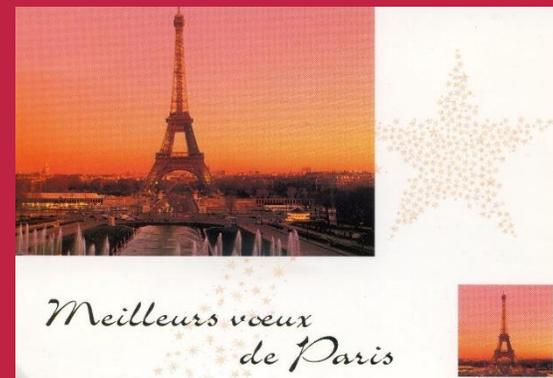


Jill Hetherington, now resident at St Mary's Home in Chiswick

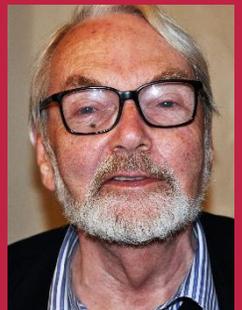


*Wir wünschen Euch ein gelungenes Jahr 2018!
¡Os deseamos un feliz año 2018!
Nous vous souhaitons une merveilleuse année 2018!
We wish you a fulfilling year 2018!*

Flavia Rodriguez-Kasper (Zurich)



Sophie and Hippolyte Boissel (Paris)



Fr David Addison (Cheltenham)

Recurring themes: 6. Building memories



Recurring themes: 7. Sharing memories



Kevin Carter

Recurring themes: 8. Sharing the ups ... and downs



Recurring themes: 9. Community involvement



Recurring themes: 10. Involvement in schools



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As we give
thanks for all
those who
have served
here this
year, a very
special vote
of thanks to
Maria...

Looking to the year to come 2018-19 as part of *Phase 2*

- Faculty and grant applications for the repainting of the Church, and the installation of the data projector and screen
- Assessing the new energy report to see if it is right to make further grant applications (Cloudesley Trust and Islington Council) for secondary glazing of the Church, the insulation of the aisle roofs and the replacement of the radiators. By 30th April 2018!

Looking to the year to come 2018-19 as part of *Phase 2*

- Prioritising the inclusion and nurture of our newest young families - alongside those already established
- Exploring the possibility of getting a student on placement from St Mellitus College



Looking to the year to come 2018-19 as part of *Phase 2*

- Giving more time to training –
 - Eucharistic Ministers
 - Servers
 - Interceders
 - Adult First Communion
 - Reading in Church
 - Setting up in Church - routine tasks
 - for big services.

Looking to the year to come 2018-19 as part of *Phase 2*

- Establishing St James' as an "Open Church Plus"!

Occasional Art exhibitions

Drop in centre as part of the WI 'Loneliness'
Project

Preparing for the next big anniversary: 2019-20:
450th anniversary of William Lamb as Master of
the Clothworkers Livery Company (1569-70)

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