

@StJames'

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Islington Proms

9th-17th June, 2018

The new format for the Proms has meant a great deal of work for Yoon Chung, Adam Dickson and Isabel Nisbet over the last few weeks. Their efforts were rewarded on Saturday 9th with a perfect afternoon Pocket Prom in the Vicarage Garden. In the first half Angharad Lyddon (mezzo soprano) filled the garden with operatic arias and songs from the shows accompanied by Adam Dickson. In the second half the Baker/Pike Jazz Octet played an interesting piece, *The Fish's Tale* by Alan Barnes. The Pocket Prom is now something of a local institution and it was good to see a fair number of children there too.

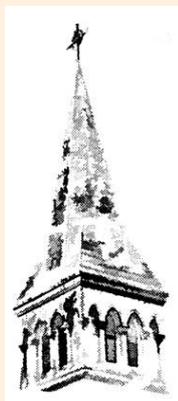


Church Closure

After a year or more of planning we are just waiting for the green light from the Diocesan Chancellor to start work on repainting the inside of St James'. Pictures of the new colour scheme have been on display above the children's books for three months, the results of a careful paint analysis back in March and some digging into the history books. Alongside the new paintwork will be three other developments. Thanks to the Richard Cloudesley Trust we have been awarded £10,000 to install secondary glazing above the radiators in the north and south aisles. A further £18,000 has been awarded to help us install a data projector and motorised screen. This will replace the rather unsatisfactory systems we have used in the past – while remaining invisible when not in use. Finally, hanging rails will be fixed to the nave walls, but will be painted the same colour. Our first exhibition of paintings, completed by year six children from New North Road Academy, will be on display on September.

But there is one major appeal! After the 10am Mass on August 5th we need everyone who is able and willing, to help us clear all the Church of anything that might be broken or damaged when the scaffolding is installed on Monday 6th. We need to set up a 'chain-gang' to pack up items which can be stored in the Church Boiler House. If you are free that day, please come and lend a hand. It is too much for just two or three people!





Masses in August

Sunday Masses at both 8am and 10am will be held in the Church Hall. When we had to clear the Church last time (April/May 2016) this worked really well and many people quite liked the intimacy of the smaller building! Sunday School will still be available too so please don't stop coming just because of the painting work!

Diary Dates

Monday 18- Friday 22nd June Fr John and Maria away in Portugal celebrating 35 years of parish ministry together.

Saturday 23rd June 7.30pm Cantallini and the Hill Quartet perform Handel's Dixit Dominus and Schubert's Rosamunde String Quartet.

Sunday 24th June BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Masses at 8am and 10am.

Monday 25th June 7.30pm Churchwardens swearing-in ceremony, St Mary's, Stoke Newington.

JULY

Sunday 1st July TRINITY 5 Mass at 8am. 10am All Age Mass with a performance by the Junior Music Group.

Sunday 8th July TRINITY 6 Masses at 8am and 10am.

12 noon Baptism of Ananiah Lapido

Monday 9th July 7.30pm PCC Meeting at the Vicarage.

Sunday 15th July ST JAMES Masses at 8am and 10am, to include the baptism of Oscar Yeats.

12 noon Family Fun party at the Vicarage.

Tuesday 17th July 7.30pm Diocesan Synod

Sunday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE Masses at 8am and 10am.

12 noon Baptism of Olivia Rooney

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Family Fun Day - July 15th

This year's Family Fun Day is planned for Sunday 15th July. Starting with a shared lunch in the Vicarage Garden, there will be a bouncy castle and games on offer. Then for those who would like to take part, we have prepared a short quiz out and about in the parish - a mini 'Beating of the Bounds'. Invitations are on their way; please RSVP.

By chance

One recent Thursday, two strangers turned up for Evening Prayer at 6pm. They had walked from the Emirates Stadium as they were keen Arsenal fans. They turned out to be Revd Travis Smith from the Diocese of Texas and his wife Suzanne who is due to be ordained deacon in the same Diocese on Saturday 23rd June. They loved St James' and we promised to keep in touch, especially on Suzanne's ordination day.



Diary Dates (continued)

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4th August 2.30pm Wedding of Alex Suksiri and Claire Church

Sunday 5th July TRINITY 10 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the Baptism of Freddie Pemberton. After Mass, the Church clearing begins ready for the decorators.

Monday 6th - Friday 31st August CHURCH CLOSED

Sunday 2nd September TRINITY 14 Masses at 8am and 10am, in Church.

12 noon Baptism of Reggie and Olive Murphy

@StJames' will be back in September with a bumper edition covering the redecoration, summer events and more.