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Redecoration

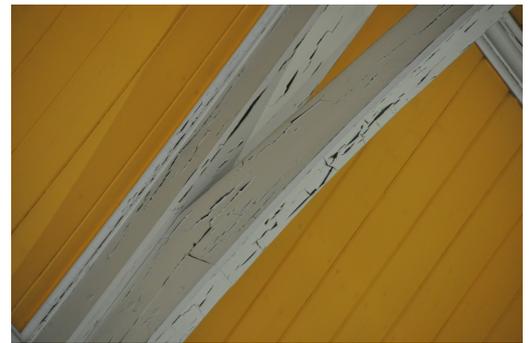
This has been the biggest project for a generation! Last painted in 1989 we have tried to restore the Church as closely as possible to its original painting scheme, using the wonderful tiled east wall as the 'pallet' from which to select the colours. FD Porter the Clothworkers architect intended St James' to look like a 13th century country church!

After the wedding of Claire and Alex Suksiri and the baptism of Freddie Pemberton over the first week-end of August, the Church was closed for a complete month. And what was done? Hamish and his team from Bulger Wicks had to import about 80 tons of steel scaffolding so that the team of eight could reach the top of the nave ceiling. It took a whole seven days to erect! Then they restored the wooden appearance of the beams and got rid of the orange planking. The next job was to use a strong chemical to remove the paint from the pillars and expose the limestone underneath. The two other major tasks were to paint the chancel ceiling a deep maroon and prepare the window reveals for the new secondary glazing, to be fitted in early October.

Other work included the provision of new tubular steel chairs (designed for adults!), the replacement of the sanctuary carpet which suffered a burn recently and the installation of hanging rails for occasional exhibitions. We also took the opportunity to have the laminate floor completely scrubbed and re-polished, the first time for fifteen years. Still to come the introduction of a powerful data projector in the nave and a screen behind the high altar in the sanctuary and twelve secondary glazing units in the two aisles.

Some facts and figures: By the time we have finished about £105,000 will have been spent. The repainting alone cost £55,000. But we have been grateful for generous grants of £33,000 from the Richard Cloudesley Trust towards the secondary glazing, the new chairs and the data projector. Over the month we have worked with 22 different consultants and suppliers – not counting the scaffolders, painting team and cleaning contractors!

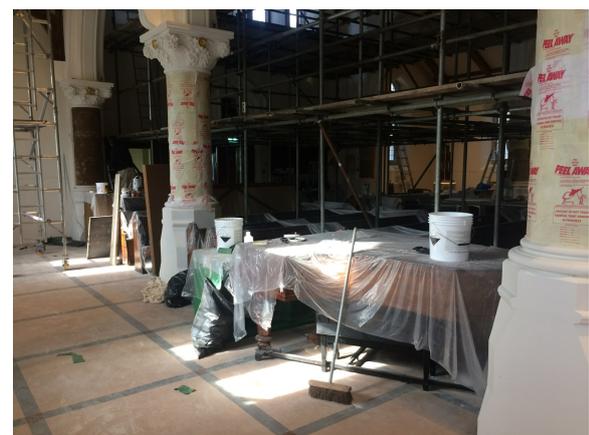
That orange had to go!



80 tons of steel scaffolding

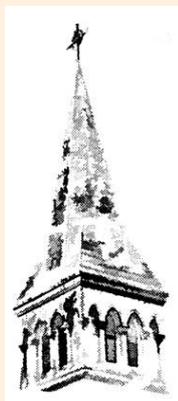


What a mess!



Detail of the Creation west window

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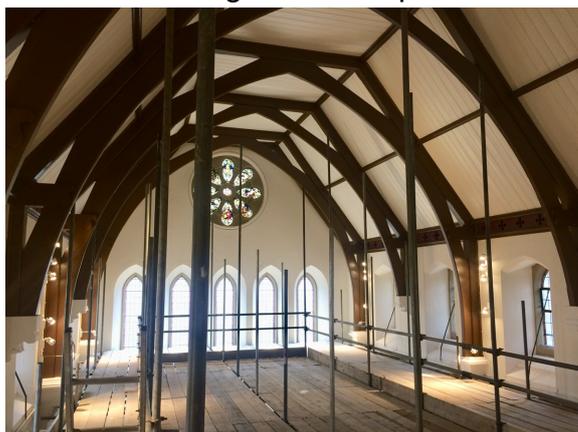


Back to Church Sunday

For 20 years the last Sunday in September has been set aside as an opportunity to invite friends, family and those not regularly involved in Church, to join us for a celebration. This year we are combing this with a special thanksgiving for all the work that has been completed in St James'. Adam our Administrator has sent out nearly sixty invitations to past members and friends and we hope that you will pluck up the courage invite your own contacts. We suspect many of them will be curious to see how the Church looks today.



The view's great from up here!



Harvest

Each year we use this thanksgiving Sunday to raise funds for the AIDS orphans based in Bonda, eastern Zimbabwe. Their orphanage does its best to provide a caring home for them all but it struggles to find the fees these children need to go to school. Over very many years St James' has been able to make a substantial contribution to the education of these young people, some of whom are now at University level. When the data projector is in we look forward to sharing videos of the conditions in Bonda but in the meantime we hope you will give generously to help these children. I think we sent about £1000 last year.

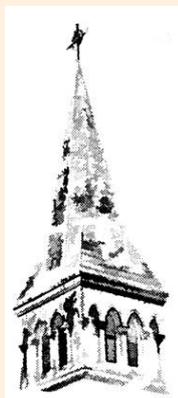
And to help our children take part, there are packets of Smarties available which we hope they will fill with 20p pieces – once they have eaten the chocolate beans that is!

After the 10am Mass on 7th October we then invite you to come and share our annual Harvest Lunch in the Hall. This is the one time in the year when we eat together – the perfect opportunity to sit and talk to our fellow members without the usual pressures of Sunday mornings. The main course is provided by Maria Burniston and Joyce Owusu. Please feel free to bring other items to share – especially puddings! The lunch is free and starts at 12 noon.



From top left:
The painting team
Clean again!
Keeping the workers going
Pictures at an exhibition
The final polish





And one final picture....

Helping to move items from the church to the Vicarage garage.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the redecoration and cleaning!

Diary Dates

Sunday 16th September TRINITY 16
Masses at 8am and 10am (Fr Stephen).

Friday 21st September 7.30pm 840: New music for cello and piano with Alex Nikiporenko and Anton Lukoszevieve (see poster below right for more details)

Sunday 23rd September TRINITY 17 Masses at 8am and 10am (Fr Stephen).

Thursday 27th September 12noon Fr John and Maria return from Japan

Sunday 30th September BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY/THANKSGIVING FOR THE REDECORATION. Masses at 8am. And 10am

12 noon Baptism of Dario Acord.

OCTOBER

Saturday 6th October 2.30pm Wedding of Paul Portsmouth and Danielle Jarman

Sunday 7th October SHARVEST Masses at 8am and 10am.

12 noon Harvest Lunch in the Hall

Monday 8th/ Tuesday 9th October Visits to St James' by Year 2 members of Rotherfield School.

Sunday 14th October TRINITY 20 Masses at 8am and 10am (Fr Stephen).

Wednesday 17th/Thursday 18th October Stepney Area Clergy Conference at Hight Leigh

Friday 19th October 6-9pm Leaving party for Bp Adrian, Christ Church, Spitalfields.

Baptism and First Holy Communions

This summer we have been delighted to offer a rather different style of baptism, held on Sundays at 12 o'clock. Lasting about 40minutes, these have been excellent introductions for those less familiar with Church services. Recently we have welcomed Olivia Kennedy and also Reggie and Olive Murphy. In the pipeline we will be holding Christenings for Dario Acord (complete with speaking parts for his four siblings), Parker Gillman and, at the beginning of December, for Ben Sabine.

But we have not been ignoring the adults. Out of sight we have been working – late into the evening - with Amy Eldon-Richier, Scott Kinch and Charlie Potter and we hope they will be ready to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 28th October. If anyone else would like to take this step (and we really hope you will), please do talk to Fr John.

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NEW MUSIC FOR CELLO AND PIANO

21/09/18 7.30pm St James' Islington, N1 8PF



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Anton Lukoszevieve / James Luff /
Darya Zvezdina / Alex Nikiporenko /
Linda Catlin Smith / Michael Winter

Anton Lukoszevieve *Cello*
Alex Nikiporenko *Piano*

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