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Candlesticks

Now that all the major changes have been accomplished in Church we can attend to some of the smaller details. In early December the celebrated potter Gregory Tingay was commissioned to make some new candlesticks for the main altar. They are designed to complement the colours in the tiled wall yet be distinctive too.



Holy Water Stoup

At the same time Gregory has also made a small Holy Water stoup which sits by the main doors of the Church. It is a familiar Catholic custom to bless oneself as one enters and leaves a Church and many people have wondered over the years where it is to be found in St James'. Now they won't need to ask.



First Communions

We were delighted to be able to admit seven of our newer embers to Holy Communion on 25th November. They are Amy Eldon-Richier, Ethan and Weini Faloppa, Matt and Nicole Jean-Baptiste, Scott Kinch and Tomi Solomon.



Ben Sabine

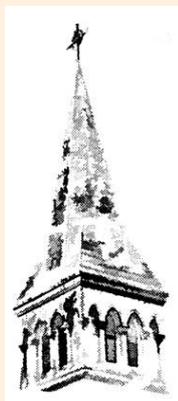
Ben had a very busy week-end at the beginning of December as he celebrated his 1st Birthday on Saturday 8th and was baptised on Sunday 9th! He was supported by his friends and family, some of whom had flown across especially from Hong Kong.



Junior Music Group

The numbers in the JMG keep growing - but getting all of them together at one time is almost impossible! We enjoyed the JMG playing Silent Night on Advent 3.





Diary Dates

Monday 24th December 6pm Crib Service - this year a Christingle service.
11.30pm Midnight Mass of Christmas

Tuesday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY Masses at 8am and 10am

Saturday 19th January 2019 11am ECUMENICAL VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY with members of St John's RC Church.

Sunday School

We are delighted to see numbers in Sunday School regularly in double figures. Thanks to our parents for bringing their children - and thanks to Maria and Sinead for making it all so worthwhile.



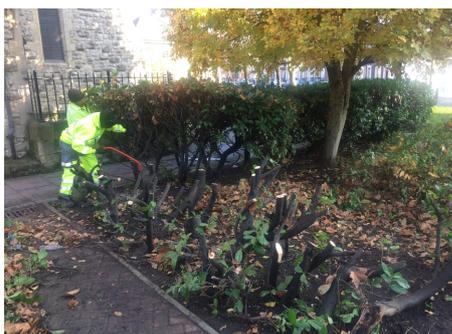
Comic Relief Filming

A cast of 100 and a crew of over 80 packed into St James' for a day's filming on behalf of Comic Relief on Friday 14th December. After filling the Church with flowers and candles we spent the day doing a series of takes with stars such as Rowan Atkinson, Hugh Grant, Lily James and Kirsten Scott-Thomas - with music from Sam Smith and directed by Richard Curtis! We hope to see what it all looks like on the evening of Red Nose Day, Friday 15th March.



Laurels to go

Islington Council produced a great plan in early 2017 to open up the front of the Church but sadly they then pleaded a lack of money to put any of it into practice apart from the widening of a section of path on Prebend Street! However when they heard that some filming was taking place they agreed to remove the laurels which have begun to dominate the entrance to the Church. Suddenly that space feels much bigger and we hope further removals will take place in 2019.



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