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Four Weddings



The filming which took place in December starring Hugh Grant and Kirsten Scott-Thomas will finally be screened on BBC1 during the Red Nose appeal on Friday 14th March. Don't miss it!

Mardi Gras

Each year we invite all our young families to a tea party in the Hall. Starting at 3pm on Sunday March 3rd, the aim is to allow families to spend time with each other and for the children to have a riotous time! An entertainer will be booked and we hope families will contribute to the food table.

Nottingham

For over five years the parish has been exploring ways of renewing the organ. After a useful congregational meeting on February 3rd and as part of the research, Fr John and Isabel Nisbet are going to St Peter's, Nottingham to see what a combination (pipe and digital) organ sounds like. This may (or may not) be the way forward.



Westminster Abbey

Over 60 members of St James' and St John's churches (photo above) met up for a full tour of the Abbey including the off limits chapel of St Edward the Confessor. Among the many memorial

plaques was one commemorating Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts who gave the original set of six bells to St James'. Prayers for unity were said at a short service by the nave altar, described by one member of St John's as 'very moving'.



Galette des Rois



As usual the annual Epiphany celebration involved the cutting of the special Cake of the Kings. One slice contained the small bean symbolising the Christ child. For the second time in three years Francesca Falcioni was the lucky 'Queen of the Day'!

Diary Dates

February

Monday 18th - Fr John and Isabel Nisbet visit to St Peter's Nottingham in the company of several organ advisers and the parish organ consultant, Rhidian Jones.

Tuesday 19th - 2pm St Peter de Beauvoir Freedom Club 10th Anniversary celebrations.

Wednesday 20th - 7.30pm PCC meeting at the Vicarage

Sunday 24th - 2 BEFORE LENT
8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass and Sunday school

Thursday 28th - 8am Instalment of the new secondary glazing in Church.
6pm Diocesan Synod, All Souls', Langham Place.

March

Sunday 3rd - SUNDAY BEFORE LENT/ MARDI GRAS

8am Mass. 10am All Age Parish Mass.
3-5pm Arena Families Party, Hall.
7pm Concert for Violin, Clarinet & Piano with Giselle Meyer (see right for details)

Wednesday 6th - ASH WEDNESDAY
Mass at 10am. Fr John public ashing outside Angel Tube station.

Thursday 7th - 6pm Cloudesley Trust consultation on funding, St Mary's, Hornsey Rise.

Sunday 10th - ASHING SUNDAY/ LENT 1 8am Mass. 10am Parish Mass and Sunday school

Monday 11th - Saturday 16th - Fr John and Maria on holiday in Tenerife.

Thursday 14th - 7.30pm Deanery Synod

Sunday 17th - LENT 2/ST PATRICK
8am Mass. 10am Parish Mass and Sunday school

Saturday 25th - 7.30pm Cantallini choral concert



Left: Detail on St Peter's Nottingham organ case; below: Ashing



Concert in aid of North London Cares

On Sunday 31 March (Mothering Sunday) there will be an evening concert at St James's, Prebend Street, at which locally-based contralto Isabel Nisbet will be joined by the pianist Joan Taylor, who is an established recitalist and teacher, with past appearances at the Wigmore Hall and the South Bank, as well as charity work in the community with The "Can't Sing" Choir. The theme of the concert is "tradition and ageing", with the first half featuring songs and piano music reflecting on tradition, including Beethoven's settings of Robert Burns and Dvořák's "Gypsy Songs". The songs in the second half reflect different views on ageing - satirical, humorous, reflective and celebratory. The title of the concert, "The secrets of the old", is taken from Yeats's poem set to music by Barber. Appropriately for such a theme, the concert is in aid of the charity North London Cares, which works across Islington to tackle isolation and loneliness. To do this, they bring older and younger neighbours together to share time, new experiences and, ultimately, friendship at their Social Clubs, ranging from dance parties in Angel to chair Yoga sessions on Holloway Road.

Sunday 31 March, 7.30pm, tickets £8 (concessions £5)

Concert - Music Around Stories



Two Chamber music concerts for violin, clarinet and piano with links to ballet and folk culture.

Music by Milhaud, Katchaturian, Prokofiev,

Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky performed by Jane Maria Lodge (violin), Alastair Logan (clarinet) and Gisela Mayer (piano).

Sunday 3rd March 2019 at 7pm. Tickets at the door £12/£10 conc. (free for children under 16) or at www.eventbrite.co.uk - "Music around stories"

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