



# @<sup>St</sup> James'

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## New Paschal Candle Stand



Over time the stand holding the Easter Candle by the Font had become very unsafe and children at

baptisms were in danger of pulling it over. Thanks to two generous bequests by Eunice Beach and Charlie Kerr, we have been able to replace the stand all ready for another of Sinead's handcrafted wax designs which we will see on Easter Day.

## Lent Savings

Available in pew sheets over the next six weeks, are yellow 'Lent Savings Envelopes'. We hope you will feel able to make a donation again this year in support of the AIDS orphans in Bonda, Zimbabwe who rely on us to pay for their school fees. Life is particularly tough in Zimbabwe at the moment and inflation means that the fees are rising each term. Do help if you can.

**LENT SAVINGS** ✝

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I am a UK taxpayer intending tax to be reclaimed on the enclosed donation under the Gift Aid scheme. I have read and understood the Gift Aid guidance booklet.

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## Arena Party

Over 50 members of the Arena Network for young families at St James' spent a riotous couple of hours at the beginning of March in the Church Hall as part of the pre-Lenten 'Mardi Gras' celebrations.



## Diary Dates

### March

**Monday 18th** - 11.15am Requiem Mass for Sheryl Lynch (St Paul Road).

**Saturday 23rd** - 7.30pm Cantallini choral concert.

**Sunday 24th - LENT 3** Masses at 8am and 10am.

**Sunday 31st - LENT 4/MOTHERING SUNDAY** Masses at 8am and 10am.  
**7pm 'The Secrets of the Old'** - a concert by our own Isabel Nisbet, contralto, and Joan Taylor, piano. Tickets £8 (£5).

### April

**Sunday 7th - PASSION SUNDAY**  
Mass at 8am. 10am All Age Parish Mass for Passion Sunday.

**11.15am 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in Church.

**Sunday 14th - PALM SUNDAY** Mass at 8am. 10am Parish Mass with Procession around the Church telling the Passion story.

**Thursday 18th - MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, together with the stripping of the altars and Vigil to 10pm.

**Friday 19th - GOOD FRIDAY**  
2pm Liturgy for Good Friday

**Sunday 21st - EASTER DAY** Mass at 8am. The **10am PARISH MASS** will include the lighting of the new fire and procession into Church and will be followed by the traditional Easter Egg Hunt.



## Red Nose Day

The Four Weddings and a Funeral update, filmed at St James' in December, was finally revealed on Friday 15th March during the Comic Relief programming on BBC1.



The Church looked wonderful and you may even have noticed the bust of William Lamb wearing a

red nose. The film is on [BBC iPlayer](#) if you missed it. What fantastic publicity for St James - it's not clear whether it was related, but the Church website crashed!

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On Sunday 7th April (Passion Sunday) the Church is invited to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. On that occasion we elect two Churchwardens, at least one member of the PCC and review all that has been happening in the previous twelve months. With the help of the picture review, we will be able to look back on the redecoration of the Church last summer - and much else besides. But this year we also have the chance to make recommendations on the Organ Project which was flagged up at the Congregational Meeting in February. With more detailed plans and costings to hand, we look forward to a good discussion about the future of this historic instrument.

## The Secrets of the Old

Isabel Nisbet is not only a very able Churchwarden, she is also a singer with any number of good choirs. She has performed once before at St James' on her own, with accompanist Rhidian Jones. This time she is pairing up with Joan Taylor to bring an interesting commentary on the wisdom of the old. Music by Dvorak, Fanny Mendelssohn and Brahms, this charity concert is in aid of North London Cares.

## Cantallini

Our resident Chamber Choir perform three major concerts each year at St James', in March, July and December. Their next performance on 23rd March features two early works by JS Bach and Juan Guiterrez de Padilla. Also in the programme is a piece by the founder of the choir, Anthony Milledge. Tickets £10 (£8).

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