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Pack-Up Lunch

Pack-Up has been going from strength to strength this year with there being a regular group of 30 sharing lunch each Monday. There may be more for the Christmas lunch which will be held on Monday 16th December. Toni Parker and her team are urgently appealing for toiletries and similar items for the goodie bags which are distributed after lunch. There is a large wicker basket in Church for all your donations. Please be generous.



Pictures Down

The pictures on the walls this autumn have been a spectacular success and we are very grateful to Barry Weir and the students of Richard Cloudesley School for leaving them with us so long. At least five of the pictures were sold (with a percentage to St James'!) but we don't have pictures in Church during Advent. We look forward to some new shows in 2020.



Advent Gifts Stall

The situation in Zimbabwe gets more difficult month by month, with raging inflation and very real security threats. To respond to this, Norah and Ros are spearheading an Advent Gifts Stall between now and Christmas. Donations of good quality fits are needed and we hope you will not only bring, but buy too! The collection at the Christmas Carol Service will also be sent to the charity we support which cares for the AIDS victims in Bonda (Medical Orphan Project or MOP) and we pray that this will help to raise the spirits of the orphan children at this very difficult time. The Crib Service Smartie tube appeal continues as usual.



Christmas Tree

We already have a heap of extra Christmas events booked in for December, from our traditional Carol Service to a film night in aid of London Cares, concerts with three of our local schools and two sell out events by Bach to Baby! We need the Christmas tree in place for all these occasions so we are dressing the tree on Tuesday December 3rd at 7.30pm and then getting it up onto it's stand. At 11 feet tall the tree takes some moving so please can anyone with muscle come and give us a hand please? Half an hour's job at most.



Safeguarding

The new St James' Safeguarding Policy Statement is now on the [website](#) along with Safeguarding contact information and can be accessed in the footer of each page. All of the PCC have also completed the new Church of England safeguarding online e-training. Our Safeguarding Officer is Isabelle Sharples.

Diary Dates

November

Saturday 23rd - 7.30pm Cantallini Concert features pt1 of Handel's Messiah plus motets by Victoria, Gabrielli, Tavener and Laurisdén.

Sunday 24th - SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Masses at 8am and 10am. **7pm** Gisella Meyer's piano trio performs works by Schubert' and Brahms.

Friday 30th - 11am Meeting with the Archdeacon and Organ Adviser, our architect and planning team to complete the first part of the plans for rebuilding of the organ.

December

Sunday 1st - ADVENT SUNDAY Mass at 8am. 10am All Age Mass and Christingle with music from the Junior Music Group.

Tuesday 3rd - 7pm Erection and dressing of the Christmas Tree

Wednesday 4th - 7.30pm 'North London Cares' film night in Church

Sunday 8th - ADVENT 2 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Monday 9th - 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting.

Tuesday 10th - 8pm Choral Concert 'Kiss from a Rose', Finsbury Park Singers with the Morris Folk Choir, in aid of Streetlink.

Sunday 15th - ADVENT 3 Masses at 8am and 10am.
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service with Cantallini

Sunday 22nd - ADVENT 4 Masses at 8am and 10am

The Organ Project and Lambe Festival 2020

The St James' team submitted the final organ rebuilding plans to the Diocese in February - and we are still not done! Only in October did they finally agree to the range of additional stops that will so improve the quality of what we hear but they still weren't happy with the look of the initial designs for the casework that will



be erected at the end of the south aisle. A meeting with the Archdeacon and her team will hopefully allow us to get on with the rest of the rebuilding work while we bring new designs for the congregation to look at. The reason for the haste is because we very much hope to make the new organ the centre piece of the 450th anniversary celebrations of our great patron William Lamb in June 2020. At the end of the Islington Proms we look forward to a big weekend event which will include a community meal and an organ recital on Sunday 21st. All that depends on getting legal clearance from the Chancellor so that the task of taking out every single pipe, cleaning, repairing and returning them in their new arrangement can be completed in time. We are very grateful for the £50,000 grant from the Richard Cloudesley Trust and we hope you will continue to support this exciting venture to save the organ for future generations.



Christmas Services



Tuesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE 6pm Crib Service 11.30pm
Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY Mass at 8am. 10am Christmas
House Party Mass

Sunday 29th CHRISTMAS 1 Mass at 8am and 10am

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