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Dear All,

Thanks to Sinead for finding this one, the classic Michaelangelo picture - as a Zoom session!



Which is a good way to introduce the start of Holy Week for all of us in our various corners this week. Glad to hear the whoops from the other side of the Seabrooks' door as they realised another Sunday School envelope was being posted through their letterbox. Kerry Sabine reported that it was an early start for Ben on Sunday morning and Antonia Nistor had already finished hers on Saturday! A welcome new arrival, Shannon Adams, and Tayah's Mum Jess both wrote this week to say how glad they are to be included in the 25 sets we send out each week. *Can we ask again for you to let us know if you don't want to receive these.* Thanks for all the pictures!



Left to right: Luca, Gloria and Francesca Falcioni, Antonia Nistor, Zuri Kasella, Amariah Greenaway and Ben Sabine.

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Virtual Service- Palm Sunday 05.04.20



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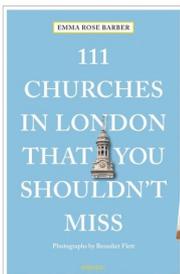
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Engagements

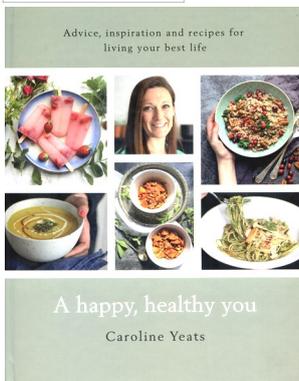
Thanks for the local remarks too!

FIFTY!! You just never know where a YouTube clip will reach! On the St James' website Contact form yesterday came this message from Joan: *Thank you very much for posting your Palm Sunday Service, it has set me up for the day and warmed my spirit. I live in Essex, worshipping not always regularly, at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church. In these strange times, please know that your words and efforts are of great comfort. (Even that good Catholic Hitchcock didn't always get it on the first take!) Well done and thanks to all involved.*

HOLY WEEK PRAYER RESOURCES London Diocese is getting up to speed with resources for this Holy Week. There is a form of Morning Prayer every day and also some meditations led by the bishops throughout the week. It is Bishop Graham Tomlin of Kensington today (Monday 6th) and our own Bishop Joanne of Stepney tomorrow. Look out for special videos for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday too. I will see if it is possible to put up a short refection for Good Friday on our site but there will definitely be a service from St James' for Easter Day at 10am.



QUIRKY I received a quite unexpected email from the author Emma Rose Barber last week asking for permission to reproduce a picture of the statue of St James' in her new book. Apparently the '111 things' series encourages people to look at places that the major guides miss. With her photographer she was very taken by St James' and in particular by this statue! I am really delighted as even our own Islington churches historian, Mary Cosh, never included St James' into her books for some reason. I am not sure when publication is due but I will let you know. We will certainly buy one copy for the church library



CAROLINE YEATS Although she did not live to see it published, Caroline did manage to complete the text of her amazing book on healthy eating before her untimely death on 22nd January. Dedicated to her son Oscar, the book also tells the story of her fight with cancer, her love for Brian and her family and is full of wisdom and positive thinking around nutrition and healthy living. Let me know if you would like to see it as it is a limited edition publication.

THE GARAGE As you know we don't run a car so our garage is used for some storage, as the collection base for Fairs in Arlington Square - and for a full-size table tennis table! So two new ventures this week. The first is that if any families (ie those living together) would like to break the monotony of being at home and would like to come and play a few games of table tennis as part of their outdoor recreation hour, please let us know. Children must be accompanied by a parent for supervision. No one else will be there. Second, Pack-Up will transfer from the Church Hall to our garage for the distribution of sandwiches, soup and tinned goods, on Mondays lunchtimes between 12-12.30pm. We simply have to learn to be more creative with our facilities during the coronavirus outbreak.



May God bless every £1 we give so that St James' will be here, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for the future he wants to create.

Do keep in touch.

Best wishes as always, John