

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

Issue 2: October 2013

**Welcome...** to the Catchpole family, and in particular to Amber and Elena (below left) whose joint baptism was celebrated on Sunday 15th September.



Also to Amani Rankin (above right) who was baptised on Sunday 29th September - the 20th person to be baptised at St James' this year.

And to Hector Dersookiasian who was baptised on Sunday 13th October.

## Resignation

After what seems like a life-time of service to St James', David Barton has decided that the time has come to resign as Church Treasurer in the wake of John Marshall's retirement as Assistant Treasurer at the end of the year. We are hugely grateful to both of them for all that they have done for St James'.

**Sunday School** launched again on 22nd September with seven of our young people taking part, some of them quite new to the Sunday School experience. This augers well, but there is plenty of room and Maria and Sinead have lots of fantastic activities planned. Sunday School starts at 10am each Sunday, except the first Sunday of each month (All Ages Mass), in the Church Hall. The children will join the congregation in Church at the end of the service to share what they have been doing with us all.

## Autumn: Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

There is no doubt that Autumn is finally with us. Leaves are changing colour, the evenings are getting darker and the mornings colder. But the season brings with it the celebration of Harvest Festival and the gathering in of the summer's bounty.



We celebrated Harvest in Church on Sunday 6th October, the Brownies and Rainbows joining us to celebrate. The congregation were generous in their giving of goods to be distributed to those in need in the community. Kingsley brought along some of his home-grown grapes for tasting as part of the sermon (the faces of the Brownies and Rainbows suggested they were a little sharp for their taste!). Mass was followed by a fantastic lunch in the Hall. Many thanks to all the cooks and washer-upers, but particularly to Sinead Burniston for organising the event and Maria Burniston for her dedicated cleaning afterwards.

Another social event is in the planning for the early part of next year - watch this space!



*Above -Harvest Lunch: Anaya samples the mountains of food; Kathy Cobb; Sinead and Catriona with Hope*

## RIDE+STRIDES

St James took part in this for the first time this year on 14th September, and despite slightly disappointing numbers taking part, lots of other people came into Church as it was open.

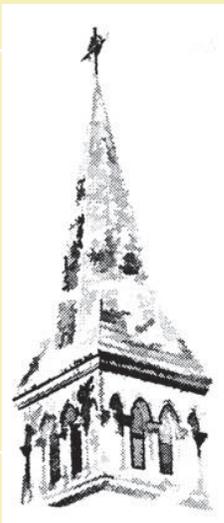


We welcomed Bishop Adrian at the end of his ride to 20 Churches in the Stepney area. Many thanks for Joyce, Kathy and Miranda for 'manning' the kitchen and providing refreshments.

## Annual Leave

After what has been an immensely busy year, Fr John and Maria are taking time away from the parish from Wednesday 16th to Monday 28th October. The 10am Parish Mass will be covered on 20th and 27th October, but please note that for this short period there will be no 8am Masses on those Sundays nor any weekday masses.





## Services

**Sunday:** 8am Mass 10am Parish Mass (All Ages Mass 6th October)

**Tuesday:** 7.30am Morning Prayer 8am Mass

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass

**Thursday:** 6pm Evening Prayer 6.15-7pm Office Hour

**Friday:** 8am Morning Prayer 8.30am Mass

## October Diary Dates & Events

### Saturday 19th

*From the Old World to the New*

A Pre-dinner concert of works for Violin and Piano performed by Mona Kodama (violin) & Clare Clements (piano).

Doors 4.30pm for 5pm.  
£7 (Children under 12 free)

### Saturday 26th **Islington Proms**

## OPERA ON PREBEND STREET

A special evening's entertainment that recreates the atmosphere of London's popular 18th century pleasure gardens. Includes a staged performance of Pergolesi's comic opera *La Serva Padrona* sung in English

Doors 7pm for 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 Concessions £8

## Looking Ahead to November...

### Sunday 3rd - ALL SOULS

The annual Service of Remembrance is to be held at 6.30pm and, this year, will not be a Mass. Please add any names you wish to be prayed for on the sheets available at the back of the Church.

### Saturday 30th - Christmas Fair



The annual fair will be held in the Church Hall. Could you offer to help run a stall, provide cakes or help with refreshments? Keep the date free!

## Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) report

The team from the Diocese visited St James' on Friday 13th September and spent a lot of time looking at the MAPLE proposals. Their report has now arrived and they have approved all the work to be considered in phase 1 (the second toilet, levelling of the chancel and the sound and audio visual system) subject to a few more details being provided. The team were without their acoustics specialist, who visited separately on 7th October and gave his warm approval to the plans.



Whilst the DAC accepted a need for a meeting space in Church, they said that they would like to see

other proposals for the way any Community Room is constructed before they give their final permission.

**The MAPLE group** met again on 7th October to finalise their final submission to the PCC meeting on Sunday 10th November which will include the phase 1 building proposals. Given the DAC comments, they have started work on considering the Community Room construction further. Fr John has visited several churches with similar rooms to look at the different types of construction and to find out more about the pros and cons of these. Information will be posted in Church when there are further proposals.

However, there are a good number of things arising from the MAPLE group's work which have already been, or are in the process of being, implemented including the Sunday service booklets, signing up to the Children's Charter, provision of Worship Bags for children to use at services, the e-newsletter and new website and the revival of the Harvest Lunch. There's lots going on, and lots to come.

**Rainbows, Brownies and Guides** meet in the Church Hall on Friday evening. The girls aged between 5 and 14 enjoy a wide range of activities. More information can be found on the [Girl Guiding website](#), or contact Hilary Roden for more details (hilaryroden@hotmail.com).

**St James' Fact File** St James' has a ring of 6 bells (5cwt) which were installed in the tower in 1989. Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry they were donated by the former Tower Captain, Jo Barton, in memory of her mother Pamela Mount.

**Got something to share?** We would love to have your contributions to @StJames' or if you just have an idea for something you would like to see included in a future issue, let us know. E-mail Kerri at kaallen07@gmail.com

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