

@St James'

Issue 8: April 2014



Easter Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th April
No 8am Mass

Wednesday 16th April
10am Mass

Thursday 17th April
7.30pm *Maundy Thursday* Mass of the Last Supper, with the stripping of the altars, the procession to the Altar of Repose and Vigil to Compline at 10.30pm.

Friday 18th April
Good Friday
12 noon Ecumenical Walk of Witness, beginning at the N1 Centre and moving to St Mary's Church, Upper Street
2pm at St James' The Last Hour Prayers and Meditations on the death of Christ.

Saturday 19th April
10 am Making the Easter Garden, followed by Hot Cross Buns.

Sunday 20th April
10am *EASTER DAY* Mass followed by the traditional Easter Egg Hunt

PARISH AGM 2014

We do hope that the whole parish will make a special effort to attend the parish Annual General Meeting which takes place after Mass on the Sunday after Easter, April 27th. Our first task is to elect two Churchwardens for the year and to fill the four vacancies that occur each year on the Church Council (the PCC). As we look forward to the 140th anniversary of the Consecration of St James', this looks like being an exciting year and we hope everyone will want to help St James' to celebrate in style!

PCC Secretary

At the AGM we will also be looking to elect a new PCC Secretary. Sadly Katie Bailey, who has done a great job since she took on the role last November, has found that starting her own business with a two old child to look after, means that she can't squeeze enough time out of the week to serve in this way at the moment. If you or someone you know could help with this area of our life, please let Fr John know asap.

March PCC meeting

A considerable amount of work on the accounts had been completed by Susan Sorensen and the final version was adopted by the PCC. A summary will be included in the AGM booklets.

Administrative support for the parish is still under discussion including the responsibilities of hall bookings, opening and closing the hall and day to day management of the premises. Volunteers are still sought to assist with this.

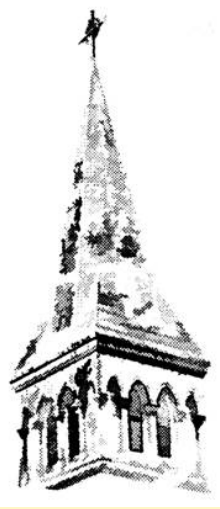
The Worship and Music group report following the open meeting in January was discussed in some detail - the second Sunday will remain a traditional service; training for readers and intercessors will be done as soon as the new sound system is in place.

A team was put together to run the Stewardship Campaign which will be launched at the Parish AGM on 27th April.

Fr John presented his Pastoral Report which summarised his work over the last year - a lot has been going on and much has been achieved. Outreach with schools has grown hugely, the Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation programme is leading to growth, and the decline in congregation numbers is beginning to be reversed. After Easter, the Friday early Morning Mass will cease, but a new lunchtime service will be introduced in the Autumn.

The PCC will meet again after the Parish AGM.

Getting to Know You will be back in May's issue of @StJames'. However to continue this feature, we do need congregation members to contribute. Please contact Kerri if you would be happy to take part (kaallen07@gmail.com).



Diary Dates for April/May

Wednesday 23rd April
10am Mass

Sunday 27th April
EASTER 2
8am Mass
10am Shortened Parish Mass
11.30am **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, with election of Officers and the Launch of the 2014 Stewardship Campaign

Wednesday 30th April
10am Mass

Saturday 3rd May
7.30pm Poetical Musicke concert

Sunday 4th May
EASTER 3
No 8am Mass
10am All Age Mass - Celebrant Fr Stephen Taylor.

Monday 5th May
Provisional date for the beginning of the re-ordering of the chancel and the installation of the second toilet.

Wednesday 7th May
10am Mass

Parish Priest: Fr John Burniston
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Churchwardens: Maria Flavius & Andy Philpot
Hall bookings: 020 7354 9170

Services (more details on our website)

Sunday: 8am Mass 10am Parish Mass (All Age Mass 4th May)

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



Hand in Hand charity: Letter of thanks from Gill Newman

On behalf of *Hand in Hand for Syria*, **thank you very much indeed** for supporting the *Big Spring Aid Drop*. Around ten churches and organisations in East London and Kent took part and once again it was very moving to see how generously people responded. Our house was filled with boxes and bags along with monetary donations totalling £1,595!

All the items that were donated have now been packed, labelled and taken across to the HIHFS depot in NW London. They were loaded onto a container on March 30th and will be shipped first to Turkey and then taken overland to one of the charity's warehouses in Northern Syria. From there the items will be loaded onto smaller vehicles and driven out to towns and villages across the country.

As the conflict enters its fourth year, life for many people in Syria remains bleak - the UN estimates that more than 9 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance including food, clean water, medical aid, clothes and shelter.

Hand in Hand for Syria (HIHFS) are managing to reach 90% of the country including both Regime and Opposition controlled areas. They are distributing food and humanitarian aid, they are running 6 hospitals, supplying 70 other medical points and providing training for doctors and medics. They are also part of a group of agencies delivering hygiene kits, chlorine tablets, water filters and health advice to people living in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions.

For photographs of the Spring Aid Drop and updates about their work in Syria, do take a look at [HIHFS Facebook page](#).



St James' contribution almost filled the boot of Kerri's car! Thank you to everyone who made donations.