

@StJames'

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Ironman Tim Martin

On 29th June I will be attempting to drag my 50 year old slightly creaky (and much reduced) frame around Ironman Nice which involves a 3.8k swim, 180k cycle and Marathon.

I am trying to use the event to raise a bit of money for charity – so any sponsorship much appreciated. I have chosen 2 charities Christian Aid - whose mission is to eradicate poverty (irrespective of religious beliefs or absence of them) and Genesis Preventing Breast Cancer – which is pretty pertinent to my family at present as both my fab sister, Nova and wonderful auntie Margaret are recovering from it.



I realise you get bombarded with these requests so please do not feel obliged – but donations very gratefully received.

There is a just giving page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LondonTimMartin>

Lent Savings

The Lent savings raised £537 for MOP (Medical Orphans Projects) this year.

PCC Meeting June 2014

The first important action was to co-opt Kerry Thompson onto the PCC as Secretary. We are very grateful to her for taking on this important role.

The PCC then reflected on the figures from the Stepney Contextual Survey and what they might mean for St James' followed by a report from Susan Sorensen on the Deane Synod meeting regarding Women in the Episcopate. She reported that three of the five bishops were present, and all three bishops voted in favour of the new legislation.

There had been little progress on securing permission (a faculty) for the MAPLE works, and a second faculty application for the new notice board outside Church was now displayed.

The reNEW plans and proposals for the coming months up to 5th May 2015 were discussed and suggestions made for the 140th anniversary celebrations of StJames'. These included a community event, church meal and outdoor activities. All suggestions from the congregation would be very welcome.

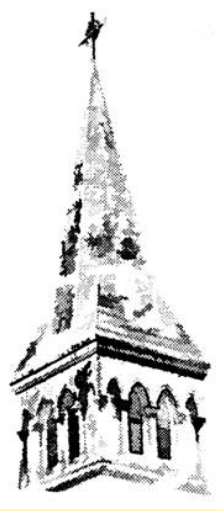
The MAPLE group will now turn its attention to looking at the lighting in Church and make proposals for the PCC to consider.

The Treasurer provided the PCC with a report produced from the new computerised financial system; voluntary income for quarter 1 of the financial year was down, but offset by increased income from the hall. However the net effect was a deficit of several hundreds of pounds. Susan will continue to monitor the figures and update the PCC regularly.

The Stewardship campaign was discussed (see below) and the various igN1te group reports were presented. Sinead Burniston noted that the Sunday School has some new children attending. The rotas for coffee, welcomers etc are now on the website under the Joining In section. The Hall now has wifi and the responsibility for the external planting had been under discussion. Responsibility for the weekend Hall bookings is being taken on by Vicky Bellamy.

Stewardship Campaign

All those on the Electoral Roll should now have received the Stewardship booklet and associated documents through the post. Please contact Fr John if you haven't received them or if you're not on the Electoral Roll but would like a copy.



Diary Dates for June/July

Sunday 15th & 22nd June
8am and 10am Masses celebrated by Fr Stephen Taylor

Saturday 21st June
7.30pm Cantallini concert

Sunday 29th June
10am Baptism of Isabella O'Brien.

Saturday 5th July
7.30pm Islington Prom Sankta Sunniva Youth Choir from Bergen Cathedral sing popular choral classics.



Sunday 6th July
10am Youth Mass followed by lunch at the Vicarage.

Sunday 20th July St James' Day 10am Mass followed by lunch .

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St James' on Wikipedia

Martin Allen has kindly put together a Wikipedia page for St James'. After a couple of rejections, it has been accepted and can be viewed [here](#). If anyone has any further suggestions for relevant references or has images that would be appropriate for inclusion then they should feel free to add them to the article directly or pass them on to Martin for him to do so.

Getting to Know You Fr Stephen Taylor

Birthday 15th February.

Where were you born? Pitfield St, Hoxton

How long have you been coming to St James'?

On and off for many years. Mostly to the 8am Eucharist. I also had the privilege of preaching a few times on behalf of USPG while I was a missionary in Brazil. St James' supported the Society and myself and continues to support my successor, Father Nicholas Wheeler.

Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'? Now retired I am currently entering the role of occasional ministerial help in the community and continue to attend at 8 am.

Do you have a family? I have married brothers and cousins. As a single person I have always thought myself particularly fortunate in my friends.

Did you enjoy school? Yes and no.

What hobbies do you enjoy most? Walking, reading, cinema, travel (particularly cities).

What is your favourite kind of music? I love the Spanish polyphonic music of Vittoria, the composer Handel, 60s Tamla-motown and much, much more.

Do you have a book that you would like to recommend? Hans Kung "Christianity". If you can bear its length it explains what happened in history to our religion and why churches are as they are.

What kind of food do you enjoy most? Honest home cooking. I especially liked the Brazilian form of it. But of course food is always more special with wine, friends and laughter.

Which person has most inspired you in life, and why? Difficult. But let me try Bernard Levin, the journalist, connoisseur, critic. To have the capacity to enrich the way others think, make passionately interesting things they've never thought about, to make them laugh and feel more dignified as human beings is no mean achievement. He did/ does all that and more for me.

Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special? Yes, the space between Hoxton and Chapel St. it is home for me. but please let me throw in Salvador in Brazil, Venice and San Francisco, oh dear, and Paris.

If you were given £50,000 to spend, what would you do with it? I'd need to give it some thought. As a life-time economizer I hope it would free me up to take some unselfish pleasure, amongst other perhaps more useful things. I'd certainly not squander it if there are any offers!