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Save Atareb Hospital

St James' responded generously throughout Lent to the appeal by the Hand in Hand charity, working in Northern Syria. Twelve bags of vitamins and baby wipes were sent off to Bishop Adrian's house for onward shipment to Aleppo. But a new crisis has been reported. The major hospital which the charity built in 2011, serving up to half a million people, is facing closure because of a lack of funding. Set in rebel-held territory, the hospital has already treated 33,000 patients requiring emergency treatment as a result of the war. Atareb Hospital also provides A&E, gynaecology, kidney dialysis, neurological, orthopaedic and other specialist facilities. About 280 life-saving operations are carried out each month.

Hand in Hand for Syria is trying to raise awareness of the funding crisis through appeals, not least on social media. St James' was one of the first to take part, inviting Isabella Laws to hold a placard at her Christening on Sunday 29th June. This is now being featured by the Hand in Hand [Facebook page](#) and of course on the St James' pages. Everyone is invited to raise awareness by taking a 'selfie' and posting it on their own Facebook pages. Blue Buckets will also be available at St James' for the next few weeks. Do help if you can.



PCC Meeting July 2014

The PCC met on 3rd July with a full agenda. Firstly the lighting in Church was considered - how it could be improved and whether this should be explored further. The Maple group will take this forward and look at options for the PCC to consider.

There is still no resolution to the faculty process for the plans to add the new toilet, level the Chancel floor and update the sound system. The notice first went up in February and so this is a frustrating situation. We hope to have news in the near future.

The Church insurers were due to meet Fr John during the week following the meeting and there was a discussion about the possibility of keeping the Church open more. Whilst this would be fantastic, there were reservations about the problems that might be faced if the Church was open but not manned.

Susan Sorensen is in negotiations with Islington Childrens Centres (ICC) to receive some administrative and facilities management support for the Hall in return for ICC using the Hall for a few hours each week. This would ease the burden of the Hall management considerably.

A new cleaner will need to be found for the Church as the previous cleaner has resigned. This may be something that someone could take on as their stewardship contribution.

The next social event is the St James' Day lunch on Sunday 20th July - several of those who are usually instrumental in organising food etc aren't able to attend so support for this event will be vital.

Stewardship Campaign

The Treasurer's report to the PCC shows that after the second quarter of this financial year, we are still running at a loss. Returns for the Stewardship campaign have been slow - don't forget to consider what you can offer to St James' (time as well as money). Please contact Fr John if you haven't received the documents in the post. The amount raised will be announced after the Mass for St James' Day on 20th July. It's still not too late to support St James' by making a pledge to give regularly.



Ironman in Nice

Sunday 29th July, 6:30 am standing on the beach in Nice with 3,000 other people, the horn blares and I jump into the sea for a 3.8km swim. Surprisingly, you don't notice the cold there is so much adrenalin flowing. The sun is shining over the hills and each time I take a breath I see it breaking across the mountains. Not too much drama, the water feels surprisingly warm once you are going and an hour and 50 minutes later I scramble up the beach, a quick change and it's onto the bike and off along the seafront.

I soon set into a rhythm and even after 50km the 25km 1,200 meters ascent up above sea level into the hills behind Nice takes place feels pleasant. As I reach the top now over 3 hrs into the ride, just what I did not want, heavy rain shivering through each mile and trying to stay alert around the bends and descents. The rain stays for several hours – someone is with me as I twice skid my bike but stay on it, unlike a few of the people around me. 7hrs 20 mins and 180km later I cycle back into once again sunny Nice. I have been lucky and hit no wall (internal or external!) - the promenade and crowds lift me.

Now just a marathon and I get the small piece of tin I have spent 400 hrs of training building for. With well over 6 hrs left I know that barring disaster I am home. It's tough as my legs begin to tighten but I know that all I have to do is grind out 26 more miles – and with Patty cheering each of the 4 laps my body is sore but my mood is great.

5 ¼ hrs later and 14 ¾ hrs and 226 km after the start I manage a sprint across the finish line to a big hug from Patty and collect my piece of tin – and a great memory for a lifetime. Along the way we have raised over £2,500 for Genesis Breast Cancer Research and Christian Aid – thanks to everyone who chipped in. **Tim Martin**

Greetings

Jo Barton recently received this message from Dumisani in Zimbabwe:

Pleasant warm greetings to you in the name of the almighty God. I hope and pray that you are well. As for myself i am fine. Firstly i would like to thank you so much, i cant even find the right words to express my gratitude. Thank you for the abundant love and thoughts and prayers you are really truly amazing.

I thank you very much for the exam wish and i am very sorry for the late reply. I wrote my exams well and i hope i have passed i am still waiting for my results. This previous semester was so challenging in every sector but i just stay myself focused and because of my goals and dreams i keep moving forward for the best and this has been made possible by you with the help of the amazing God. I had a wonderful easter though i was busy busy with school. We are not given breaks during Easter. Thank you so much for the amazing Easter e card woowow so beautiful and loved the music. I love music and singing very very much, one day i will sing for you.



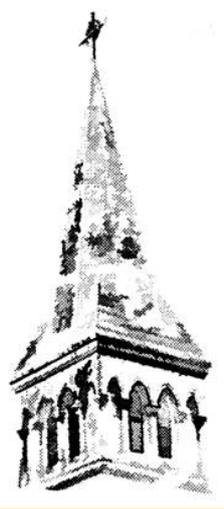
Oooh good news, Tariro house moved from Sunridge and we are now staying at a bigger place in New Marlborough. The place is big and nice, a bigger garden. I will send you some pictures.

Special pleasant greeting to Saint James Church and you are all beautiful blessed people and i am so glad to call you family because of the wonderful things you have done to me and other people i dont even know. All things work for good for those who love God who are called by his purpose. I want to thank you so much my heart is filled to the brim. You have touched my life in a very profound way. I will sing you a special song because i like singing.

When i feel down i always think of you my blessed family and what you have done for me and feel great. I am a better person because of you. Thank you so much. This comes with a very big big hug from me. Be blessed and spread the love you are always in my prayers and i hope one day we will meet.

Stay blessed all the time and my all you wishes come true.

Your lovingly Dumisani.



Diary Dates for July

Saturday 12th July

7.30pm Islington Prom Yoanna Prodinova (cello) and Yundu Wand (piano) play sonatas by Beethoven and Dohnanyi

Sunday 13th July

6pm St James Occasional Concert Series: Musical Originals Singers (Director Imogen Nicholls) perform at St James' in advance of their participation in the Champions competition at the World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia

Saturday 19th July

7.30pm St James Occasional Concert Series: Aoife Sadlier (cello) and Alon Malka (piano).

Sunday 20th July St James' Day

10am Mass including a thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Church Hall. Drinks in the Hall afterwards and **Parish Lunch** at the Vicarage

Friday 25th July

11am Members of the Confraternity of St James' visit Prebend Street

Parish Priest: Fr John Burniston
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Churchwarden: Maria Flavius

Hall bookings: 020 7354 9170

Into August...

Saturday 2nd August 2.30pm Wedding of Lisa Ahmet and Darren Baker

Sunday 3rd August 10am Parish Mass and the commemoration of the outbreak of the 1st World War.

Getting to Know You Sinead Burniston

Birthday 20th August

Where were you born? Rugby, Warwickshire

How long have you been coming to St James'?
Just over 5 years.

Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'? Yes, I have lots of different hats! I'm a Sunday School leader and Children's Advocate on the PCC. I'm part of the Maple Group and a member of the Social Events team. I'm on several of the rotas including coffee and welcoming so you will usually see me doing something on a Sunday morning.

Did you enjoy school? I didn't really enjoy school when I was younger. I moved school for Sixth Form which was one of the best decisions I ever made as I made lots of close friends I still have and helped me get into my 1st choice university where I was very happy.

What hobbies do you enjoy most? I really enjoy singing and baking. I have always sung and been in shows and I have been in a cappella choirs ever since university. I also love baking and decorating, particularly birthday cakes where I can get creative with the modelling!

What is (or was) your day job? My job is Website and Quality Assurance Officer at Drama UK.

What is your favourite kind of music? I like lots of different music but particularly folk- Laura Marling and Johnny Flynn. I'm going to Latitude Festival this summer so looking forward to hearing lots of new music.

Do you have a book that you would like to recommend? Not a recent book but Lucky Jim always remains one of my favourites as a great book to cheer you up.

What kind of food do you enjoy most? I love most apart from seafood. I can't resist a great steak as I am a carnivore at heart and growing up in Bradford, you can't beat a good curry. I also have an incredibly sweet-tooth so you've got to leave room for pudding- often Mum's crumble.

Which person has most inspired you in life, and why? Lots of people I meet inspire me but famous people it is probably J K Rowling. She was dedicated and worked hard to be successful. Since then she has inspired a generation to read. She knows how fortunate she is and gives millions to charity.

Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special? I've always loved the Southbank in London. It has the National Theatre and the Globe, lots of food markets in the summer and even more around Christmas.

If you were given £50,000 to spend, what would you do with it? Well after a holiday to the Great Barrier Reef and a few theatre trips, I think it would go towards charity and a flat deposit.

