

# @St James'

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## Confirmation 2015

Bishop Adrian has agreed to come to St James' on Sunday 24th June 2015. We expect to have at least six candidates. If anyone else would like to take part in the course leading to Confirmation, please let Fr John know.

## Willing Shilling

As part of our care for our children, a trip to the Pantomime at the Hackney Empire is planned. This year it is Mother Goose and we are hoping to go either on Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th January. Thank you to all those who have been saving their 5p pieces. These 'willing shillings' will enable us to subsidise the price of the tickets for our children but of course everyone is welcome to come if they would like to. There is a sheet at the back of Church to sign up.

## Harvest

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October, and our guest speaker will be Gill Newman, the wife of Bishop Adrian. Gill is leading fund-raising for the Hand in Hand charity in Syria and, once more, we are responding to their appeal for warm clothes and other goods for this nations where half the population have been driven from their homes. Please see the posters in Church with the list of items that are needed or click [here](#).



We are also holding our traditional Harvest 'Faith' Lunch afterwards and we do hope you will come. Offers of food would be very welcome. Please let Sinead know what you plan to bring. Last year over 50 of us sat down to an excellent lunch and no one went away hungry!

## 2014 Stewardship Campaign

A second mailing is being sent out this week-end to appeal for financial help for St James'. So far the response has been less generous than we had hoped for and we can only assume that all those forms that were sent out at the beginning of the summer got lost! Please help us if you can. As part of 'belonging' to St James' and our membership of the Electoral Roll we need everyone to give what they can, even if it is only a relatively small amount. The (final) final deadline is St Matthew's Day, September 21st.

## Getting to Know You

On the board are the first 65 named photographs of members of the congregation. We hope this will enable people to put a name to a face, but of course this is not complete yet. We hope you will allow us to take the remaining photographs over the next month or so.

## New email address

Got something to share? It would be great to have your contributions to @StJames' which can be sent to the new email address: [news@stjamesislington.org](mailto:news@stjamesislington.org) or given to Kerri Allen.

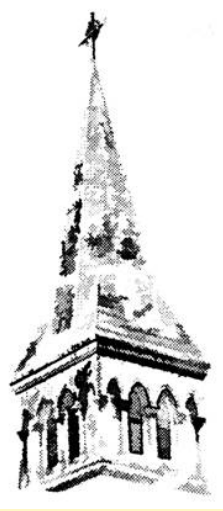
**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

St James' Hall, Prebend Street  
Islington N1 8PF

TEAMS OF 6 - 8  
8 ROUNDS OF 10 QUESTIONS  
CURRY SUPPER CASH BAR  
LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER  
DOORS OPEN 7PM

Proceeds to MISSION ORPHAN PROJECT Zimbabwe



## Getting to Know You Ruth de Wynter



**Birthday:** June 23rd

**Place where you were born:** Middlesbrough, when it was still in Yorkshire. That point is important!

### Diary Dates for September/October

**Monday 15th September**  
7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

**Saturday 20th September**  
7.30pm Islington Prom  
International a capella group  
Myriad perform on behalf of  
HASTE, a charity working to build  
schools in West Africa.

**Thursday 25th September**  
CHARITY QUIZ see flyer on page  
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**Sunday 5th October**  
HARVEST Mass at 8am, 10am All  
Age Mass followed by lunch in the  
Church Hall.

**Saturday 11th October**  
6 pm YOUTH PROM Now in it's  
third year,  
talented young  
musicians from  
the area perform.  
Tickets £5  
(concessions and  
children free).



**Tuesday 14th October**  
7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

**Parish Priest: Fr John Burniston**  
1a Arlington Square, N1 7DS  
020 7226 4108  
email: vicar@st  
jamesislington.org

**Churchwardens: Maria Flavius  
& Ruth de Wynter**

**Hall bookings: 020 7354 9170**

**How long have you been coming to St James'?** I first came in December 2013, for a carol service and started worshipping regularly in early 2014 with my daughter.

**Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'?** I am a very recent and unseasoned churchwarden! If we can ever find the time my daughter and I hope to learn bellringing too.

**Do you have a family?** I have been married to Lex for 11 years; we have a 10-year-old son Jake and an 8-year-old daughter Eloise.

**What is (or was) your day job?** I've been in online marketing for 14 years, but am gradually working towards a career-change. I'm currently studying part-time for an MA in Archives Management and gaining voluntary experience.

**Did (do) you enjoy school?** I went to an all-girls convent boarding school and no, I did not!

**What hobbies do you enjoy most?** Getting out of London into the countryside for walking or visiting interesting new places (and churches!) is my favourite pastime.

**What is your favourite kind of music?** I listen mostly to classical; I love Schubert and English composers such as Vaughan-Williams, Finzi and Butterworth but there's something different playing at home every day, from very loud guitar bands to electronica and I'm still (occasionally) to be found dancing in a Dalston club!

**Do you have a book that you would like to recommend?** A Month in the Country by J.L. Carr. It's a short novel set in 1920 about a WW1 veteran who travels to rural Yorkshire to uncover a medieval church frieze. Beautifully written and elegiac, it's about pain, longing and regret.

**What kind of food do you enjoy most?** Persian and Moroccan flavours are my absolute favourites.

**Which person has most inspired you in life, and why?**  
My mum. She was wonderful, but is sadly suffering from dementia.

**Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special?** North Yorkshire. It's where I (and my mum) grew up and the feeling of being out on the moors is magical. Yorkshire isn't called God's Own Country for nothing!

**If you were given £50,000 to spend, what would you do with it?** I'd buy some woodland (depending on how much woodland £50,000 can buy). Not to build on though, just to care for and enjoy.