

@St James'

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Farewells

We said goodbye to our organist, Andrew Brownhill, and to Tim and Patty Martin on Sunday 2nd November. We thank them all for their generous commitment to the life of St James' and wish them well.



Tim and Andrew with Maria Flavius

Welcome

We are delighted to that Anthony Hill has agreed to take Andrew's place as St James' organist. A fine musician and member of the congregation, Anthony has a special remit to build up a singing group - watch this space for more details!

Autumn at St James'

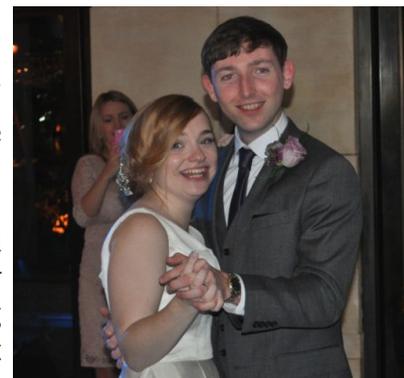
What a busy autumn it has been at St James'!

Many of the congregation enjoyed a splendid Harvest Lunch (below) on 5th October after our Harvest Festival service.



The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sale on Saturday 25th October at the vicarage (see left) raised £320 for Hand in Hand for Syria. This was added to the generous donations collected by the congregation for the Big Winter Aid Drop (see page 3).

Our PCC Secretary, Kerry Thompson, married Christopher Sabine at St James' on Saturday 1st November. (right). We wish them every happiness for the future.



Music at St James' grows in strength, and we had a full church to listen to many talented young musicians at the Youth Prom on 11th October (right). St James' also hosts occasional concerts - the Galliard Trio played on 25th October (below) in aid of the Laamiga charity.



ST JAMES' CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR

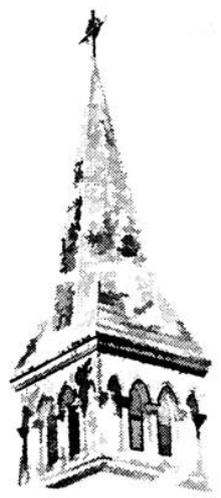
Corner of Puckington Street and Prebend Street



Traditional
stalls and
Christmas
Cafe

SATURDAY 29th
NOVEMBER, 12-3pm

In aid of CARIS, MOP and
Shelter from the Storm



Diary Dates for November/December

Tuesday 18th November
7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wednesday 19th
November Bishop Adrian
visits the parish

Saturday 29th November
11am - 3pm Christmas Charity
Fair in the Church Hall. Donations
and help needed to make this event
a success.

Sunday 30th November
ADVENT SUNDAY Masses at 8
and 10am Service of Light.

Tuesday 2nd December
CHARITY CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 6th December 5
5 pm Occasional concert:
Andrew Rolle & friends

Sunday 7th December
ADVENT 2: Masses at 8 and
10am CHRISTINGLE

Thursday 11th December
7.30pm PCC Meeting at the
Hanbury, Mary Street

Saturday 13th December
7.30 pm Occasional
concert: Miriam Nerval,
Recorder Ensemble

CHRISTMAS SERVICE ON P3



Getting to Know You Ken Thompson

Birthday: 16th September

Place where you were born: Manchester

How long have you been coming to St James'? About 16 years

Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'? Eucharistic minister; formerly PCC member and Deanery Synod representative.

Do you have a family? Wife Margaret, daughter Clare and granddaughters Eve and Julia.

What is (or was) your day job? Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the Open University. But I began as a journalist. I was then recommended for ordination and took a degree at Leicester before training at Lincoln Theological College. After one year's study at Lincoln, I was given leave to complete a D.Phil. at Oxford University. I then took jobs as assistant professor at two American universities, before returning to help start the Open University. In addition to developing sociology, I also took on various OU responsibilities, such as acting as head of Continuing Education, running the OU office in America, and producing one of the first OU Business School courses. Since my retirement, I have spent periods as visiting professor at the University of California Los Angeles and Yale University.

Did you enjoy school? Couldn't wait to leave school. Left at 15 to become trainee journalist. But later I did enjoy being a student at Leicester and Oxford.

What hobbies do you enjoy most? Travel and exploring other cultures, such as France, Italy, America and India.

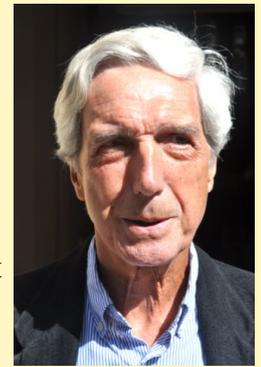
What is your favourite kind of music? Choral classical. I was a chorister at Manchester Cathedral.

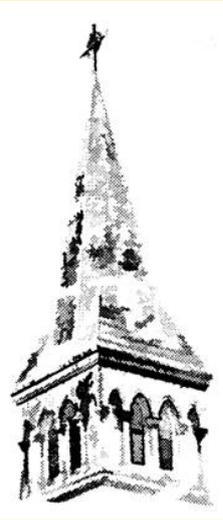
Do you have a book that you would like to recommend? Neville Cardus, 'Autobiography' and Trevor Huddleston, 'Naught For Your Comfort'. I am currently reading the brilliant biography of Eleanor Marx, by Rachel Holmes.

What kind of food do you enjoy most? French on a regular basis, but I have fond memories of spending a whole afternoon eating in a beach shack restaurant in Goa.

Which person has most inspired you in life, and why? Neville Cardus of the Manchester Guardian inspired me to become a journalist, but several Anglican Franciscans and Father Trevor Huddleston gave me a vision of the priestly vocation.

Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special? Verquilleux in Burgundy where we have a country cottage and have spent many family holidays. It happens to be near two great centres of Christianity – Cluny and Taize.





Christmas Dates/Services

Sunday 14th December
ADVENT 3 Masses at 8 and 10am

6.30pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

8.00pm Cantallini Christmas Concert

Monday 15th December
7pm COLA-I Christmas Concert

Tuesday 16th December
Richard Cloudesley School Christmas Assembly

Sunday 21st December
ADVENT 4 Masses at 8 and 10am

Wednesday 24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE
6pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY Masses at 8 and 10am.

Sunday 28th December
HOLY INNOCENTS Masses at 8 and 10am



Big Winter Aid Drop

On Monday 27th October, Fr John and Kerri Allen transported the generous amount of goods which had been collected for Hand in Hand for Syria's aid drop to Gill Newman in Bow. She was delighted to receive it all. Many thanks to all those who donated.



October PCC Meeting Summary

- The amount raised by the Stewardship Campaign was confirmed as £8,227. The Treasurer's report gave an update on the position at the end of the third quarter. Overall income is up, due to an increase in Church and Hall lettings, but voluntary income has dropped. However the Stewardship Campaign is not yet reflected in these figures. There is an overall deficit (income related to expenditure) of £4,150.
- The Church's Safeguarding Policy will be reviewed in February's PCC and a copy will be on display at the back of the Church prior to this.
- A revised schedule of Church hire fees was discussed and the PCC voted to accept these (details available from Fr John).
- Details of the various renewal premiums for insurance for the Church and Hall, depending on the percentage rebuilding cover and excess level were discussed and the PCC agreed on the appropriate premium.
- Quotations for the installation of the second toilet were circulated; the final decision will be taken by the Standing Committee.
- A provisional programme of events for 2015 was circulated; a suggestion for a theme for 2015 is still needed.
- igN1te Group Reports - highlights included an estimate of £300 for the Crib figures to be repaired, confirmation that a trial Dropbox had now been set up for PCC papers to be efficiently circulated, confirmation of John Roden as Fire & Safety Officer for the Hall and estimates for the cost of repairs to the organ which are becoming urgent. The Charity Quiz in September raised £1,130 for MOP and thanks were expressed to Norah Hodge and her team for organising the event. The Harvest lunch was also well attended and thanks were extended to Maria and Sinead and their team for organising the lunch. Maria Flavius asked for support to arrange the Christmas Fair, including provision of raffle prizes and help at the event itself.

Mother Goose

The parish trip to the Hackney Empire to see Mother Goose is planned for **Sunday 4th January 2015**. Open to all (big and small!). "Willing Shilling" pots can be passed on to Fr John or Sinead.

Food Pantry

Don't forget that we are collecting tinned and non-perishable foods for distribution among the local street community who call at the Vicarage door. Please bring items to Church on a regular basis if you can - they will be very much appreciated.

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