

@StJames'

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Christmas Dates/Services

Tuesday 16th December
10am Richard Cloudesley School Christmas service

Wednesday 17th December 9.45am St Mary's School Christmas Service

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

2pm Piano Concert by students of Joel Hughes

Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE
6pm Crib Service 'Making Nativity'

11.30pm Midnight Mass

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

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

Wednesday 31st December 10am Mass for New Year's Eve



A Busy Church!

With the year drawing to a close St James' has been a hive of activity, welcoming lots of people into Church for a variety of events.

The first of these was Kerry and Chris Sabine's wedding on November 1st. The photo (left) is of Kerry outside St James', looking fantastic!



St James' hosted the Deanery Clergy lunch (for 20 people) on November 12th (below). This was a hot two course meal plus coffee and was very much appreciated. But trying to serve cooked food from the kitchenette is a



major logistical problem; even the hot mulled wine for the Carol service was a major challenge. The PCC therefore hopes to get permission for the kitchenette to be completely renewed next summer. It will include a fridge, dishwasher and induction hob so that we can begin to offer lunches on a more regular basis, especially to the street community on the days when sandwiches are not available at St John's. An application for funding from the Cloudesley Trust will be made to help with this work. This project is a further expansion of our use of the Church, necessitated by the booking of the Hall each weekday lunchtime.

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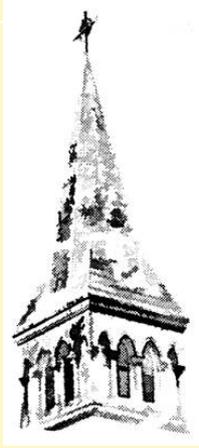


the booking of the Hall each weekday lunchtime. The Charity Carol Service on 2nd December saw the Church packed (see page 2).

As Christmas approaches, lots of our visitors will be children. Vicky Bellamy brought the Beavers group to visit the Crib, resplendent with its newly repaired figures, on December 8th (Holly took the photo above). And on 15th December St James' hosted the City of London Academy (COLA-I) Christmas Concert.

New Foodbank Appeal

In the run up to Christmas there will be a basket in Church for donations of shower gel, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes. For those who are desperately poor, these small every-day items can make all the difference. Please donate if you can.



Celebrity Carol Service

St James' was packed on Tuesday 2nd December for a carol service to raise money for the Neurological Hospital in Queen's Square. Martin Clunes, Clare Balding and Christopher Biggins helped the charity raise over £8,500.



January Dates

Sunday 4th January FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Masses at 8 and 10am All Age Mass

1pm Parish Trip to 'Mother Goose' at the Hackney Empire

Saturday 10th January 7.30pm Cantallini Choral Concert

Sunday 11th January BAPTISM OF CHRIST Mass at 8am; 10am Parish Mass to include the baptisms of Karpel Smith and Neil McNab

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

Tuesday 13th January Construction of 2nd toilet in Church begins

Saturday 17th January 10.30am Judge Nigel Seed convenes a Consistory Court in St James' Church

7.30pm Occasional Concert: Allon Malka, piano

Sunday 18th January UNITY WEEK Masses at 8 and

Wednesday 21st January 7.30pm PCC meeting in Church with speaker: Mgr Seamus O'Boyle, St John's, Duncan Terrace.

Sunday 25th January CONVERSION OF ST PAUL Masses at 8 and 10am

11.15 am PARISH MEETING

PCC Meetings November

- Peter Blight, St James' Steeple Keeper, presented a slide show of photos to the PCC to explain the layout of the bell tower, and to answer the PCC's questions regarding the proposed mobile phone mast installation. A formal 'expression of intent' to move the process forward was discussed and will be ready for the December meeting.
- Fr John read out a letter to the PCC from a former member of the congregation, enclosing a donation of £1000 to be used by St James' to arrange for a child to be taken on holiday.
- An update on the Islington Proms financial situation was presented and discussed.
- Susan Sorensen gave the Treasurer's report and an claim to be made against the William Lamb Trust for the repairs and maintenance in the year ahead was agreed. She also reported that the Islington Deanery is keen to get involved in the Credit Union initiative which is being championed by the Archbishop of Canterbury as an alternative to payday lending. Susan planned to attend an information and training session at the end of the month.
- The electoral roll currently stands at 99 (as of 18/11/14).
- IgN1te Group Reports - highlights included confirmation that Tim Willis will be taking on the role of project manager for the Buildings and Maintenance team and that new radio mics would be installed before Advent.

December

- The PCC tied up the loose ends of the year, beginning with the agreement of the wording for the PCC Resolution for NET Coverage Solutions (mobile phone mast).
- The Consistory Court date is confirmed as Saturday 17th January. It is not clear whether a decision will be given on the day.
- The future of the Christmas Fair was discussed given the poor attendance this year. Some other way of raising money for the charities that St James' supports will need be found instead.
- The contract for our new organist, Anthony Hill, was formally agreed.

Can you Count?

Could you also spare 10 minutes or so after a service? A few more volunteers to count the collection are needed. If you could help please let Kerry Sabine know so she can add you to the rota.

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