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Easter Dates/Services

Sunday 22nd March

PASSION SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am

7.30pm Concert for Passiontide and Easter sung by Cantallini

Sunday 29th March

PALM SUNDAY

8am Mass

10 am Mass includes the Reading of the Passion Story in & around Prebend St Gardens.

11.45am Lent Lunch of soup, bread & fruit in the Church Hall followed by the creation of a 'human chain' to help clear unwanted items from the Hall cellar into a waiting white van!

Thursday 2nd April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Reflective Mass of the Last Supper

Friday 3rd April

12 noon Walk of Witness from Angel Central (the N1 Centre) to St Mary's Church, Upper Street

2pm Service for Good Friday, Church.

Saturday 4th April

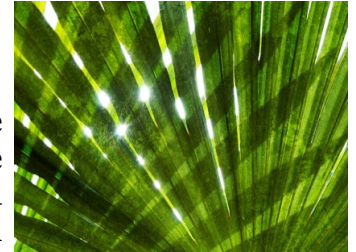
11am Our children build the **Easter Garden**, with hot cross buns and drinks.

Sunday 5th April EASTER DAY 8am Mass

10am PARISH MASS including the lighting of the new fire and procession, followed by the **Traditional Easter Egg Hunt**

Palm Sunday Lent Lunch and Basement Clearing

Sadly we missed the opportunity to have a pre Lent Parish Lunch for Mardi Gras so we are having a Lent Lunch instead! This will be held after Mass on Palm Sunday and the aim will be to raise funds for the orphan children of Bonda and Kubatana in Zimbabwe who depend on our generosity to pay their school fees. Do come if you possible can. Good home made soup will be available and afterwards we hope you will also feel able to help us move unwanted items from the Hall cellar into a waiting white van!

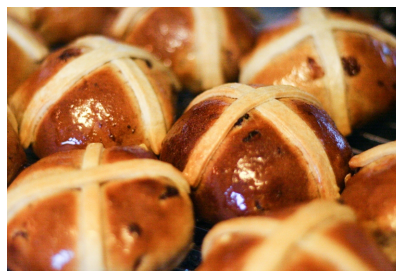


Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

We are learning to simplify our keeping of weekday festivals as many people find it impossible to attend. On Maundy Thursday there will be a simple and informal celebration of Jesus' Last Supper, led by members of the current Confirmation programme. We do hope you will come and support them on this most holy night. The 2pm Service on Good Friday will feature pictures of the Passion. All are welcome.

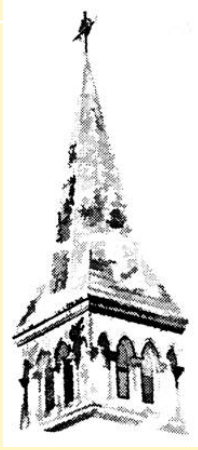
Easter Garden in new altar setting

After some delay I am delighted to report that Maciej Osiecki (who completed the woodwork in the new toilet earlier this year) has put time aside to refurbish the St Philip's (Linton Street) altar – under license from the Archdeacon – and it will not only be on wheels, it will also be able to be used a setting for our new Easter Garden. Maria, Sinead and the Sunday School team look forward to our younger children building an Easter Garden with them inside the altar at 11am on Holy Saturday, April 4th. There will be hot cross buns and drinks available for all.



Soup Kitchen

One of the exciting plans for the coming September is the opening of the Hall on Monday lunchtimes to members of the street community. In collaboration with sixth formers from Richard Cloudesley School (almost all of whom are wheel-chair users) we will be offering a warm soup lunch and a sandwich to all who call. The school are enormously enthusiastic about the project and two of the members of staff, Natalie Fry (Head of 6th form) and Julie Noble (Risk Assessment Manager) are about to undertake a full risk assessment of our Hall. Please pray for the success of this scheme.



AGM: April 19th

Please note the date in your diary for the 2015 AGM: 11.30am on Sunday April 19th. Everyone welcome. There is one small change this year. Because a large number of people have moved away from London this year, our Electoral Roll number will fall below the 100 threshold. This enables us to have a slimmer PCC in the year to come and we won't be replacing many of those whose term of office has come to an end. This should make our meeting easier to manage. A motion to retain this size of PCC will put to the AGM but even if, in future years, the numbers on the Electoral Roll rise again (as it may well) it would be good not to have to persuade people to stand for election if they do not wish to!

Other March/April Dates

Tuesday 25th March

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

Monday - Saturday 6th - 11th April

Fr John on retreat at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton. **No weekday services** this week.

Sunday 12th April EASTER 2

Masses at 8am and 10am

Sunday 19th April EASTER 3

Masses at 8am and 10am.

11.30am PARISH AGM: The final re-ordering proposals.

Thursday 23rd April 6pm

Quarter Peal for St George's Day.



Saturday 25th April 7.30pm

ISLINGTON PROM: First of the new season, the [Godwine Choir](#), directed by Edward Hughes, perform an evening of familiar choral classics.

Safeguarding

Every parish is required to have two people dedicated to the care and welfare of children in Church – as Safeguarding Officer and as Children's Champion. Sinead Burniston is the Children's Champion and we are delighted that Louise Ahmet has agreed to join her as Safeguarding Officer.

PCC Meeting, March

Although we still haven't had the definitive judgement from the Chancellor, the PCC is going full steam ahead with its plans to submit a complete scheme for the re-ordering of St James' in early May 2015 so that the majority of the work can be done in the quieter period from July 27th to September 25th. This is a very tight schedule but we still want to ensure that there is maximum consultation throughout the process. The review will start at the PCC meeting on Wednesday 25th March when all the details listed on the Briefing Paper shared with the congregation on 8th March will be discussed. These include: the leveling of the sanctuary, a refurbished sound system to include provision for a data projector and sanctuary screen, a new lighting scheme, the translation of the Tabernacle to a newly restored Blessed Sacrament chapel in the north aisle (with its own votive candle stand and prayer board), and finally the carpeting of the chancel, the adjacent area of the nave, the Blessed Sacrament chapel, the vestries and the Children's quiet space in the south aisle. The PCC will then make recommendations which will be shared, at the Chancellor's request, with the whole congregation, at the AGM on Sunday 19th April before the final paperwork is sent back to the Chancellor after the PCC meeting in May.

New Cleaner Ildiko

We are very grateful indeed to Jane Morgillo who has been cleaning the Church as a volunteer for much of this last year. Sadly Jane, Davide, Enzo and Matteo are returning to Switzerland shortly and the Church is being used so much more these days that we need to employ someone to keep on top of the dirt! We welcome Ildiko as our cleaner as from Wednesday 25th March. She will be working in Church for two hours 1-3pm on Wednesdays.

Children's Society

Louise Paine-Davey of the Children's Society came to talk to the PCC in February. The Society started out as the Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays and has undergone many changes. The projects in London include an advocacy project supporting young people who live in care and 'New Londoners' a project supporting young refugees. The box network is a major way in which churches such as St James' support the work of the Children's Society - please see Lilian Ladell if you would like a box. Louise also asked the PCC to pray for the Society's work. There's lots more information about the Society on their [website](#).

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