

@StJames'

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April Dates/Services

Thursday 23rd April

6.00pm Quarter Peal to celebrate **St George's Day**

Friday 24th April

7.30pm Piano Recital by Krzysztof Moskalewicz (free)

Saturday 25th April

ISLINGTON PROM Opening the Prom Season: **Goodwine Choir**, directed by Ed Hughes sing familiar unaccompanied choral music. **7.30pm** Tickets £10/£8 in advance, £12/£10 on the door.

Sunday 26th April

EASTER 4 Masses at 8am and 10am, to include the **baptism** of Nathan Idada.

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The 2015 season opens on Saturday 25th April with the **Goodwine Choir**, directed by Ed Hughes. This new a capella choir is made up of ex choral scholars from major universities throughout the UK. They are about to release their first CD. For more information see the [Islington Proms website](http://www.islingtonproms.co.uk)

Parish AGM 2015

The Parish AGM took place on Sunday 19th April after Mass. Following from the formal business, Fr John presented a pictorial account of the year and then ran through the re-ordering plans as they now stand. The initial stage of the levelling of the Chancel, which has involved removal of the wooden platform, has taken place but has raised concerns about the planned removal of the stone steps toward the back wall. The recommendation is now to leave the stone steps in place. The proposals for lighting and audio visual upgrades, the relocation of the tabernacle and the replacement of the carpet and pew cushions were discussed. Varying opinions on all of the proposals were voiced, but overall the views were positive and have given the PCC guidance in making these important decisions in order to finalise the submission which will be sent to the DAC for final ratification next month.

Just Add Wheels

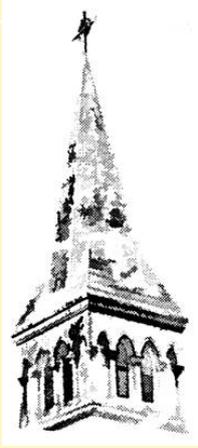
The regular use of the small altar from St Philip's Church in Linton Street has been made all the easier by the recent addition of wheels which makes it very easy to move without lifting. When Maciej Osiecki (who did all the woodwork for the new toilet) began work he discovered that there had already been some adaptations made to the altar in the past and so we took the opportunity to add a shelf to the interior and this became the base for the new Easter Garden which the Sunday School created for us ready for Easter Day.



Lent Lunch

As a way of increasing the amount of money we could give to help pay the school fees for the children of Bonda and Kubatana in Zimbabwe, we staged a Lent Lunch on the Church Hall on Palm Sunday. A range of home made soups were enjoyed by the 20 who took part and £110 was raised. As the tables were being cleared afterwards the guests turned into house clearers as three lorry loads of unsold toys and bric a brac, broken furniture and other rubbish was loaded onto a white van for transportation to the municipal tip off Holloway Road.





140th ANNIVERSARY

Please note the date in your diary for the celebrations of the **140th Anniversary of the consecration of St James'**. On **Sunday 10th May** there will only be Mass at 9am. At **2pm** the celebrations will take us out into the community to **Beat the Bounds**, beginning the walk from St James'. Quiz sheets will be available to accompany walkers taking the route from the Angel Tube Station to City Road, the Regent's Canal, New North Road and back to Britannia Row. A picnic 'faith tea' is planned in Church afterwards and a Quarter Peal will be rung. At **6.30pm** a traditional **Choral Evensong** will be sung by Cantallini. The preacher will be Revd Dave Tomlinson, Vicar of St Luke's, West Holloway and author of 'How to be a bad Christian'.

Looking ahead to May

Sunday 3rd May EASTER 5
Masses at 8am and 10am

Wednesday 6th May

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church to finalise the re-ordering submission to the Diocesan Advisory Committee in preparation for a second review by the Chancellor

Sunday 10th May EASTER 6/140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JAMES - see details above.
Masse at 9am only

Friday 15th May 7.30pm
Charity Concert in aid of Hanover Primary School.

Sunday 17th May
ASCENSION SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am.

Saturday 23rd May 7.30pm
ISLINGTON PROM 2:
Estonian pianist Christina Rokashevich and, Dutch-American violinist Amarins Wierdsma play Beethoven, Schumann and Poulence. For more info see the Islington Proms [website](#).

Sunday 24th May
PENETECOST Masses at 8 and 10 am.

Saturday 24th May
3pm Wedding of Dean Clarke and Shelley Lewington.

Sunday 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am.

Getting to Know You - Martin Allen



Birthday: 13th November (exactly 10 years to the day younger than Father John!).

Place where you were born: Southampton.

How long have you been coming to St James'? I'd guess regularly for around four years.

Do you have/have you had any special roles at St James'? I am on the FRG (Financial Review Group)

Do you have a family? Yes - I am married to Kerri and I have two children - Rebecca and Joseph.

What is (or was) your day job? I am a stockbroking research analyst covering the quoted property sector.

Did you enjoy school? On the whole yes but I don't think I really 'found my tribe' until I got to university

What hobbies do you enjoy most? I like sitting around chatting with family and friends, reading obscure books, reading the paper (Financial Times), occasionally going to the theatre and cinema and keeping fit by running and sculling on the River Lea

What is your favourite kind of music? Reggae

Do you have a book that you would like to recommend? 'Catch 22' by Joseph Heller made a big impression on me when I was a teenager.

What kind of food do you enjoy most? Grills - lamb chops, steaks, scallops, fish.

Which person has most inspired you in life, and why? Miko Giedroyc, head of research when I was a junior analyst (and older brother of Sue, of Great Bake-Off fame), because he was so bright, enthusiastic and funny.

Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special? Sitting on the couch in our living room reading the paper with the morning sun streaming over my shoulder, because the light is so great.

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