

@StJames'

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Above: Cantallini singing at Evensong
Below: Revd Dave Tomlinson with Rosemary Ross



140 YEARS



Beating the Bounds

In former times when maps were rare, it was usual to make a formal walk of the parish boundaries so that knowledge of the limits of each parish could be handed down. This was important so that such matters, such as liability for church repairs and the right to be buried within the churchyard, were not disputed. A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials to share the knowledge of the where the boundaries lay and to pray for protection and blessings for the parish lands.

On Sunday May 10th in celebration of the 140th anniversary of St James', a similar group – young and (fairly) old, led by Fr John – walked the boundaries of our parish in glorious spring sunshine. Some of us were really rather surprised at how big the parish is and our route is marked on the map below. Armed with an excellent quiz, we also observed things that we hadn't noticed before and learned a little more about the area in which we live, work and worship – which famous explorer has flats named after him in Essex Road? And what is the name of the specialist care centre on Wharf Road?*



Just two examples of a total of 50 questions! The quiz was won by Helen Scholfield and Ken Thompson - congratulations to them!

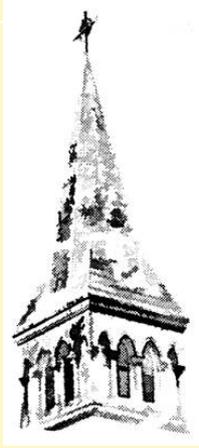
The walk ended up back at Church with a shared tea. Evensong, sung by Cantallini, rounded off the day in style. The Reverend Dave Tomlinson was our guest preacher who rounded off his sermon with a toast – “to the next 140 years!”

* Answers: Sir Walter Raleigh and Bridgeside Lodge

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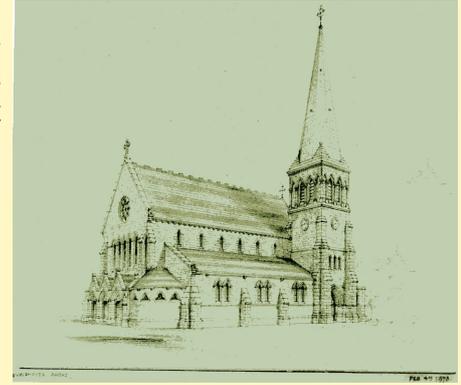
Top Left- walking in the sunshine; Far Right - Ken Thompson; Below- the starting Group; Bottom left shared tea in Church





More on the 140th ANNIVERSARY celebrations

The sermon from the 9am Mass is available on the website [here](#). If you are interested in the history of St James' this is well worth a read!



Diary Dates May/June

Saturday 23rd May

ISLINGTON PROM 7.30pm

Kristiina Rokashevich (piano) and
Amaris Wierdsma (violin)

Sunday 24th May

PENTECOST Masses at 8 am and
10am.

Saturday 30th May 3pm

Wedding of Dean Clarke and
Shelley Lewington

Sunday 31st May TRINITY

SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am.

Saturday 6th June

ISLINGTON PROM 7.30pm

Sophie Creaner and the Guildhall
Wind Octet.

Sunday 7th June

TRINITY 1 Masses at 8 and 10am.

Sunday 31st May TRINITY

SUNDAY Masses at 8 and 10am.

Wednesday 10th June

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church.

Saturday 13th June

1.30pm Wedding of Joe Seabrook
and Sam Kidley.

**7.30pm Occasional Concert
series** Andrea Rolle & friends.

Sunday 14th June

TRINITY 2 Masses at 8 and 10am.

Church Hall - Help needed urgently

Susan Sorensen has been managing the church hall bookings almost single-handedly since 2011 (although grateful for ad hoc help from Maria Burniston, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Brian Higgins and Linda our cleaner). Hall bookings brought in nearly £37,000 last year, the largest component of our income of just under £98,000. She feels that she must now share the load as the hall gets increasingly busy and she is taking on other responsibilities in the church and the wider community.

Susan says:

“The Hall Management Group is looking for some one to take over full responsibility for the weekend party bookings, including the reservation system and the organisation of access. It is not too time-consuming but requires a commitment to regular daily monitoring of requests coming in through voicemail and email, and responding in a timely manner. The parties are a useful source of income but more importantly represent a means of making our presence felt and valued in the community. Lots of users say they love the hall for its atmosphere, facilities, lightness and cleanliness. I shall continue to manage the regular users both during the week and part of the weekend. It is possible that a regular group may take the Saturday afternoon slot in term-time from September, which will reduce the volume of private one-off parties. Also I am hoping to revive a previous arrangement with the Islington Council’s Packington Children’s Centre for administrative support in exchange for the use of the hall for pre-school activities. If you are reasonably computer-literate, well-organised and willing to help the church in this aspect or our out-reach, please contact me on 07973 141406 or Maria Burniston on 07896 834364. I have given notice that I shall stop dealing with the party bookings as from 30th June, so I do hope some one will come forward in the next few weeks. It would be really sad not to be able to

PCC Meeting - Re-ordering plans

Much of the PCC meeting on 6th May was spent going over the re-ordering plans. With the views shared at the AGM very much in mind, the plans being sent to the Diocese for approval now include: removal of the green curtains; levelling of the chancel but with retention of the stone steps; moving the Tabernacle to the new Blessed Sacrament chapel; carpeting the chancel, Blessed Sacrament chapel, vestries, font and children’s area; installing a new lighting system; selling two redundant pews and installing new pew cushions. Following long discussion, the installation of a data projector and screen have been removed from the current plans to allow further consideration. The repainting of the inside of the Church will also be tackled at a later date.

Quotations for the renovation of the Hall flat were also considered and plans agreed. Full PCC meeting minutes are available in Church.

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