

@StJames'

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Goodwin Bequest

Some months ago Beryl Goodwin, a former resident of St Paul Street, now living in Worcester, got in touch to ask if the parish could arrange for a local London child to have a summer holiday. Under the terms of her mother's will, money had been aside because, back before the First World War, Elsie Searle had been given a similar grant when she was young and it had made such a difference to her life. So we are delighted that Tayah Phillips and her mum Jessica will be going to a holiday park in Greatstone on Sea in mid August. They are already very excited about it!

New Churchwarden

After the sad resignation of Ruth de Wynter who recently lost her mother, a special meeting is being called on Sunday 26th July to elect a new Churchwarden. We hope there will be a good turn out for this election. So far there is one nomination, that of Hilary Roden.



Second Sunday Choir (SSC)

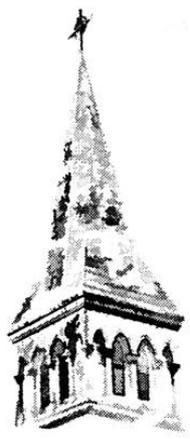
There have been several requests to include a short musical anthem into the liturgy and Anthony Hill our organist is looking forward to working with anyone from the congregation who would like to form a small choir, singing primarily at the 10am Mass on Second Sundays. The ability to read music is not necessary!

Confirmation 2015

After up to six months preparation, six adults were presented to Bp Adrian for confirmation: Sinead Burniston, Michelle Collings, Lillian Ladele, Neil McNab, Sarah Nash and Kerry Sabine. This special way of commissioning new adults for active service in the Church is always a highlight in the life of the parish and Bishop Adrian said beforehand just how moved he was by the short testimonies that each candidate had written for inclusion in the service booklet. Of course this is not the end of the process but just the beginning and we are delighted that each of the candidates is already making a significant contribution to the life of St James'.



Photos: Clockwise from top - The candidates with Bishop Adrian; Wendy Fisher-Gordon with Bishop Adrian; David Humphries with Bishop Adrian; Sinead Burniston with her sponsor, Maria Flavius; Lillian Ladele with Bishop Adrian.



Diary Dates July

Friday 24th July 3.30pm Members of St James' Close for retired clergy enjoy a 'Cream Tea' in the Vicarage garden as part of the 140th anniversary celebrations. All members of the congregation welcome.

Saturday 25th July 2pm Wedding of George Dodd and Michelle Parker

Sunday 26th July TRINITY 8 Masses at 8am and 10am.
11.15 Election of new Churchwarden

Diary Dates August

Sunday 2nd August

TRINITY 9 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Tayah Phillips.

Sunday 9th August

TRINITY 10 Masses at 8am and 10am .

Sunday 16th August

TRINITY 11 Masses at 8am and 10am .

Saturday 22nd August

7.30pm Concert by the Romanian Pianist Mihai Ritivoiu, preparing for his entry in the 2015 Leeds International Piano Competition.

Sunday 23rd August

TRINITY 12 Masses at 8 am and 10am to include the baptism of Sofia Matthews.

Monday 24th August

Work begins on the renovation of the Church Hall flat and the refurbishment of St James' Church.

Sunday 30th August

TRINITY 13 Masses at 8 and 10am (Fr Stephen). Fr John and Maria away in Moscow & St Petersburg.

What did you do?

Where did you visit? Did you see an interesting exhibition or read a great book? Did you take a photo on your holiday of which you are proud? Share your summer with the rest of the congregation and send your contributions to the news email address (see below) by September 10th for inclusion in the September edition of @StJames'.

news@stjamesislington.co.uk

Congregational Meeting

Every two years, we call a special congregational meeting to discuss the way forward. In 2009 we looked at our worship; in 2011 we started the igNite process and in 2013 we agreed the outline MAPLE proposals to refurbish and re-order the inside of St James'. Now that those plans are just about to be completed, it is time to discuss where we believe God is taking us in the next phase of our life together. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 27th September** and we hope there will be a good cross-section of our community ready to guide the PCC as it looks to the future. We do hope everyone will make a special effort to be present.

Summer break....

There will be no issue of @StJames in August (due to holidays), so the following are advance notice of diary dates for September.

Sunday 6th September TRINITY 14 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church.

Sunday 13th September TRINITY 15 Masses at 8am and 10am, to include the baptisms of Jasmine and Freya Ethiogu and the launch of the Second Sunday Choir (SSC).

Sunday 20th September TRINITY 16 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Saturday 26th September 3.30pm Wedding Blessing, Alan Buckle and Tong Zhou.

7.30pm ISLINGTON PROM: Rupert Egerton-Smith, piano.

Sunday 27th September TRINITY 17 Masses at 8am and 10am.

11.15 am 2015 Informal Congregational meeting.



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