



@StJames'

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Second Sunday Choir (SSC)

There was a very positive response from the congregation after the debut of the Second Sunday Choir on September 13th. Made up of over half a dozen of the congregation, we hope others will feel able to enjoy the experience of singing a short anthem after Communion once a month. There is plenty of wonderful music available to sing and we do hope more will have the confidence to take part in the future. No auditions are necessary.

Sadness

The whole community of St James' was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Lillian Ladele. Lillian (below with Bishop Adrian) joined us at St James' just over a year ago and had already made a great contribution to our life here. She was one of the group of six confirmed in June and had recently taken on the role of box collector for the Children's Society. We are still awaiting details of her post mortem and the date of her funeral.



New Churchwarden

We are delighted that Hilary Roden has been elected to serve alongside Maria Flavius as Churchwarden in succession to Ruth deWynter who has had to resign for family reasons. Hilary was admitted to office during the Mass on Sunday 13th September.



Harvest 2015



This year our focus and fundraising returns to the needs of the children in two children's centres in Zimbabwe, at Bond and Kubatana. The cost of school fees has risen three-fold this year and both centres are finding it very difficult to do more than cover these costs. Yet there is a desperate need for a reliable electricity supply too. Not only will this enable cooking to be done in doors and for the children to do their homework at night, it will also enable the centres to keep chickens, a source of both nourishment and income.

For our Harvest festival we are going egg-static. During the service we will be building a wall – a wall of egg boxes. Hopefully these will be filled with your donations! There will also be the opportunity to bring egg based dishes to the Harvest Lunch that will be available in the Hall afterwards – everything from an egg salad to pancakes and cake! Please do all you can so that the children in Zimbabwe will continue to experience the loving support of our parish.

Pack-Up

Plans to open a weekly soup kitchen in our Church Hall are advancing well. The aim is to provide soup and a sandwich to members of the street community at 12noon each Monday of the year when the facilities at St John's in Duncan Terrace are closed. We have been able to recruit a keen volunteer coordinator, Toni Parker, and a meeting of those willing to help with the project is being organised very shortly. One of the most exciting aspects of the scheme is that it is being run in collaboration with sixth form members of Richard Cloudesley School, all of whom are wheel chair users. Our Hall is very conveniently placed between the school and our Church and is, of course, also step free! Launch date: October 5th.

Diary Dates September/October

Sunday 20th September

TRINITY 16 Mass at 8am.

10am Baptisms of Jasmine and Freya Ehiogu.

3pm THE BIG T celebrating our 140th anniversary with a children's tea party and Bouncy Castle in the Vicarage garden.

Saturday 26th September

3.30pm Wedding Blessing for John Buckle and Tong Zhou.

7.30pm Islington Prom Pianist Rupert Egerton-Smith plays music by Rameau, Bach-Busoni, Debussy, Scriabin, Rachmaninov and Kapustin.

Sunday 27th September

TRINITY 17 Masses at 8am and 10am .

11.15am Congregational Meeting postponed because of the Faculty delay.

Thursday 1st October

Harvest Assemblies for KS1 and KS2 students at Rotherfield School.

Friday 2nd October 10am

Yr6 studets at Rotherfield School visit St James'.

Saturday 3rd October

6pm Youth Prom

Sunday 4th October

HARVEST Masses at 8 and 10am
12 noon **Harvest Lunch** in the Hall.

Monday 5th October

12 noon Opening of 'Pack-Up' the weekly soup kitchen in collaboration with Richard Cloudesley School.

Saturday 10th October

7.30pm Occasional Concert: the Galliard Trip raise funds for the Laamiga Trust.

Sunday 11th October

TRINITY 19 Masses at 8 and 10am

Monday 12th October

7.30pm Occasional Concert: 840 Ensemble

Project Zulu: Can you help?

The the Zulu Children's Choir will be staying in the Church Hall during their fundraising singing tour in October. The headmaster and two teachers need a bed for the nights of 7th and 8th October, and as funds are tight we have been asked if anyone in the congregation has a spare bed they could offer for those nights. Please contact Susan Sorensen for more details if you think you could help.

Church Hall

After twenty five years the time had come to upgrade the Hall flat, currently occupied by Brain Higgins. Over the last month the flat has had a new bathroom and kitchen installed and been completely redecorated. The successful bookings policy in the Hall means that there are funds available for a big programme of work that will continue over the next two or three years. The HMG continues to work hard to make our Hall one of the most attractive community spaces in the area.

While we wait...

The Faculty to allow us to begin the re-ordering the Church has still not been received but other work is taking place meanwhile. The repainting of the toilets at the east end of Church is due to start about now to ensure they are ready for the new carpets which will be laid before Christmas. Work on the external doors has also been approved by the PCC and that will allow us to put up the large external notice-board, bought back in 2014! The builders will then move on to the Vicarage where the Basement flat is being completely renovated. A new kitchen and the transformation of a store room into a separate bedroom (which involves some complicated lifting of York stone slabs, damaged by German bombs when the old St Philip's Church was bombed in 1943) will make the flat much more comfortable. The long term aim is to be able to offer the flat to an intern who will help with young families work. We hope this can be arranged within the next two years.

Archdeacon's visit

Every three years the parish receives a formal visit from the Archdeacon. This is not just a check of records and documents (though there is plenty of that these days). The principle purpose is to sound out opinion among the parishes in order to guide to Diocesan policy making in the future. In the absence of an Archdeacon (a new one arrives next June), the role is being undertaken by Jonathan Brewster, Area Dean of Islington and Vicar of Christ Church, Highbury. The meeting with the PCC is set for Wednesday October 21st.

Tues/Wed 13/14th October

Fr John away at Deanery Chapter Conference, Pleshey.

Saturday 17th October 7.30pm

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