

# @<sup>St</sup>James'

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## Work Begins

The re-ordering work is now well underway in Church and we hope to have everything completed for the end of the month! The scaffolding will be up in Church until 27th April and we will continue to hold Sunday Mass in the Church Hall during this period.



Our electrical team - Jamal Kamangar (centre) and Siamak Ghobadi, who goes by the name of Matthias, (left) have been working hard to get the wiring installed ready for the the new lighting. James Wadsworth, who is our lighting consultant is on the right of the photo.

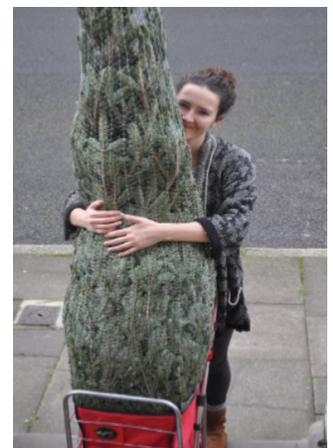


You may also have noticed the scaffolding outside Church which is for the installation of the mobile phone masts by NET in the tower. It has been fortuitous that the large cables from this work can be routed and hidden behind the same boxing that Jamal and Matthias will make for the wiring in Church.

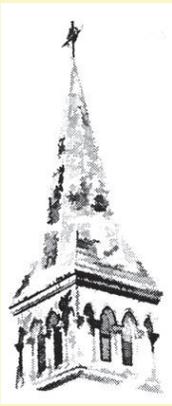
## AGM 2016

We had a rather small turnout for the AGM on Sunday 10th April, but business was completed in under an hour. The main points are below, but the minutes are available in Church if you want full details.

- The Electoral Roll now stands at 105 members. Our Electoral Roll Officer is Vera Taggart - please contact her with any changes to your details.
- Maria Flavius and Hilary Roden were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.
- Kerri Allen and Kris Hyde were re-elected as PCC members and 2 new members, Victoria Walsh and Tracey Byers were elected.
- Susan Sorenson presented the accounts for 2015. She explained that the budget had been laid out in terms of 'general funds' and 'designated funds'. On a day -to-day basis we are making a small surplus. The deficits for the year were expected due to planned investment in the Church and Church Hall. The improvements to the Church in 2016 will be paid from the General Reserve which will need to be monitored accordingly. Susan asked if anyone would like to join the Financial Review Group (FRG) to get in touch with her. She expressed her thanks to Alastair Hume, Assistant Treasurer, for his work over the year.
- Vera Taggart encouraged the meeting to review the Deanery Synod reports and highlighted the consultation on Church Objects currently underway within the Richard Cloudesley Trust.
- Fr John gave a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the many and varied activities on 2015 including the upgrading of the Church Hall and Vicarage flats, the launch of 'Pack-Up', confirmations, carol singing and children's parties.



Photos: Above - Fun at the Big Tea; Right - Catriona Burniston wheeling the Christmas Tree to Church!



## New on the web

Fr John has been asked to share two of his recent picture presentations.

The first are the Stations of the Cross which he showed on Passion Sunday (March 13th), a mix of spiritual reflections and some of the 500 photographs he took in Israel in March. This can be found on the Sermons page on the Church website.

The second is the 'Parish Review of 2015' which he presented at the end of the AGM. This can be found on the 'Joining In' page of the website or via this [link](#)

## Diary Dates

**Monday 18th April Week 2** of the installation of the new lighting and completion of the new audio upgrade.

**Thursday 21st April** Fr John visits Holloway prison before its closure in the summer.

**Sunday 24th April EASTER 5**  
8am Mass in Church; 10am Parish Mass in the Hall

**Monday 25th April Week 3** of the installation of new lighting.

**Wednesday 27th April**  
2.45pm RE session at COLA-I (and 4th May).  
Scaffolding removed from Church.

**Thursday 28th April**  
New carpet laid throughout Church. 5pm Wedding rehearsal

**Saturday 30th April**  
3pm Wedding of Chris Korek and Jennifer Arrington.

**Sunday 1st May EASTER 6**  
8am Mass.  
10am All Age Parish Mass.

**Tuesday 2nd May Weekday**  
Masses resume.

**Sunday 8th May ASCENSION**  
SUNDAY 8am Mass.  
10am Parish Mass & Sunday School.  
11.15am 'Talking Heads' resumes

**Monday 9th May** Week of Prayer for the Mission of the Church.

**Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm**  
PCC Meeting in Church.

## May 15th Celebrations: Preparation

Many of the printed invitations have now arrived and we look forward to welcoming a big crowd to celebrate the end of our 140th anniversary year. To get ready we are planning a number of small projects:

### 1) The Big Tidy and Clean Up.

After all the work inside Church we need to make sure the place is spotlessly clean and all the surplus bits and pieces that accumulate in a public building need to be disposed of. We will be taking a white van to the tip on **Tuesday May 10th** so anything that is now not required in and around Church needs to be placed behind the railings alongside the wooden staging on Bishop Street for onward transit to the Council tip on Hornsey Street.

On **Saturday 7th** we are holding a major clean up so please do come and help if you can. Among the jobs to be tackled - the weeds and green moss to be found on the concrete paving on both sides of Church. This will probably continue into the following week if people are not available on Saturday.

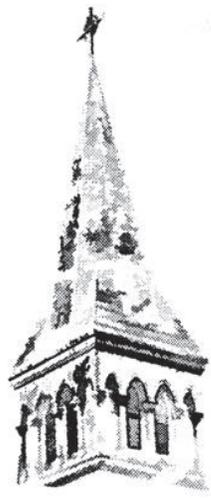
2) We also want to have the **photographs** back up at the back of Church. If you haven't had your picture taken for this great display (and I have a list!) please get in touch asap. We want everyone there!

3) **Catering for May 15th** is going to need all our help. Islington Council have demanded a working plan for the day before they will give us permission to use the grass on Prebend Street. Part of that plan involves getting chairs and tables into place before the Festival Mass starts. It also requires the food to be prepared and stored in the Church kitchenette so that it is ready as soon as the Mass ends. Finally we need a responsible person to take charge of the Bouncy Castle which is booked for that day too!

This is a big community event so please do all you can to respond to requests for help. It really will be a fun occasion!



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## More Diary Dates

**Sunday 15th May FEAST OF PENTECOST** 8am Mass.  
**11am Mass of Thanksgiving** (see right for details).

**Tuesday 17th May** 7.30pm  
Deanery Common Fund Meeting.

**Friday 20th May 2pm**  
**Wedding** of Mark Gilbert and Shireen Anthony.

**Tuesday 24th May** 11.30am  
Fr John discusses our experience of the Diocesan Faculty process with Bishop Adrian.

## Concerts

**Saturday 23rd April**  
**ISLINGTON PROM 2** - Milgram Piano Trio play Mendelssohn Trio in D minor plus other much loved work for violin, cello and piano. Tickets £10/£8.

**Friday 13th May** Liskka in Concert.

**Saturday 14th May**  
**ISLINGTON PROM 3** - Christopher Guild, piano. An evening of popular piano favourites including Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Tickets £10/£8.

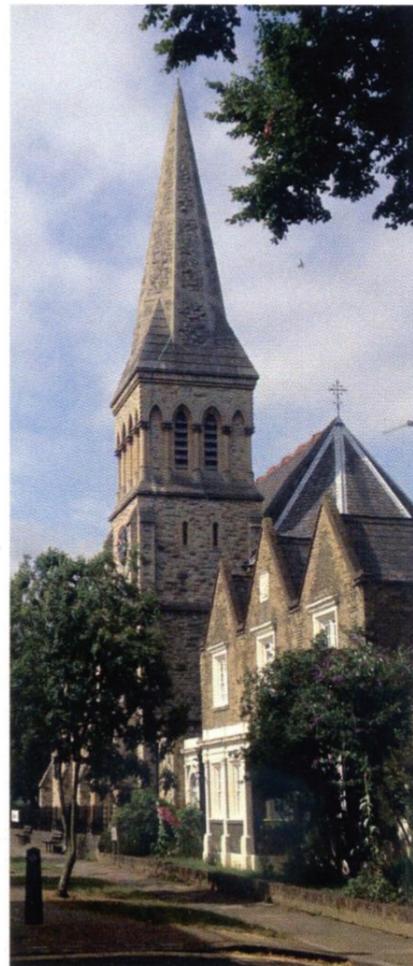
**Saturday 21st May**  
**3pm Occasional Concert:** Frances Israel, soprano.

**Saturday 28th May**  
**ISLINGTON PROM 4** - Baroque Chamber music

## May 15th Celebrations

This is to celebrate the end of St James' 140th anniversary year and the completion of the current re-ordering. The celebrations will begin with a Festival Choral Mass of Thanksgiving at **11am** with an augmented Second Sunday Choir. Our preacher will be Ven. Liz Adenkunle, newly appointed Archdeacon of Hackney. The service will be followed by lunch and a bouncy castle on the grass on Prebend Street, outside Church.

We need numbers to help with the catering arrangements so please contact Vera Taggart (vmtaggart@googlemail.com) by Friday 6th May if you will be joining us for the celebrations.



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