

@St James'

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Children's Mardi Gras Party

Following on from the success of last year's Christmas event, we are celebrating the pre-Lent Mardi Gras with an afternoon party for all our Church children. The magician is booked and invitations went out to nearly thirty families so we are hoping for a great time!

Hermitage Choir of St Petersburg

This is probably the most ambitious booking we have ever made at the Proms but we are sure it will be popular! As part of the UK wide tour, singers from some of the leading churches and opera houses in St Petersburg come together to sing glorious Russian music, some liturgical, some folk. Anyone who has heard them before will be sure to want to return. Publicity will be Islington wide so be sure to get your tickets very soon.

Kitchenette

After a series of delays, the work on the kitchenette is due to start on Monday 13th and the completion date is set for Friday 24th February.

The Opera Story - Snow

The Opera Story, based in Arlington Square, have used St James' on many occasions for their rehearsals and for recording the overture for their opera 'Snow'. They are performing the opera between February 20 and March 3, 2017, at the The CLF Art Café / Bussey Building, in Peckham. You can listen to the overture and buy tickets at www.theoperastory.com

Insider's Tour of St Paul's Cathedral

On Saturday 21st January a group of 50 members of both St James' and St John's RC Church, Duncan Terrace gathered on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. Arranged as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we were expertly guided by Stephen Spencer who showed us some of the 'secrets' of St Paul's, which a casual visitor is likely to



miss, and entertained us with some of the stories behind them. We had the privilege of sitting in the choir stalls and even got to lie on the floor to get the best view of the wonderful mosaics on the ceiling (although the marble floor was very cold!).



At the end of our main tour we were able to use the chapel of St Michael and St George for a short prayer service. Afterwards the group split up to go up the dome and to visit the crypts.

Upcoming Concerts at St James' (see also bottom of p2)

Saturday 4th March 7.30pm Amaya Pitheras in Concert

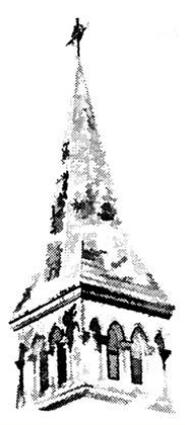
Friday 17th March 7.30pm Dimitrina Groueva, Piano.

Monday 27th March 7.30pm Islington Prom 1 Hermitage Choir of St Petersburg. Tickets £15/£12 concessions.

Saturday 1st April 7.30pm Islington Prom 2 Cantallini

Sunday 2nd April PASSION SUNDAY 6pm David Bogle, Giles and Ruth Ridley present a concert of seasonal music by Bach and Telemann: "Bach to Lent"

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The Church Hall continues to be very popular and is booked for every Saturday and Sunday afternoon until April. Here some 'local' entertainers for Hope Dixey's 4th birthday party!

Diary Dates

Monday 13th February Ami Hitcham begins work on the Church kitchenette. Completion date: 24th February.

Saturday 18th February 3.30 - 6.30pm Susie Attwood shows a film on the plight of Syrian women relocated to the Lebanon, fund-raising for a second film called 'Waiting' (see weekly news).

Sunday 19th February 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT Masses at 8am and 10am.

Monday 20th February 7.30pm PCC meets in the Vicarage.

Sunday 26th February SUNDAY BEFORE LENT/MARDI GRAS Masses at 8am and 10am..
3-5pm Children's party, Church Hall, with a Magician, party games and food.

Friday 3rd March 8.30pm Big Walk 'pit stop' at St James'

Sunday 5th March ASHING SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am. Fr John and Maria leave for Vietnam.

Sunday 12th March LENT 2 Masses at 8am and 10am. (Fr Stephen Taylor).

Sunday 19th March LENT 3 Masses at 8am and 10am. (Fr David Addison).

Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm PCC meets in the Vicarage.

Sunday 24th March LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am to include the baptism of Saffron Bentley

Getting to Know You - Adam Dickson

Birthday: 28th January
Place where you were born: North London, UK

How long have you been coming to St James'? I started my post as organist officially on the 1st January - but had played for a handful of services prior to this. My first

'performance' at St James' was a private piano recital I did - I had learnt about hiring the church for concerts because my friend Alex Nikiporenko curates a new music series at St James', called '840'.

Do you have any special roles at St James'? I am the newly appointed organist, music missionary and administrator for the church.

Do you have a family? I live with my parents in north London.

What is your day job? I work freelance as a musician. Therefore, I'm often doing something different each day of the week. I accompany various choirs, work as a parish administrator, organist, I teach and also run my own chamber opera company.

Did you enjoy school? I did enjoy school - I made many friends, with whom I'm still in touch.

What hobbies do you enjoy most? As music is my work and my life; I try to read as much as I can, as far as hobbies go. The great thing about being a freelance musician, is that I get to do what I love for work and personal enjoyment.

What is your favourite music? Ooh, that's a tough question - I'll get back to you on that!

Do you have a book you would like to recommend? A book I love, one that is very short and to the point, is 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell.

What kind of food do you enjoy most? My father is from Trinidad, so I have grown up with West Indian food - the food I most enjoy is something called roti. I also love a good macaroni and cheese - the way my dad (over-) cooks it. Delicious!

Do you have a favourite place, and if so why is it special?

Cambridge - this is where I studied for my undergraduate degree. In particular, Robinson College chapel, where I was organ scholar. I spent many evenings there taking choir rehearsals, conducting and playing for Evensong, and making great music with my colleagues.

If you were given £50,000 to spend, what would you do with it?
I would save it!

Adam is playing a piano recital in Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th February. Programme to include works by Bach, Chopin, Takemitsu and Liszt. Free entry, all welcome.

