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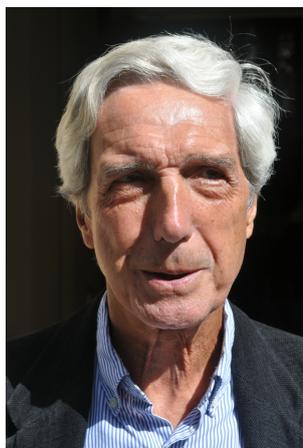


Harvest 2017

As last year we are collecting money for the children of St David's orphanage in Bonda, Zimbabwe. Cards in Church invite us to give a proportion of the money we spend at the supermarket over the four weeks before Harvest. Anything you can give will help to pay for the school fees for these very poor children. Afterwards we hope that you can join us for lunch in the Church Hall. This is our one chance in the year to eat and talk together. Do come if you can.

Ken at 80

On Saturday 16th Ken Thompson celebrates his 80th birthday although, with his permanent sun tan, you would never suspect he is that old! Ken had been a hugely loyal member of St James' in the past,



as Churchwarden, PCC member and Deanery Synod rep and currently as a Reader and Eucharistic Minister. You would never imagine that he is actually Prof. Dr Ken Thompson who, until his retirement, was a lecturer and broadcaster in the Open University's sociology department. Ken is just one of the remarkable group of people who find their way to St James! Happy Birthday Ken!

First Holy Communions

St James' has a policy of admitting both adults and children to Holy Communion before they are confirmed. We believe that baptism makes us part of the Body of Christ and he longs to feed us and care for us years before we are ready for the big commitment that Confirmation requires. This year we are inviting children born in 2008 or older to join the preparation course. Their introduction to the congregation will be on Sunday October 15th and First Communion Sunday will be on the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday November 26th. We are also inviting adults to take part in a similar course. More details are available from Fr John.

Naked Music

The Prom on Saturday 23rd September is probably the biggest event of our 6 year history as we welcome one of the best talents in current contemporary folk music across from Dublin. We are staging this in association with Tony Collins of the Duchess of Kent pub and hope the Church will be packed. Not to be missed!

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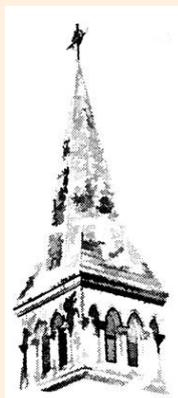
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Jill Hetherington

Jill moved to St Mary's Nursing Home in Chiswick just before Easter and has been delighted to welcome visits from members of St James' ever since. The picture shows her with Maria Burniston late in August.



Diary Dates

September

Sunday 17th September TRINITY 14 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the Baptism of Henry Green
7pm Piano recital by Gisella Meyer - music by Debussy, Chopin and Ravel's Gaspard de Nuit.

Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm ISLINGTON PROM Eleanor McEvoy in concert 'Naked Music'.
Tickets still available at the door £15/£10

Sunday 24th September HARVEST Masses at 8am and 10am with collection for the AIDs orphans of St David's in Bonda, Zimbabwe.

12 noon Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall

Tuesday 26th September 7.30pm Charity Concert for the Pelican Cancer Foundation

October

Sunday 1st October TRINITY 16 Masses at 8am and 10am

Saturday 17th October 7.30pm ISLINGTON PROM Duo Maddalena Early Music recital for two voices accompanied by lute, theorbo, harpsichord and viola da gamba. Tickets £12/£9

Sunday 8th October TRINITY 17 Masses at 8am and 10am (Fr Stephen Taylor)

Saturday 14th October 6pm YOUTH PROM Ten talented young people perform just for an hour

Sunday 15th October TRINITY 18 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the Baptism of Benjamin Payne and the presentation of all our new First Communicants, adult and children

September PCC Meeting

After the summer break, the PCC had a full agenda to get through on 4th September. Firstly though, we were delighted to welcome Yoon Chung and Adam Dickson from the Islington Proms Committee to update the PCC on their exciting plans for the 2018 Proms season. The rest of the autumn will be spent finalising the programme which will be submitted to the PCC in November.

There was then lots to discuss including the purchase of a dishwasher for the Hall kitchen, installation of the platform in the bell ringing chamber, review of the prospectuses submitted for consideration for the appointment of a new Quinquennial Inspector, grant applications to the Richard Cloudesley Trust and the organ repairs and refurbishment. Susan Sorensen also updated the PCC with the financial situation for St James' which continues to be encouraging. A donation to be made to the Brain Tumour Charity following the first Anthony Hill memorial concert was also approved.

Church security, repairs to the roof above the toilets following the theft of lead, and a number of other minor issues finished off a busy evening.