

@St James'



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Harvest

Each year we use Harvest Festival to focus on the difficulties faced by the AIDS orphans in a small township called Bonda in eastern Zimbabwe. The sisters who run the orphanage rely heavily on our support to pay the school fees that enable these children to go to school. So it has been brilliant to see how our congregation, with Smartie tubes full of 20p pieces and envelopes full of cash and cheques, have responded so generously to this appeal by the Medical Orphan Project (MOP). Donations are still welcome to the end of the beginning of November.



Harvest Lunch

...is always a bit of a gamble. Having cooked so much food, would anyone come? Happily there were about 25 for lunch in the Hall and no one went away hungry! The interesting thing is that we always find ourselves discovering new and interesting things about the people who make up our congregation. Thanks to our main cooks Maria Burniston and Joyce Owusu and all those

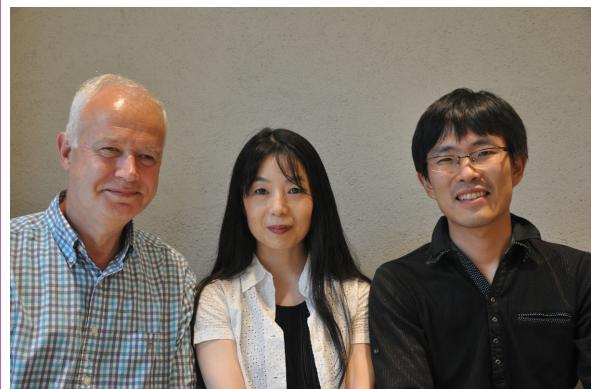


who helped with preparing food and with washing up afterwards! As always, Annie Bryan's ginger beer vanished as soon as it arrived on the table!



Japan

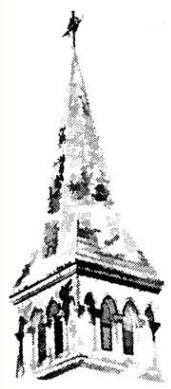
One of the highlights of our trip to Japan was the chance to meet Yuki Ihara, the celebrated international organist who is well known to many of us here at St James'. Newly married to Sebastian, an Anglican priest, Yuki now lives just outside Hiroshima and divides her time between teaching and performing. I am glad to say she has accepted my invitation to come and play the opening recital on the newly rebuilt organ at St James' which we expect to be ready as part of the William Lambe 450th anniversary celebrations in 2020.



Organ

We have now received two reports from organ builders anxious, as we are, to preserve our organ in good shape well into the future. Sadly major repairs are necessary and these are specialist tasks which are extremely expensive. With the help of Christopher Batchelor our organ adviser we hope to be able to recommend a plan which will also be acceptable to the Diocese whose permission we need for this work.





Black History Sunday

On October 21st we give thanks for the huge contribution the African and West Indian communities have made to the life of the Church. We will hear some of the story of their arrival in England and at 10am we will be singing some of the music that is part of their tradition. The hymns have been chosen by Maria Flavius.

Diary Dates

Sunday 21st October TRINITY 21/BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am

12noon Baptism of Parker Gillman

Wednesday 24th October 7.30pm PCC Meeting at the Vicarage.

Saturday 27th October Clocks go back an hour.

Sunday 28th October ST SIMON & ST JUDE Masses at 8am and 10am

NOVEMBER

Sunday 4th November ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Mass at 8am , All Age Mass at 10am.

Tuesday 6th November 7.30pm Islington Deanery Synod at St James'

Sunday 11th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am .

6.30pm Evening Prayer to mark the end of the 1st World War, finishing with the ringing of the bells as part of the national celebration at 7.05pm.

Tuesday 13th November 8.30-10.30am Deanery Chapter to include breakfast

Sunday 18th November 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Masses at 8am and 10am.

7.30pm Concert by Gisella Meyer and friends

Sunday 25th November CHRIST THE KING Masses at 8am and 10am to include First Holy Communions.

Data Projector and Screen

At last the new audio visual hardware has arrived in Church and we look forward to it being fully wired and ready for use at the Deanery Synod meeting at the beginning of November. The screen was so heavy it took a team of men to lift it into Church! Most of the cost has been given by the Richard Cledesley Trust to whom we express our very real thanks.



Remembrance Sunday

This takes on a special character this year as we remember the silencing of the guns on November 11th 1918. In addition to the usual morning memorial we are also holding a short prayer vigil at 6.30pm when we will remember, through poetry and contemporary reminiscences, the sacrifice of so many for our freedom. This will be followed at 7.05pm by the ringing of the Church bells, part of the national programme of celebrations to mark the end of the First World War.

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Dont' Forget

....clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 28th October!