



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

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## Study Leave

As announced, the bishop has granted Fr John a period of study leave which he will take in small segments throughout this year and the beginning of next. It is 17 years since he had such an opportunity to stand back from parish ministry! The next period will be directly after Easter.

## Exhibitions

The introduction of hanging rails in the north and south aisles last year enables St James' to mount occasional art exhibitions. Those in 2018, undertaken by pupils at New North Road Academy were very well received. After Easter Jane Bolden, resident in Coleman Fields, is staging a series of abstract pieces under the title 'Studio Shapes and City Landscapes'. Later in May four artists (including Ken Thompson's wife, Margaret) will present a very large show which will open as part of the Islington Proms Fringe.

## Review of the Year

The powerpoint that FrJohn used for the 'Review of the year' during his sermon on 7th April ahead of the AGM will be available on the website soon on the 'Joining In' page.

## AGM

There was a pretty good turn out for the Parish AGM on Sunday 7th April. It seemed strange having the meeting in Lent but that was because Easter is exceptionally late this year. During the meeting Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet were re-elected as Churchwardens and Kerri Allen was re-elected to the PCC, continuing her role as Communications Officer.

The main topic was the proposal to rebuild the organ. After 30 years when almost nothing has been done to the instrument, the PCC commissioned a series of reports which highlighted a number of technical faults as well as some improvements that could enhance the quality of the sound. The most radical of these is the turning of the pipework by 90 degrees so that it gives better support to the congregation. Four proposals were considered by the small PCC subcommittee and Paul Mortier of MPOS, Swindon was chosen for this work as he was not only able to restore the historical pipe organ but also had the ability to introduce some digital stops which would greatly improve the flexibility of the organ as part of the growth of our music ministry. The AGM overwhelmingly affirmed this proposal and the details will be taken to the PCC meeting on 23rd May. The aim is to have the work completed in time for the 450th anniversary of William Lamb in 2020.

**St. James' Church Islington**  
warmly invites you to attend

### Studio Shapes/City Landscapes

an exhibition of  
collages and paintings  
by Jane Bolden

23 April to 10 May 2019

Private View: Tuesday 23 April 6 - 8pm

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## Diary Dates

### April

#### Thursday 18th - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper, followed by the stripping of the altars and Vigil to 10pm.

#### Friday 19th - GOOD FRIDAY

2pm Liturgy for Good Friday in pictures and with hymns

**Sunday 21st - EASTER DAY** Mass at 8am. The **10am PARISH MASS** will include the lighting of the new fire and procession into Church and will be followed by the traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

**Monday 22nd to Monday 6th May** Fr John on study leave (see below).

#### Tuesday 23rd to Sunday 12th May

'Studio Shapes and City Landscapes', Art exhibition in Church by Jane Bolden

**Thursday 25th** 1pm Visit to Paul Mortier, organ builder in Swindon.

**Sunday 28th - EASTER 2** Masses at 8am and 10 am (Fr Stephen).

### May

**Wednesday 1st** - 6.30-8.30pm City Road Basin, development and evolution 1820-2019, talk given by Giles Eyre of the Canal Boat Trust. Church Hall.

**Saturday 4th** - 1.30pm Wedding of Duncan Carrington and Lucy Tallentire by Bp Robert Springett.

**Sunday 5th EASTER 3** Masses at 8am and 10am (Fr Stephen).

**Sunday 12th EASTER 4** Masses at 8am and 10am.

**Sunday 19th EASTER 5** Masses at 8am and 10am

3pm First performance by the new **St James' Orchestra** (formerly the North London Charity Orchestra) in Church.

## Islington Proms

The 2019 Islington Proms season will be held between 1-15th June. The programme is bigger than ever:

### Art Exhibition

#### Tuesday 14th May to Saturday 15th June

'Take 4 Artists': Works by Brian Innes, John Ollie, Margaret Thompson and Annie Williams will be on show on the walls of the Church. Other works will feature as part of an AV presentation.

### Concerts

#### Saturday 1st June

4pm - Pocket Prom in the Vicarage Garden, 1a Arlington Square. Operatic solos followed by instrumentals by the Marama Café Band

#### Sunday 2nd June

7pm - 'Anthony Hill Memorial Concert': Mihai Ritivoiu, piano and Yohanna Prodinova, cello. Works by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Anthony Herschel Hill & Cesar Franck.

9pm - Dame Emma Kirkby and Dowland Works perform early English songs.

#### Saturday 8th June

7.30pm - Pocket Sinfonia play Haydn's Symphony No. 102 and Greig's Holberg Suite.

#### Sunday 9th June

7pm Yalda Davies, solo cello. Prokofiev solo cello sonata, Bloch's cello suite No. 1, Telemann Fantasia and Bach's Suite in C Major.

#### Friday 14th June

7pm Yoon Chung introduces some of the best of Islington's younger instrumentalists in the annual Islington Youth Prom

#### Saturday 15th June

7.30pm Insieme perform Mozart's short opera Bastien and Bastienne.

### Islington Proms fringe

**Wednesday 5th June** - 7.30pm Prof. Paul Hills, Courtauld Institute: Illustrated talk on Giotto's fresco cycle *The Life of Christ* in Padua.

**Friday 7th June** - 7.30pm Nicola Hogg and friends 'In Concert'.

**Monday 10th June** - 'Talk to the Writers': Islington authors Hilly Janes, Barnaby Phillips and Terry Stiasny talk about their recent books. Chaired by Clive Myrie.

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