

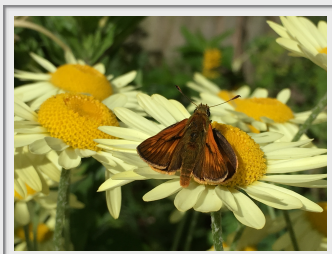
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National Gardens Scheme

Despite all the new activities, Maria is again opening up the Vicarage garden as part of the Arlington Square group. As usual we would be enormously grateful for any practical help serving refreshments. We also hope to be able to serve home-made cake so if anyone could help with that please let us know. The cake always runs out before the end of the afternoon! The side gate opens for business at 1.30pm on Sunday 9th June.



Art in Church

The new hanging rails have really come into their own this month with two major exhibitions. The first by Jane Bolden (see photos right) featured a series of stunning abstracts. The second by 4 local artists including Ken Thompson's wife Margaret, come in different mediums from watercolour and oil paints to engraving, cardboard collages and images captured on the new screen (see photos on next page). Well worth finding time to look at.

Organ

The decision made at the Parish AGM in April to go ahead with the rebuilding of our organ was only one stage of a very complicated proposal. Throughout the Spring a small PCC working party has been working hard to assess all the options available, with the help of advisers from the Diocese. But the physical task of turning the pipework by 90 degrees - which will make the most difference to the final sound - is by no means straightforward. It has not been helped by the recent departure of the organ builder for Singapore where he is completing the restoration of the Cathedral organ there. Please pray that all the various bits of the jigsaw will come together in time to be approved by not only our PCC but also the Diocese, and that we can find the funding to make it all possible.



Diary Dates

May

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

5pm First performance of the St James' Orchestra in Church playing popular classical works in aid of London Cares

Thursday 23rd - 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Major topic: the organ refurbishment.

Sunday 26th - EASTER 6 Masses at 8am and 10am to include the Baptism of Nylah Lawrence.
12noon - Baptism of Bow Wheatley

Tuesday 28th - 7.30pm Open Discussion on redevelopment of St James' Gardens, Prebend Street. At Vicarage.

June

Saturday 1st - 4pm Pocket Prom

Sunday 2nd - ASCENSION SUNDAY
Mass at 8am and All Age Mass at 10am during which Nicolah Hogg will perform one of her songs being sung at her Proms fringe concert on 7th June
7pm Anthony Hill Memorial Concert
9.15pm Early Music Later

Monday 3rd Ven Liz Adekunle discusses the possibility of adding St James' to the Listed Buildings Register

Wednesday 5th - 7.30pm Giotto in Padua (Proms Fringe event)

Friday 7th - 7.30pm Nicola Hogg and Friends

Saturday 8th - 7.30pm Masterpieces in Miniature

Sunday 9th - PENTECOST Masses at 8am and 10am.

1pm Vicarage garden open as part of National Gardens Scheme

7pm The cello alone



Take 4 Artists

Left: The four artists exhibiting at St James'

Below left: Hanging in progress

Below right: Some of the artwork on display



ISLINGTON PROMS 2019

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Unless otherwise stated, all events take place in St James' Church, Prebend Street, London N1 8QH

13 May–17 June, daily Art at St James'
Exhibition of works by local artists Margaret Thompson, John Olley, Brian Innes and Annie Williams. Admission free.

Sat 1 June, 4pm Pocket Prom
An afternoon of al fresco music in the vicarage garden (1a Arlington Square, N1 7DS) – operatic favourites by soprano Natasha Day, plus jazz, tangos, musette and folk tunes by the Marama Cafe Band. Admission £10.

Sun 2 June, 7pm Anthony Hill Memorial Concert
Romanian pianist Mihai Ritivoiu and Bulgarian-Canadian cellist Yoanna Prodanova play Beethoven, César Franck, Shostakovich, and Herschel Hill. Tickets £15/concessions £12.

Sun 2 June, 9.15 Early music later
A special late-evening performance of music for voices and lutes by Dowland Works, a group of early music specialists which includes the internationally acclaimed soprano Emma Kirkby. Tickets: £15/12.
Double ticket for both 2 June concerts: £20/16.

Wed 5 June, 7.30 Giotto in Padua
An illustrated exploration of early Renaissance art by Paul Hills, Emeritus Professor at the Courtauld Institute, focusing on Giotto's frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. Admission free.

Season ticket for all events: £70/concessions £55
Tickets from Pophams Bakery, 19 Prebend Street, London N1 8PF
Dots the Camden Music Shop, 132 St Pancras Way, London NW1 9NB
online from www.eventbrite.co.uk or on the door

Fri 7 June, 7.30 Nicola Hogg and Friends
Singer/songwriter Nicola Hogg learned her trade busking on the London Underground. Now she is a recording artist and has performed at Glastonbury. Tickets £8 (£5 in advance)

Sat 8 June, 7.30 Masterpieces in Miniature
Pocket Sinfonia play polished chamber arrangements of orchestral works, including Haydn's Symphony No 102, arr. Hummel, and the quartet's own arrangement of Grieg's *Holberg Suite*. Tickets £15/12.

Sun 9 June, 7pm The cello alone
Yalda Davies plays Prokofiev's solo cello sonata, Bloch's Cello Suite No. 1, a Fantasia by Telemann and Bach's Suite in C Major. Tickets £15/12.

Mon 10 June, 7.30 Islington Authors
Local writers Hilly Janes, Terry Stiastry and Barnaby Phillips discuss their recent books in a conversation chaired by the BBC's Clive Myrie. Admission free.

Fri 14 June, 7pm Youth Prom
A showcase for the neighbourhood's most talented young musicians. Tickets £5, children free.

Sat 15 June, 7.30 Opera on Prebend Street
Chamber opera group Insieme return to St James' to present A Musical Evening that includes a fully-staged production of Mozart's early comic opera *Bastien and Bastienne*. Tickets £18/14.

Knight Frank

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Diary Dates (continued)

June

Monday 10th - 7pm Islington Authors
(Prom Fringe event)

Friday 14th - 7pm Youth Prom

Saturday 15 - 7.30pm Opera on
Prebend Street

Sunday 16th - TRINITY SUNDAY

Masses at 8am and 10am.

*Fr John on Retreat at Launde Abbey,
Leicester to Wednesday evening.*



A compelling depiction of the Life of Christ: Giotto's frescos in Padua

Illustrated talk by Prof Paul Hills

Emeritus Professor of Renaissance Art, Courtauld Institute, London

7.30pm Wednesday 5th June 2019

St James' Church, Prebend Street N1 7DS

Free Entry Drinks available

2019 Islington Proms Fringe

As well as a programme of excellent concerts there are three 'Fringe' events this year. The first, on Wednesday 5th June, is a talk on the Giotto by the distinguished Renaissance art scholar Professor Paul Hills, a member of the 8am congregation. His talk will be illustrated. Entrance is free and there will be refreshments available. The contemporary music artist Nicolah Hogg, a local resident but also a performer at Glastonbury, joins friends for a gig here on Friday 7th. Finally three local authors discuss their work under the chairmanship of Clive Myrie of the BBC. A free event, refreshments will be available during the book signing.