



**ST JAMES'  
CHURCH  
ISLINGTON**

**ANNUAL  
REVIEW  
2020**

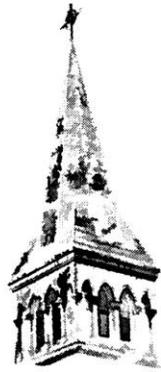


## 2019 - ALL ABOUT BREXIT AND THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION



On 2 April 2019, Theresa May announced she would seek a further extension to the Article 50 process and offered to meet Jeremy Corbyn to agree a deal that could win the support of MPs.

On 12 December 2019, the new leader of the Conservative Party, Boris Johnson won a majority in the UK General Election and reaffirmed his commitment to 'get Brexit done' by 31 December 2020.



## Church of England suspends all services over coronavirus



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Church of England has suspended all services until further notice, saying it must become "a different sort of church in these coming months".

**DUE TO THE CURRENT  
OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

**ALL CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF LONDON  
ARE NOW CLOSED.**

**PLEASE USE THE PHONE  
FOR ALL PASTORAL ENQUIRIES.**

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**Please let Fr John know of any who are ill  
or in practical need of help with shopping**

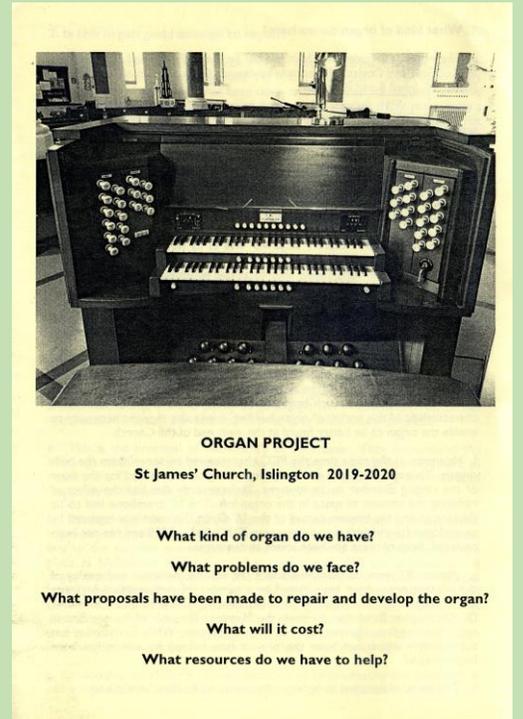
This is the story from April 2019 to October 2020, eighteen months in the life of St James' Church as we coped with Coronavirus...

At the 2019 AGM the final shape of the Organ Project was discussed. Scaled down from the original design but with plans for a new extension into the south aisle to allow the re-voiced combination (pipe and digital) organ to be better heard in the Church, there was overwhelming support for the project to be taken to the next stage of development at a cost of £207,000.

With £150,000 available via the William Lambe legacy, we were then delighted to hear that we had also been awarded a £50,000 grant from the Cloudesley Trust.



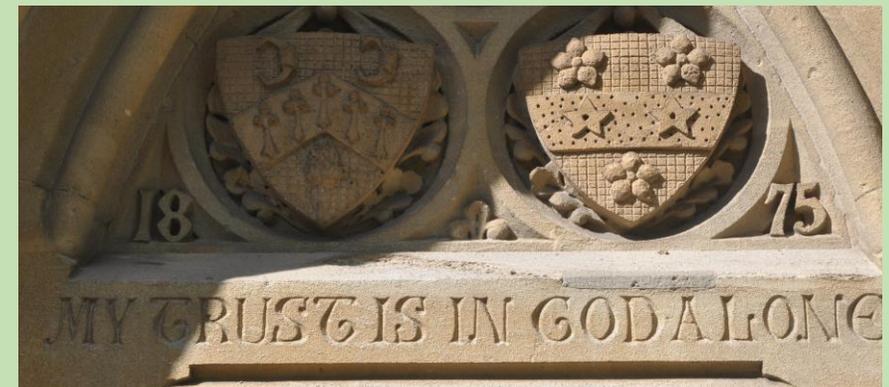
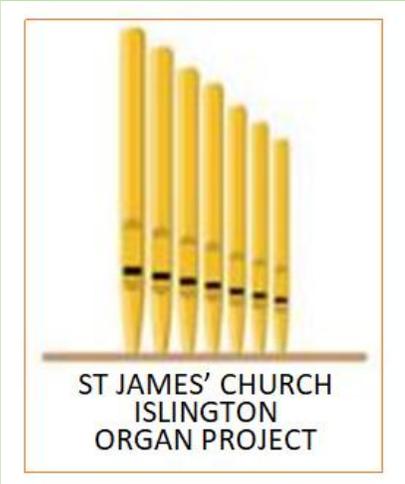
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ORGAN PROJECT



For over three years the PCC and the Organ Project subcommittee had debated whether it might be possible to complete the project by June 21st 2020.

A festival week-end (including 'Lambe's Feast') was designed to mark the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Lambe's term as Master of the Clothworkers Company in 1570. It was the Clothworkers who built this Church in 1875 as part of their patronage of St James' (old and new) which lasted from 1580 until 1990.

But this ambitious plan depended on approval by the PCC, the Diocesan Advisory Committee - and any parishioner who wished to object.





As part of the redecoration of the Church four new hanging rails had been installed. The first major art exhibition in 2019 was by Jane Bolden of Coleman Fields. Her private viewing was very well attended. She hopes to return to St James' with three other artists in 2021.



No sooner was Jane's exhibition completed than four members of the Islington Art Club hung their work as part of the Fringe to the 2019 Islington Proms.

**Brian Innes    Annie Williams**  
**Margaret Thompson    John Olley**

St James' Church Prebend Street N1 8PF  
Tuesday 14th May – Saturday 15th June 10.30 – 5.00pm  
Private View Wednesday 15th May 6.30 – 8.30pm



*Margaret Thompson*



*Brian Innes*

*Annie Williams*



Our relationship with our local schools led to a third major exhibition over the summer – by students at Richard Cloudesley School and their colleagues at John Dewey College in Wood Green. A number of the pictures were sold.



Our eighth Proms season – and one of the very best!

# ISLINGTON PROMS

SPONSORED BY KNIGHT FRANK

A FESTIVAL OF  
**Music  
Art  
Literature**

**1-15 June 2019**  
St James', Prebend Street, N1 8QH

Dame Emma Kirkby...Dowland Works...  
Insieme...Pocket Sinfonia...Mihai Ritivoiu...  
Yoanna Prodanova...Yalda Davis...  
Pocket Sinfonia...Marama Cafe Band...  
Nicola Hogg...Margaret Thompson...  
John Olley...Brian Innes...Annie Williams...  
Paul Hills...Hilly Janes...Terry Stiastry...  
Barnaby Phillips *...details overleaf*

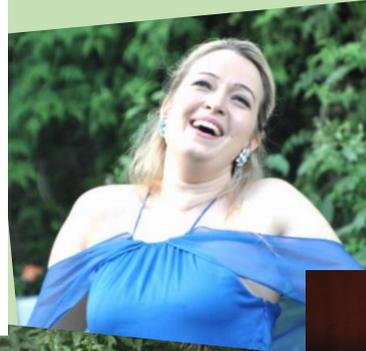
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## ISLINGTON PROMS



*A compelling depiction of the Life of Christ: Giotto's frescoes 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



**ISLINGTON PROMS**

Meet Three Islington authors  
Hilly Janes, Barnaby Phillips and Terry Stiastry discuss recent books  
*(a conversation shared by the BBC's Clive Myrie)*  
7.30pm Monday 10th June 2019  
St James' Church, Prebend Street N1 7DS  
Free Entry Drinks available

Among those we were delighted to welcome into the Church by baptism this year:



*Nylah Lawrence*



*Pearl Wheatley*



*Egon Carter*



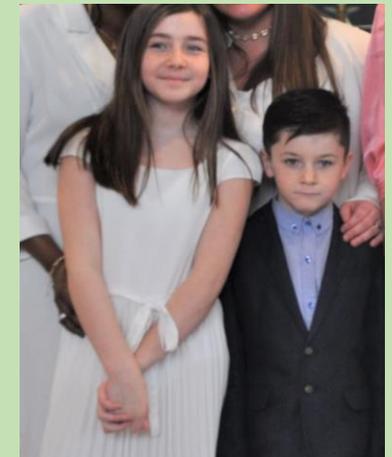
*Harley Paige*



*Evelyn Holtom*



*Eve Jean-Baptiste*



*Kaitlin and Oliver Suksiri*

# ... and to admit 14 adults and children to the Table of the Lord in First Holy Communion



**Making the Sign of the Cross**

Head  
Heart  
Left shoulder  
Right shoulder



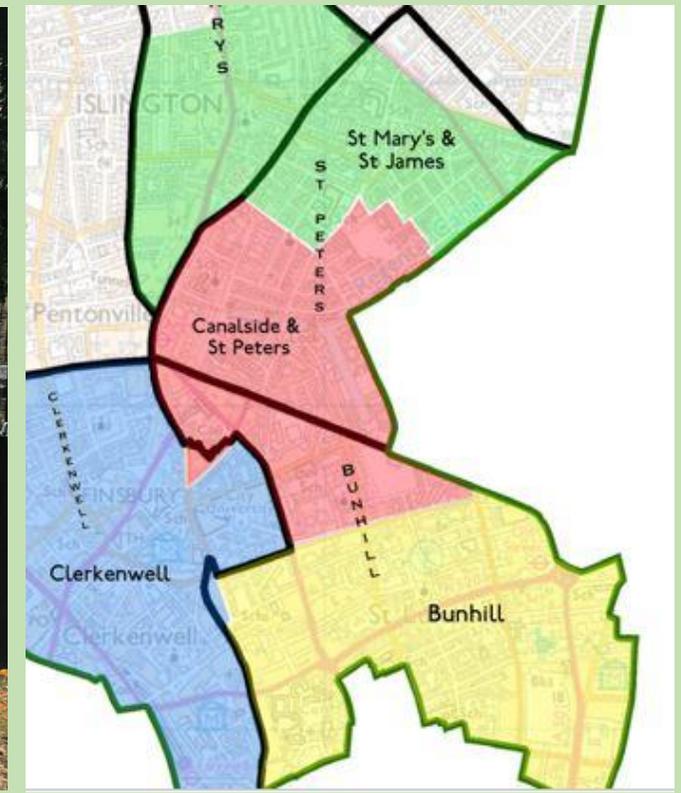
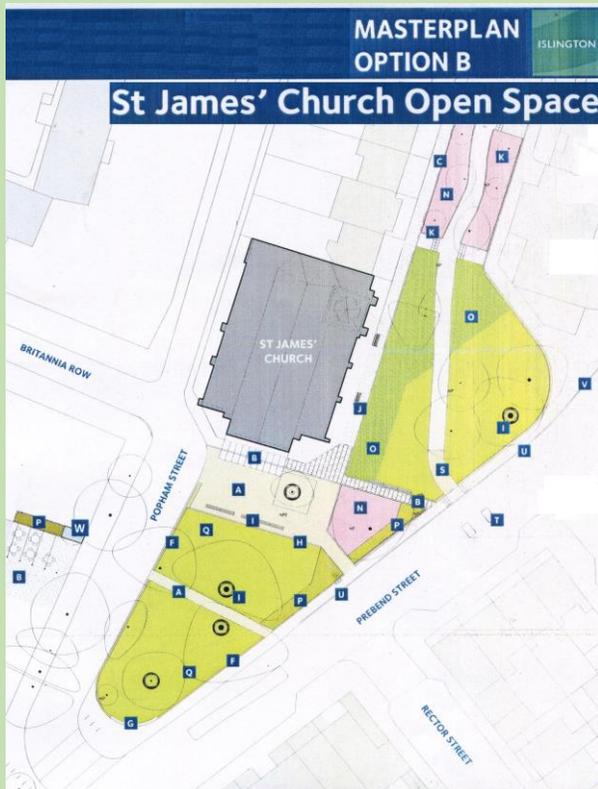
There were some special weddings (home and away) too!





One project that didn't work out in 2019-20:

For some time there have been discussions about improving St James' Gardens. The Council had allocated a small grant towards a major scheme. Newcomer Clem Friry is taking the lead for St James' on this. Sadly local politicians failed to help us squash the absurd ward changes which will cut St Peter's Ward in half.



But we were involved in plenty of other community events:



# Pack-Up

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5		<b>Volunteers</b>			
6		Joyce Owusu			
7	y	Lisa Scadding	y	y	
8	y	Niamh Burns	y	Y	
9	x	Liz Judges	y	Y	
10	x	Hilly Janes	x	X	
11	y	Rod Austen	x	x	
12	late	Dee Austen	x	x	
13		Stephen Thean			
14	x	Lisa Chafel			
15	x	Sue Brown	late	late	
16	early	Kate White	y	x	
17	x	Jennet Eyre	y	x	
18	x	Claire Golding	early?	Y	
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20	late	Toni Parker			
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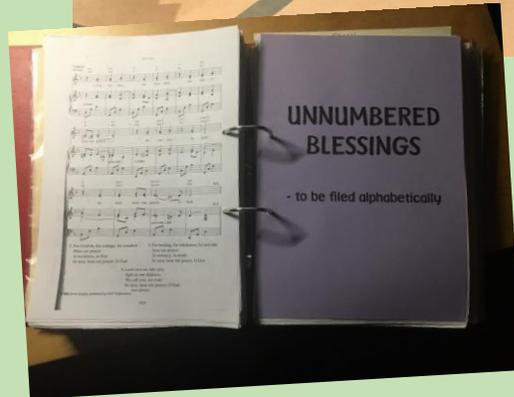


Good food for 35+ each week and a great group of volunteers too

## The regular round of prayer is a team effort



Isabel Nisbet, preacher for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in June.



Now over 200 items in the 2SC music library



'Ashing' at the Angel: being seen in the community



Canon David Bruno from Carlisle covering my retreat in June



Fr Stephen, first port of call for holiday cover and pastoral support

# The regular round of prayer is a team effort, starting in Advent with Christingle



We ran out of Christingle oranges again this year...

For our local schools the tree needs to go up early!



And there is a lot of music here – week by week



St James' Occasional Concert Series



**KRYSZTOF MOSKALEWICZ**

BEETHOVEN - Sonata in Eb op. 27 no 1  
CHOPIN - Etudes (selection)  
CHOPIN - Sonata in B minor op. 58

22nd Sept 2019 7pm  
St James' Church  
Prebend Street London  
N1 8PF

Tickets £5 at the door



# On Christmas Eve we stage the biggest service of the year: the Crib Service



After a series of difficult delays – and demands for further detailed drawings - the Diocesan Advisory Committee finally approved the specification and physical transformation of the organ in January 2020.

The plans were shared at a further congregational meeting in Church on January 26<sup>th</sup> and approved. The 28 day notice for Objections was completed by the end of February 2020. Six letters of concern were received by the Registrar. Two of these sought permission to become ‘party opponent’.



Each year in Unity Week we make a visit to a local major Church with our friends from St John's in Duncan Terrace. This year we went Charterhouse; in 2019 we went to Westminster Abbey.

Our links with neighbouring Anglican parishes has improved markedly this year, especially with St Stephens' in Canonbury and St Mary's, Upper Street .



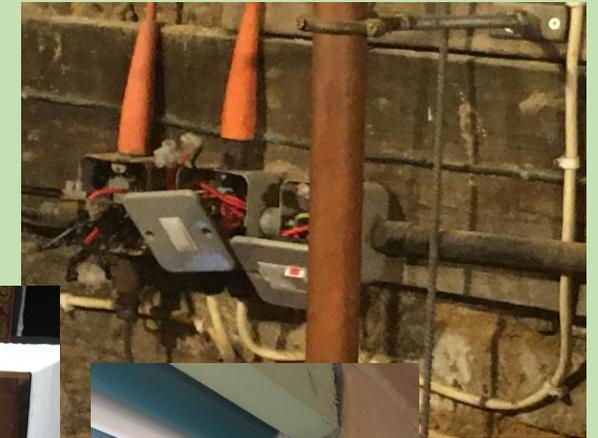
The annual Mardi Gras party in the Church Hall was a bit smaller this year but was still a thoroughly enjoyable event. It is one of the best opportunities for relaxed conversations while the children enjoy being entertained.



Our Sunday School has been one of the great successes of this year. The average of fourteen children in Church each week is testament to the work of Maria, Sinead and Laura who have sometimes found themselves overwhelmed when 17 children and their carers have been at work in the Church Hall. Little did they know that this was going to be doubly demanding after the lock-down in March!



Routine maintenance is never ending but we have also suffered from some petty vandalism and theft. Intruders damaged the gates to the boiler house and interfered with the electrics; and an opportunist thief stole four microphones from a cupboard. More positively the Hall Management Committee has approved the purchase of new tables and chairs, a major renovation of the Hall kitchen and the replacement of the stage curtains. These projects have cost approximately £15,000.





In July Joanne Grenfell was consecrated Bishop of Stepney and in September was welcomed to the Area at a big service in St Mary's, Upper Street. She briefly visited St James' as part of an induction week – and we showed her last year's Annual Review!



The Deanery Synod met here one (cold) evening in December. The Archdeacon also conducted the tri-annual check on all our 'goods and chattels', everything from chalices to insurance policies. On occasions like this we are very grateful that we have Adam as our Administrator - albeit part-time!



It is so easy to take our Church for granted.



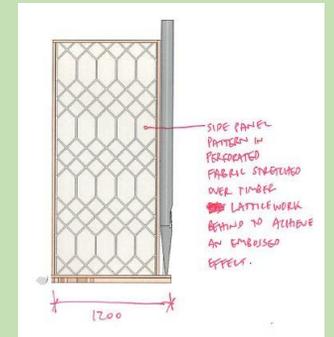
All Age services raising money for overseas



The coffee makers!



Community events



Dreaming dreams



Making music together



Family life



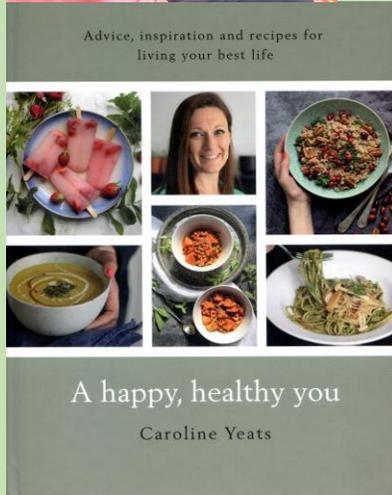
Faith sharing



Entrusting our lives to God

For six months the priority has been trying to maintain our 'Sunday School at Home' which has a membership of 41! Each week craft packets were sent to 25 households - from City Road to Highbury.





Of course our community is much wider than just our young families. Service sheets for the weekly streamed services were distributed weekly to eight older members without internet connections.

Sadly over the last eighteen months we have lost Vicki Simmons, Caroline Yeats, Fr Douglas Bean, Rose Baker, Robert Addington and Jill Hetherington.

Caroline Yeats' untimely death in January at the age of 35 reminded us of the importance of standing alongside one another, in good times and in not such good times.

# Life under Covid-19.



To all clergy

Dear Colleagues,

**Coronavirus COVID-19**



Tuesday 10 March 2020

# During the Pandemic

**St James Church, Islington N1**  
25 subscribers

HOME

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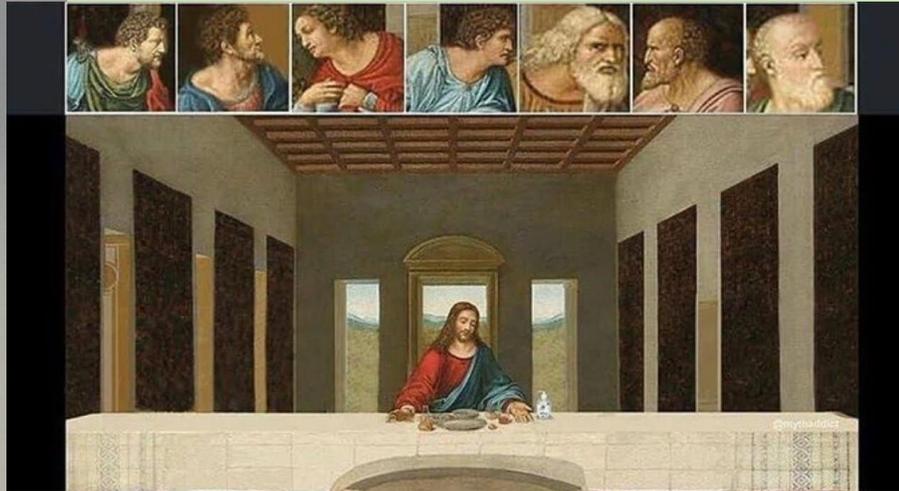
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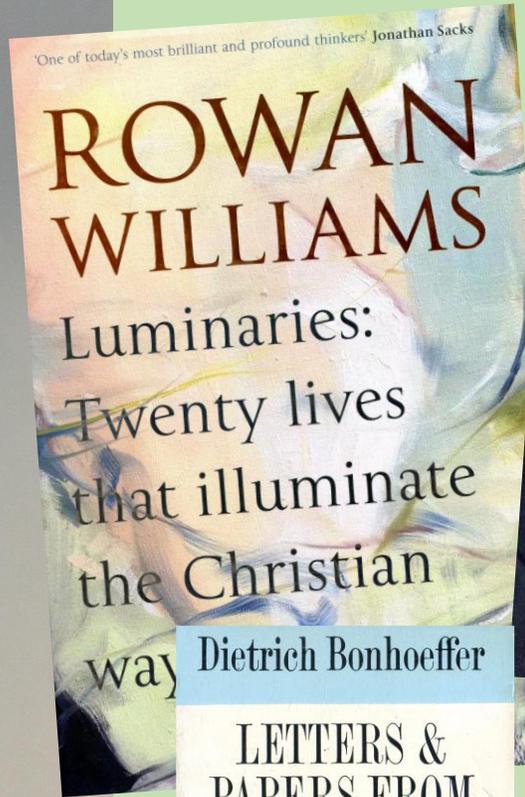


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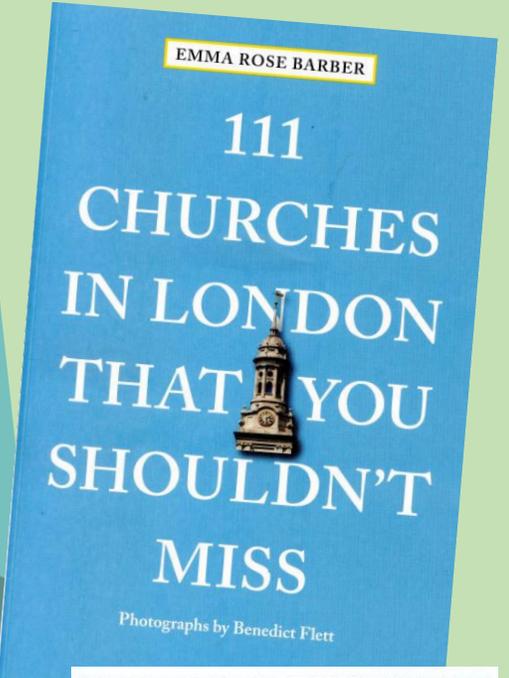
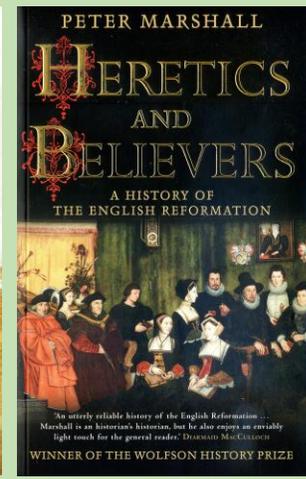
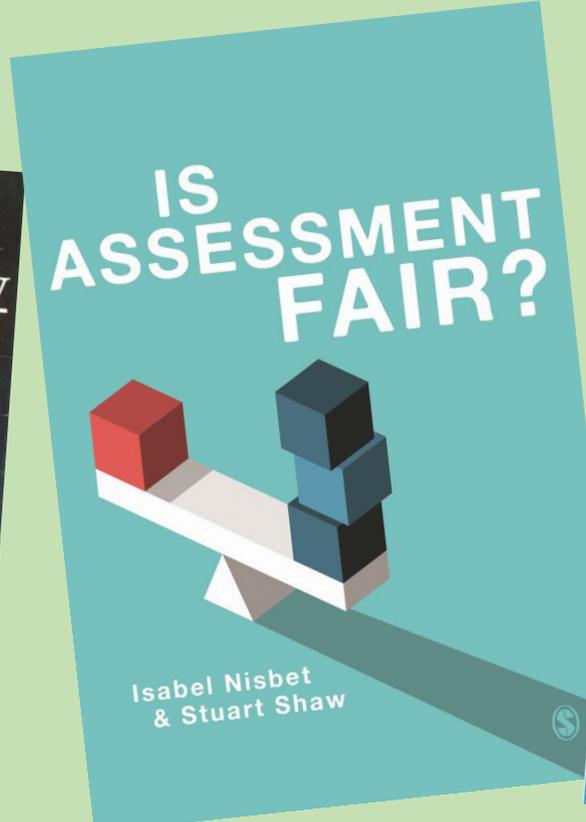
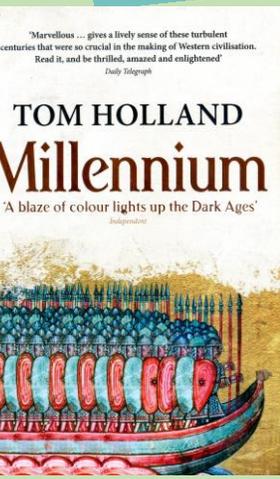
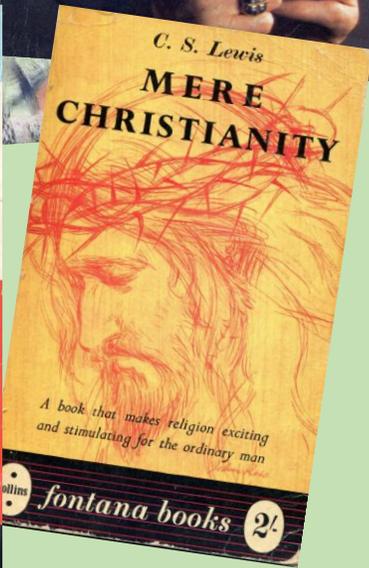
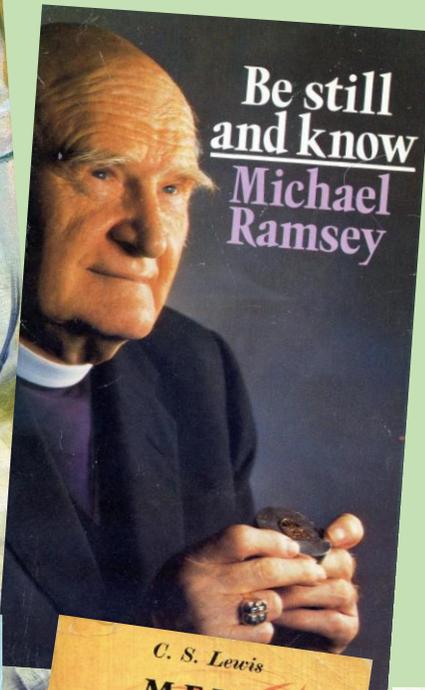
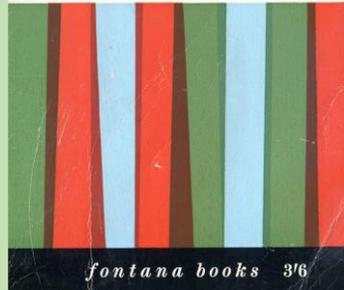
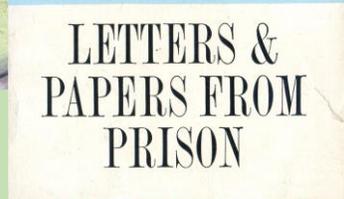


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Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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Thanks to Isabel, Hilary  
and to all our officers  
and key workers...

We believe that God has a special  
purpose for us at St James'  
Islington which we are learning to  
discover – one step at a time.

Every day we discover new ways to  
adapt to these challenging times.

Every day new people are joining  
us and making their home here  
'because of the way we are'...



All that God asks of us is that we remain faithful to the vision he has set before us.