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## newsletter

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Dear All,

We were lucky to have great weather for the two big events of last week-end, the ecumenical visit to Southwark Cathedral and the picnic by the Thames at Greenwich - and again on Sunday for the 'taster' for the 2022 season of the Islington Proms (starting on September 9th), the 'Pocket Prom' in the Vicarage Garden with opera arias and swing jazz playing - for 65! - in the afternoon sunshine.



AND WE CELEBRATED THE PLATINUM JUBILEE ON JULY 5th TOO...

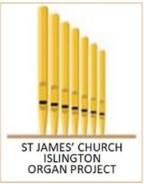


**YET TO COME, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS FOR SIX OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE - AND ALSO MOHAMMAD BAGHERI WHO WAS BAPTISED ON 5th JUNE**



Please pray for Anita Losito, Arnold Carter, Hope Dixey, Matteo Falcioni, Theo Jenkins, Zuri Kasella - and for Mohammad Bagheri - as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass on Sunday 17th July.

**ALSO BEING BAPTISED SHORTLY: SIENNA SHERI JACQUELINE PAYNE**, daughter of Vinney and Louise and sister to Benjy. Sienna's Christening will take place on Sunday 26th June at 10am. Vinny works as a Contracts Manager and Louise is a senior teacher at Blessed Sacrament School in Copenhagen Street.



**AAGH!! YET MORE DELAYS ON THE ORGAN PROJECT** After so many set-backs with completing the organ project over the last four years, it was a great disappointment to learn that the much publicised date for the opening of the new instrument (September 11th) is still too soon. Paul Mortier has not been well this year and



despite pressing on with some very impressive carpentry for the wind chests we only have a provisional new date for the opening - Sunday November 20th. In the meantime we have the first pictures of the console which has had to be adapted to take in the twelve new stops which will make the organ so much more interesting to listen to. Here are the 'before' and 'after' pictures from Renuus in Somerset who have done the clever restoration work for us.



**TWO MORE INVITATIONS!** Sixth form students from Richard Cloudesley School are inviting any

members of the congregation to a tea party next Thursday 23rd at 2pm. This will all be home made and they are very hopeful that a number of us will be able to go. We will also get to see some of the fantastic work the staff do with students, many of whom have multiple learning difficulties. Do let me know if you can come.



**CHURCH CLOSURES** While St James' is normally open 10-6pm every day, it will have to be closed for a couple of weeks from July 25th while the pews are being repaired and re-stained. This is being paid for from the kind bequest of Jill Hetherington and will bring the benches up to the same standard as the rest of the Church.

**ANNUAL LUNCH IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN**

Sunday July 10th 12noon.

For the first time since Covid the chance to be have lunch together. Do bring food and drinks to share!



**Donation to St James**



May God bless every £1 we give so that St James' will be here, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for the future he wants to create.

**Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please keep in touch.**

**John**