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MAY
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Dear All,

There are some months when nothing seems to be happening - and some months when it is all happening! May 2023 at St James' could not be busier!



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON
Dedication of the new organ

5pm Sunday 7th May 2023

CHORAL EVENSONG
Sung by the Corvus Consort
Director: Freddie Crowley

Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Oliver
former Bishop of Stepney

INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITAL
Charles Andrews
Professor of Organ, Royal College of Music
Liturgical Organist, the Temple Church

At last the rebuilding of the organ is finished! Thirteen years since the idea was first discussed, and 443 years since William Lambe's legacy was first given to enable the work to be done, we have managed to transform our rather poor organ into a fine new instrument ready to serve our musical needs in the 21st century. Despite all the difficulties and delays a large team has worked enormously hard - and now is the time to celebrate!

Do come and join with Bishop Stephen Oliver, the Corvus Consort and Professor Charlie Andrews on Sunday May 7th at 5pm for the Dedication. After Evensong there will be a drinks reception and then a fine organ recital during which the new instrument will be put through its paces. Not to be missed!



SUNDAY MAY 14th AT 11.15am Sadly the parish Annual General Meeting had to be postponed from April 23rd as that was the week of Fr John's cornea dystrophy operation. We do hope that there will be a good turn out for the meeting now set for May 14th. The meeting not only includes the election of Churchwardens and members of the Church Council (PCC) but also gives everyone an opportunity to contribute to the debate about the gifts we hope to receive from a new parish priest in 2024. It is good to have several

nominations for PCC membership this year but we are also hoping our younger families will be represented more fully. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church. The meeting will also include the annual pictorial 'Review of the Year'.



Part of the discussions will take us back to the 'Time to Dream' consultations we began last year, asking what kind of Church we want to be in these coming years? What are our new aims and priorities now that the structural and physical renewal of all our buildings has been completed? How can we enable people to grow in faith and grow in confidence in sharing the Good News more effectively in our community? How can we support our children too. All these issues will need to be included in the 'Parish Profile designed to attract a new Vicar.



SUNDAY MAY 21st AT 10am PARISH CONFIRMATIONS We are so pleased that eight members of our congregation have been preparing to be Confirmed this year. Confirmation marks their commitment to 'stepping up' into adult leadership roles in the parish and we do hope that you will be able to be in St James' on the 21st to support them on their special day. Please pray for:

Mohammad Bagheri, Thomas G., Karenza Greenaway, Eva Kasella, Rebecca Lee, Jade Nicholson, Anneke Pol and Belle Williams



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WHAT WILL YOU DO? Thank you to all who have begun to respond to this question! Among the most recent offers is one from Thomas G. who wants to develop our parish website to be more up to date and 'on message'. The other offer has come from Sergio and Cecy Munoz who would like to train to become Eucharistic Ministers. EM Training is a four hour session and I am offering to do this over the week-ends of either 27-28th May OR 3-4th June. Please can you let me know asap if you would like to join this group.



SUMMARY OF DATES in May and June:

- MAY 7** Masses at 8am and 10am. 5pm Choral Evensong and Dedication of the new organ followed by a Drinks Reception and Recital.
- MAY 14** Masses at 8am and 10am. 11.15am Annual AGM together with the election of Officers, Discussion and Review of the Year
- MAY 21** *ASCENSION SUNDAY* Masses at 8am, and at 10am **PARISH MASS and CONFIRMATIONS** with Bishop Joanne Grenfell, to include an opportunity for our young people to quiz her on what a bishop does!

Also

MAY

Wednesday 10th	11.30am	Funeral of Sarah Lawrence (Mary Street)
Saturday 13th	2.15pm	Wedding Blessing of Josiah Ackerman and Natalie Padua
Sunday 14th	7pm	Noah Max and Echo, concert
Tuesday 16th	10am	Proms Committee meeting
Sunday 28th	10am	Baptism of Constance Clarke

JUNE

Thursday 1-14th		Fr John and Maria away in Pisa
Sunday 18th	2-5pm	National Garden open in Arlington Square incl. the Vicarage
Monday 19th	7pm	Churchwardens swearing-in, St John's in Hackney

Please do keep in touch!

Best wishes as ever,
John

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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.