

St James'

January 2024

Services for the coming month

Sunday 7 January	First Sunday after Epiphany 8am Mass (Fr Stephen) and 10am Parish Mass (Fr Stephen) No Sunday School.
Sunday 14 January	Second Sunday after Epiphany 8am (Fr Stephen) and 10am Mass (Fr Jim).
Sunday 21 December	Third Sunday after Epiphany 8am (a priest from St Mary's, Upper Street) and 10am Mass (Fr Jim).
Sunday 28 January	Third Sunday before Lent 8am (a priest from St Mary's, Upper Street) and 10am Mass (Fr Jim).

Other dates for your diary

Wednesday 17 January 7.30pm PCC meeting with the Archdeacon.

See the calendar on the website for concerts and other dates.

News and Notices

Parish Profile: An enormous amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to prepare the Parish Profile for St James'. This is a document that is essentially our marketing material for attracting our future vicar. The Profile should be complete by the middle of January when the PCC next meets. Our Archdeacon, Peter Farley-Moore, will be joining the PCC for that meeting to discuss the best future arrangements for St James' and the timetable for the selection process.

Sunday School: Many thanks to Lucy Haire for leading the Sunday School during Advent. Their final performance of Silent Night on the Third Sunday in Advent was brilliant, and we all learned a bit of Makaton signing to boot! As we move forward into the Interregnum period, we need to decide whether we can keep Sunday School running and, if so, how. The PCC are looking at the possibility of buying in resources, and we will be holding a meeting for parents of children attending Sunday school during January to see if a rota of helpers might be possible. Please contact the Churchwardens, Hilary and Isabel, if you have any ideas or want to discuss this further.

Bishop of Islington: It was an enormous pleasure to have Bishop Ric, the Bishop of Islington, lead our worship on the 17 December. We hope he will be able to join us again at some point in the new year. Hope Dixey, to her great delight, had the honour of trying on his mitre!

Carol Service: Held on 17 December, this service was really well attended – we almost ran out of service booklets! Many thanks to Cantallini for their wonderful music and to the helpers who provided mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Also, many thanks to Fr Jim who hot-footed it back to London in time to lead the service.

PackUp: The Christmas lunch was, once again, a huge success. Unfortunately, Toni Parker was suffering from the flu, but fully masked up she made sure that everything was set up, turkeys in the oven and the volunteers doing the amazing job that they do before leaving them to it to avoid spreading germs! Five large turkeys with all the trimmers were cooked, a trolley bore a huge selection of deserts, crackers, a raffle and a goody bag was provided



for everyone full of toiletries and treats. Toni says 'As ever, we are so grateful for the support that we receive from St James', the Arlington Association, Charles Landau Dentistry, Islington Council and Clarion Housing. Happy New Year!'



Parish Office and contact details during the Interregnum: The Parish office is now located in the Hall. If you want to contact the team, including the Churchwardens, during the next few months, please email admin@stjamesislington.org - this email address will be monitored and messages forwarded on to the appropriate person. The contact phone number is 07852 390 266. Please do not call the Vicarage landline number.

If you would like to talk to a priest, or to discuss holding a wedding, funeral or baptism at St James', please use the same contact details, and we shall get back to you as soon as we can.

IT help wanted! Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Sergio and Cecy, who will shortly be moving out of their flat in the basement of the Vicarage. We wish them well for the future. Among other things, their departure means that we are short of IT-savvy people who can set up our streaming link at 10am services. At present, this responsibility falls largely on Adam, our organist. If you feel you could help, even occasionally, do contact Hilary or Isabel and they will put you in touch with Adam.