

St James'

February 2024

Services for the coming month

Sunday 4th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

8am Mass (Fr Toby) and 10am Parish Mass (Rev Jeremy Hobson)

No Sunday School.

Sunday 11th February

Sunday before Lent

8am (Fr Toby) and 10am Parish Mass (Archdeacon of Hackney, Peter Farley-Moore).

No Sunday School.

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

9am Mass, with Imposition of Ashes (Fr Jim)

Sunday 18th February

First Sunday in Lent

8am (Fr Toby) and 10am Parish Mass (Fr Jim).

No Sunday School.

Sunday 25th February

Second Sunday in Lent

8am (Fr Toby) and 10am Parish Mass (Fr Jim).

Sunday School: first Sunday of Lent project (see below)

Dates for your diary

Sunday 11 February: (after the 10am Mass) Discussion with the Archdeacon about future plans for St James'

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday – 9am at St James'. 12 noon and 7.30pm at St Mary's Upper Street

Wednesday 21th February 7.30pm PCC meeting.

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

News and Notices

Meeting the Archdeacon: Sunday 11 February – please come if you can!

The Archdeacon of Hackney, Peter Farley-Moore, will be leading our worship at 10am on Sunday 11 February. After the service, the Archdeacon has agreed to have a discussion with the congregation about future plans for St James'. This is an important opportunity to be involved in planning for our future, so please note this date and do come if you possibly can.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 14 February

In previous years we have had an opportunity on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday for people to be signed with ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. This year we are offering a morning Mass (at 9am) on Ash Wednesday itself, and we hope that those who are available then will come. We do realise that many will have work commitments then, but there are Ash Wednesday services at 12 noon and 7.30pm at St Mary's. Upper Street, and their Vicar, Rev James Hughesdon, would be pleased to welcome members of St James' to either service.

Sunday School

Following the successful Sunday school project on the Christmas carol *Silent Night* in December, another will commence on Sunday 25 February, this time focusing on Bach's *Passion Chorale*. Children and young people will be able to enjoy a series of sessions involving music, stories, art and reflection at 10am each Sunday in St James's Hall, culminating in the children singing, playing and signing the chorale in church on Passion Sunday, 17th March.

Everyone is very welcome. For more information, please speak to Lucy Haire or our church wardens, Isabel and Hilary.

Meanwhile, tables are now being put out in the side aisle (in the carpeted area) with materials for colouring etc. We are seeking out more and better materials for this and all suggestions and offers of help would be gratefully received (speak to one of the churchwardens).

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! Having had to say goodbye to Sergio and Cecy, who have moved out of their flat in the basement of the Vicarage, 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. We have had one stalwart volunteer to help, but if you would feel you could help, even occasionally, please let Hilary or Isabel know.

Second Sunday choir: We want to continue with a choir on the second Sunday of each month, but we would welcome new members. What is involved is meeting for a practice about 45 minutes before the service and singing a short anthem after the Communion, as well as the other music in the 10am service. You should be able to read music, but no audition and all welcome. If you're interested, just let Isabel know (via admin@stjamesislington.org).