

The Revd Canon Peter Vannozzi



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Introducing Revd Peter Vannozzi

Revd Vannozzi was born in Hanwell, west London. He trained for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, in 1983. Before coming to St James's, he was Vice-Dean and Canon Pastor at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Wakefield. Before that he was vicar of a parish in Dulwich for eight years and before that he had been a vicar in Northwood Hills. He has had two curacies, the first in Kenton and the other one as curate-in-charge in Fleet in Hampshire. He has also trained three curates (two of whom were women), been Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and a Reader Training Tutor. He had also been a Governor of a school in challenging circumstances.

Appointment and induction

The Revd Peter Vannozzi was instituted by the Bishop of Kensington and inducted by the Archdeacon of Middlesex at St James's on Tuesday 20th March, 2007. The April edition of the Spire magazine reported: *"There was an atmosphere of quiet excitement in the crowded church as we watched the formal procession of servers, choir, clergy, the patron, our new vicar, the archdeacon, wardens, bishop and chaplain enter through the West Porch entrance. In the service, the presentation of the Revd Canon Peter Vannozzi to Bishop Michael by Archdeacon Stephan was followed by Bishop Michael's sermon. Peter's tolling of the church bell signified the beginning of his new ministry. Our happy formal welcome of our new vicar was followed by the peace and the eucharist. After the moving solemnity of the ceremony, there was a splendid party in the hall with refreshments worthy of the occasion. It all made for a most memorable evening. Welcome Peter!"*

Significant developments during Revd Vannozzi's incumbency

An ECO Group was set up in 2007 to encourage and co-ordinate environmental awareness in parish life, both as a congregation and as individuals. The PCC honoured its commitment to switch to a renewable energy supply during the summer 2011 and in 2014 the church heating system was completely replaced with new boilers for both the church and hall, and the replacement of pipe work and radiators in the church. St James's started selling Fairtrade goods after the All Age communion on the first Sunday of the month during 2010 and gained Fairtrade status in 2012.

St James's Ark, a new group for carers and toddlers, opened for all pram-pushers: mums, dads, grandparents, carers and under-fives was started in September 2009 by Revd Debbie Oades who became a non-stipendiary curate in October 2008.

Welcome cards and visiting cards were made and put in every pew, information leaflets were created and put on a new communications/information table, located near the west entrance. Here were also located copies of the Spire magazine, information about Planned Giving, laminated information cards about the different areas in the church, children's quiz sheets, the welcome and visiting cards, and anything else to help communicate information about the church. The church website celebrated its tenth anniversary in July 2010, just after all the parish magazines had been scanned and added to it.



The information table

New service booklets were made specially for each liturgical season, with the covers in the appropriate colour for that season, as Revd Vannozi wanted to make more of the changes within the Christian Year. [Illustrated service booklets](#) were made for the All Age Communion Services with photographs and explanations of each part of the service, mainly for the youngsters, but apparently very helpful for all ages. When the first 'in-house' produced, but professionally printed, Spire magazine, with full colour on both the front and back pages, was published in October 2008 a number of changes occurred at the same time.



The prayer corner

proved to be too cold and damp and unuseable as such. It was therefore turned into a very useful storage room with fitted shelves.

In January 2012, a group of volunteers began meeting to plan for St James's 150th anniversary year in 2013. Read about the [150th Anniversary](#).

The end of Revd Vannozi's incumbency

The 9.30 am Parish Communion celebrated, not only All Saints' Day, but also Revd Peter Vannozi's last service as vicar at St James's Church, Hampton Hill. It was, indeed a celebration of 8 years, 7 months and 12 days of his incumbency. The December 2015 Spire magazine reported: *"The church was packed on Sunday 1 November for Peter's last service as our vicar. We sang one of Peter's favourite hymns and the choir performed a special piece during communion. At the end of the service, Jacky spoke on behalf of the three curates he has guided through ordination: Debbie Oades, David Bell and herself. Penny Sewell read a poem she had written and Bill Jerman, Executive Headteacher at Hampton Hill Junior School, and Carole Atkinson, a trustee of the Hampton and Hampton Hill Voluntary Care group, paid tribute to Peter's work in the community. The Shell Seekers presented Peter with a card they had made. Lesley Mortimer thanked Richard for his contribution as server. Churchwardens Nick Bagge and Nick Harris presented cards and gifts on behalf of the congregation to thank Peter for his eight-and-a-half years with us. Afterwards there were refreshments in the hall when individuals expressed their own personal thanks and good wishes to Peter for his new parish in Highgate. Peter thanked everyone for their good wishes and paid tribute to the parish. He said not many parishes were as good as St James's and he felt privileged to have served as its vicar."*



Revd Vannozi was installed as Vicar of St Augustine of Canterbury, Highgate, on Monday November 16th 2015.

During the following interregnum church life continued thanks to St James's new curate, Revd Jacky Cammidge and a member of the congregation, retired canon, Revd Julian Reindorp.