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Dear Resident

Proms at St Jude's marks its 30th season in 2022 and we plan to celebrate the occasion with a full concert and literary programme (25th June – 3rd July), details of which will be released in due course. Proms volunteers have raised over £1m for good causes since the festival was founded and will, again, be raising funds for North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall in 2022.

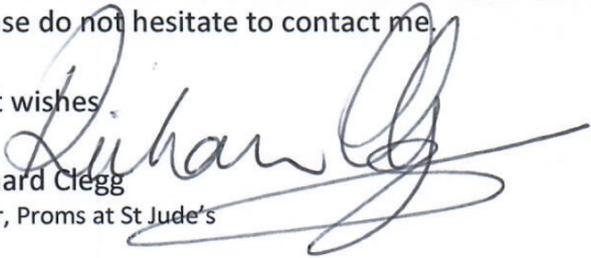
If (as I hope!) you have attended a Proms evening concert, you will know that we have refreshment marquees, which are situated on the church land immediately to the south and west of St Jude's. Concert patrons can purchase food and drink before concerts start and during the interval. The drinks on sale include a limited range of alcoholic drinks (usually a choice of red or white wine, bottled or draught beer and Pimms). Sale proceeds from the refreshments contribute towards our overall charitable giving.

Although St Jude's has a Premises Licence (authorising the sale of alcohol), it is limited to the physical structure of the church and can therefore only be used for functions inside the church. Proms therefore has to apply to the London Borough of Barnet each year for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN), which (as the name suggests) gives temporary permission for the sale of alcohol. As a TEN cannot be for longer than a week (and there must be a 24-hour period between the end of one TEN and the start of a new TEN), we have to apply for 2 x TENS for Proms and set a day during Proms when we only sell non-alcoholic drinks.

In order to dispense with this annual administrative burden (and the inconvenience of having the 24-hour gap between TENS), Proms is applying to London Borough of Barnet for a limited Premises Licence for the church grounds. The application (which will be made under our corporate name, SJP Charity Trust Limited) requires us to advertise the fact of our application on blue notices which are visible to the public. These notices will be put up shortly and that is why I am writing to you now, to allay any concerns you may have about the application, answer any questions that you may have and to give you contact details if you have any queries which are not addressed in this letter.

We have put together some questions and answers on the back of this letter. I hope they will address any queries you may have, but if there is anything else you wish to raise in connection with the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes


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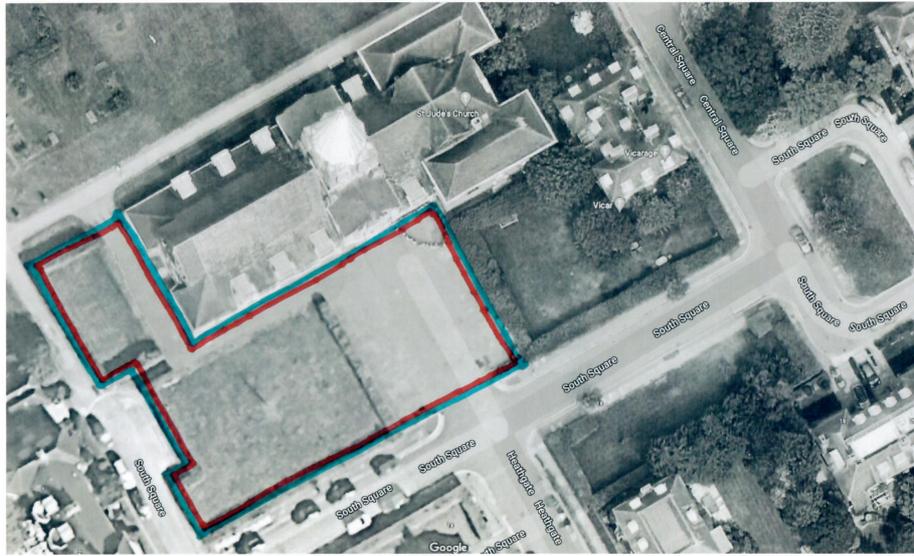
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Proms at St Jude's Premises Licence Application FAQ

What area will the proposed licence cover?

The grassed areas and car park, to the west and south of St Jude's (see the plan below).



How many days per year will be licensed?

We are proposing to seek a licence for up to 14 days per calendar year. Of these, 9 will be taken up by the Proms festival timetable. Given that we only wish to make this application once, it seems prudent to seek a few extra days for possible future use.

During what hours will the sale of alcohol be permitted?

We are applying for a licence to cover the period between noon and 10:00 pm. In practice, Proms only serves refreshments for around 30 minutes before concerts, (roughly 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm) and around 30 minutes during intervals (roughly 8:30 pm to 9:00pm) but, again, it is prudent to seek a measure of flexibility, not least because we may wish to serve limited refreshments after our lunchtime concerts.

Who is the applicant?

SJP Charity Trust Limited (trading as Proms at St Jude's). The Designated Premises Supervisor (required for all licence applications) will be Richard Clegg, Chair of Proms and a Personal Licence holder.

Have the church authorities given their consent?

The application has been approved by the Parochial Church Council of St Jude's and by the Vicar, the Rev Alan Walker.

If Proms has relied on TENs previously, but is now successful with its new licence application, what changes will I notice?

There will be virtually no changes, as Proms is simply seeking to remove the administrative burden of applying for TENs each year and replacing it with a formal Premises Licence. One small practical change is that there would no longer be a requirement to pick a day during Proms when alcohol cannot be sold in the refreshment marquees.

Proms has been serving refreshments during its festival for many years – during this time how many complaints have been received from the licensing authority, the police and/or local residents?

We are not aware of a single complaint. All volunteers who serve alcohol in the refreshment marquees are given full training on their responsibilities as bar staff. Licensing training takes place every year immediately prior to Proms and all bar staff are required to attend the training (even if they volunteer every year).

Who is paying for the licence application?

To ensure the application is handled totally professionally, Proms has instructed licensing solicitor, Niall McCann, from Keystone Law to advise in relation to the application. Proms is meeting the cost of the application out of its reserves.

Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

Please email our chair, Richard Clegg, at richard.clegg@promsatstjudes.org.uk