

24 November 2022



*Ecce Homo by Jacob Epstein **

Dear Everyone

What joyful news we heard this week of the award to Sir E Onochie, in recognition of his renowned work and achievements as an architect presented by the Nigerian Institute of Architects. We at, Golder's Green Parish Church, join with all his family in celebrating his much-deserved award. This is wonderful news and as your family says, "We give God all the Glory." He has used his God-given gifts to the full in creating so much that is good for so many. Congratulations Sir Edmund.



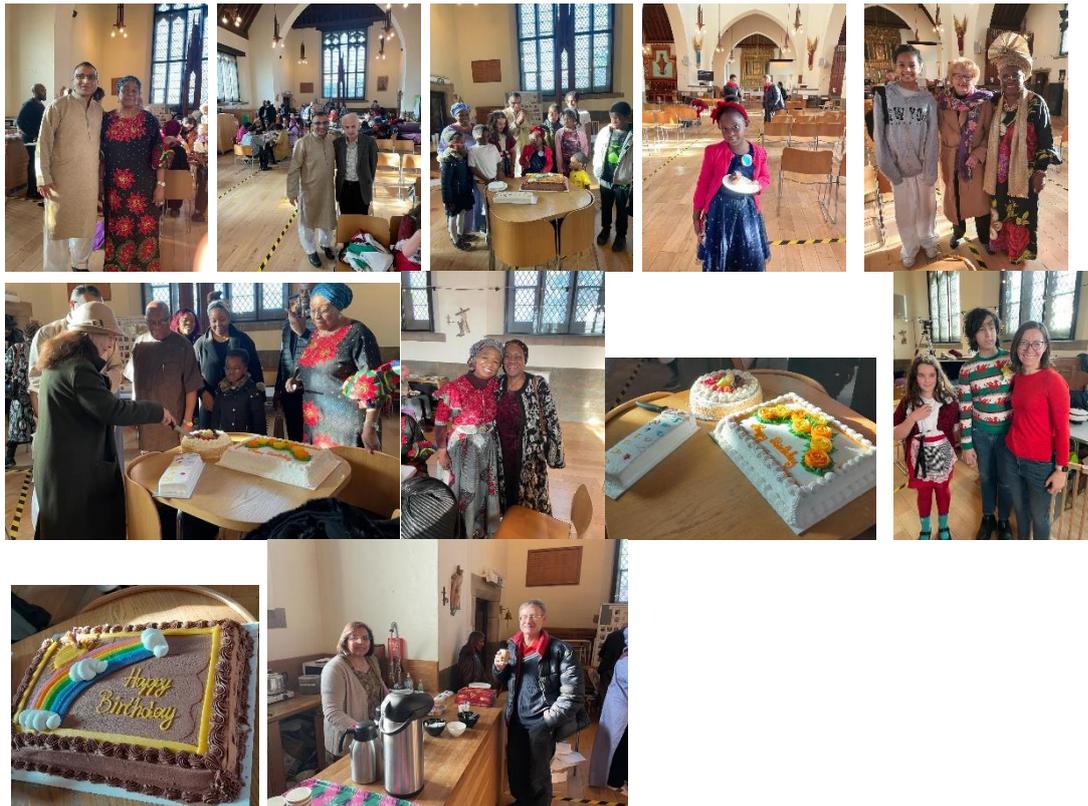
On Sunday we had a joyous, celebratory service for **“Christ the King.”** Members of the congregation came in the clothes of our home countries, said prayers, and sang hymns in different languages. It showed not just the diversity of our members but also our unity in the family of the church. Kamran’s sermon emphasised how the “Kingness” of Christ showed the diversity of creation in all its aspects and not the interpretation of being a “King” that we usually associate with Monarchy - far from it. Christ was humble. He described himself as a servant and a friend to his disciples and to us, (John 15.15, I do not call your servants any longer ...but I have called you friends ...) in saying this *“Jesus shifts from hierarchy to equality from above to beside, from command to dialogue, from doing to inclusion”*, (taken from Revd Richard Carter’s letter to the Nazareth Community regarding Christ’s friendship rather than the hierarchical interpretation of Kingship”).



Ifey led the service for the first time. It was so good to see her there taking a strong lead- thank you Ifey.

We also had lots of birthdays and cake! So, it was a full and happy time.





Our coffee morning started on Wednesday, mentioned below, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Do come if you can. It will be a good time for chat and developing friendships.

Parish Giving is so important in supporting our upkeep, particularly at this financially difficult time. Tim, our treasurer has written an update on the “Parish Giving Scheme” set up by the Diocese that many of us have joined. Please read it and think if this is something you would like to join.

Help for Rough Sleepers. As the nights get colder there are increasing numbers of homeless sleeping on the streets. Young to older have nowhere warm to lay their heads and it is distressing seeing this. Below is some information about how to contact a helpline called **Streetlink** that you can call or give to anyone who needs help in this connection.

Last week was **Hilda of Whitby’s feast day**. Hilda was one of our strong female saints who had a great influence on developing Christian-thought and faith down through the ages. A short article describing her life is below.

“What am I Living for? The Search for Meaning.” During the last six Monday evenings I have attended a series of Autumn lectures at St Martin-in the-Fields, at which a number of eminent speakers talked about what they felt they were living for; each chose a different aspect of the topic from their point of view. The church was packed with well over 250 people attending and, apart from making us all think what we would say if we were asked to speak on this topic, we heard the former Archbishop Rowan whose main theme was, “What am I living for? –A New Heaven and Earth.” During this he talked of the “10 Principles of Climate Repentance” drawn up by leaders of the main faiths to coincide with the COP27 Conference. I have printed the article below from the Church Times who reported on the event. You might like to link into the recorded talks that were given as, apart from hearing from a wide

range of speakers, they were diverse, often moving and very illuminating. When the recordings are released, I will list them in the newsletter so you can hear them.

With Love and Good Wishes – Sally

**Jacob Epstein's sculpture Ecce Homo was carved in 1934-5. Donated by his widow, it stands in the ruins of the old Coventry Cathedral. In St John's Gospel, it is with the words "Behold the Man" that Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd prior to his crucifixion. "Although his hands are held by a rope, the arms across the chest are defiant, the jaw strong, and the eyes look beyond the horizon of this world. This is an undefeated Christ, do the world what it may" Bishop (Richard Harries)*

This Week's Edition Includes:

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 -  **Parish Giving - Tim;**
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 -  **How We Are;**
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- The Ten Principles for Climate Repentance – Lord Rowan Williams**

THE former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Williams was among faith leaders who took part in an interfaith ceremony in London on Sunday to coincide with the UN climate talks, COP27.

Lord Williams was joined by representatives from Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh faiths on Parliament Hill, in London, where they unfurled scrolls bearing the "Ten Principles for Climate Repentance", a reference to the Ten Commandments revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai, which is about 125 miles away from the COP27 venue in Egypt.

The ceremony, organised by the Elijah Interfaith Institute, was duplicated in other countries, including Egypt and Israel.

Lord Williams said: "As religious leaders, we offer our voice as a contribution to the gathered leaders [at COP27] and to humanity. We must also confront honestly the destructive habits which continue to limit the possibilities and the hopes of human beings, in a call for wake up and self-examination."

The Ten Principles for Climate Repentance are:

1. We are stewards of this world;
2. Creation manifests divinity;
3. Everything in life is interconnected;
 4. Do no harm;
 5. Look after tomorrow;
6. Rise above ego for our world;
7. Change our inner climate;
 8. Repent and return;
 9. Every action matters;
10. Use mind, open heart.

Hilda of Whitby: abbess and peacemaker



19 November - Feast of Saint Hilda of Whitby, 680*

Hilda was a seventh-century Englishwoman who became the abbess of Whitby and nurtured adjoining households of nuns and monks. The Venerable Bede wrote of her: “All who knew abbess Hilda, the servant of Christ, called her Mother because of her wonderful devotion and grace ...; she never ceased to give thanks to her Maker or to instruct the flock committed to her care.”

She was born into the royal family of Northumbria and lived a quiet, devout life in the world until the age of thirty-three, when she decided to take the habit of a nun. Almost at once she was given charge of a small community at Wearmouth, and her guidance proved so effective that she was asked to renew the life of another community nearby. In the year 657 she finally moved to Whitby, a monastery which included a household of monks and a household of nuns. Under her leadership it became the most famous religious community in all England.

The Venerable Bede reported: “Not only was Hilda an outstanding example of holy life to all who were in her monastery, but she also provided an opportunity for salvation and repentance to many who lived far away and who heard the happy story of her industry and virtue.” Bede went on to say: “So great was Hilda’s prudence that not only ordinary people but also kings and princes sometimes sought and received her advice when they were in difficulties. She compelled those under her direction to devote so much time to the study of

the holy Scriptures and so much time to the doing of good works, that there was no trouble in finding many who were fitted ... for the service of the altar.”

So, give thanks for Hilda of Whitby, who died in the year 680 and used her own gifts of holiness and wisdom to nurture holy gifts in others, that they might serve the people of Christ and make seventh-century England a household of God.

***With thanks to the Revd Richard Cattley**

“O God of peace, you gave the abbess Hilda the gifts to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household and to become a trusted and reconciling friend to leaders of the Church. Give us the grace to respect and love our fellow Christians with whom we disagree, that our common life may be enriched, and your gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our saviour and lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen”.

Parish Giving Scheme Update –Tim

The Parish Giving Scheme is a charity set up for the benefit of both churches and church members that wish to manage their donations in a simple and secure way.

Anyone who is already a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and opted to increase their donation in line with inflation, will be familiar with the annual notification email. This year the message from the PGS team is somewhat different from previous years and perhaps has relevance for us all:

“We are acutely aware that the rising cost of living and the energy price crisis will be having a profound impact across all our communities, indeed each of us will feel this in differing ways. As such, the inflation value published in January 2022 was 7.8% while the average increase since 2019 has been around 2.2%... we also want to reassure you that your giving is always totally in your control so you can give what is right for you.

Giving to your church is deeply personal and we understand that for some, you may wish to reflect upon the impact of this year’s increase both for you and your church. Please know that if you wish to adjust your giving in any direction, for any reason, or at any time throughout the year, then you can do so easily by contacting our team by phone or email. In order to make changes, you do not need to opt out of the scheme for future years but can simply adjust the Direct Debit value. The annual inflation increase notification email will outline the specific dates that you need to respond by if you want to make any changes.

As our churches face the challenges of growing their ministry amidst rising costs, opting to increase your giving in line with inflation can be a vital lifeline that helps them to continue delivering the work of the church in the local community. On behalf of the church that receives your gift, we would like to offer our sincere thanks.”

If you would like to know more about PGS, please visit the Parish Giving Scheme home page parishgiving.org.uk/home/. From there you can find out more about the scheme and how to join.

The direct link for Golders Green Parish Church is parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/golders-green-parish-golders-green/

You can also join by phone by calling 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm and quoting our Parish Code 230623302.

Golders Green Church Coffee Morning

It started on Wednesday 23rd November from 10.30am - 12.30pm and will take place weekly. All are welcome. Please invite your friends and neighbours to come for a time of chat and getting to know each other. Neighboring churches and synagogues have been invited. We hope people passing by will pop in too and anyone who enjoys a warm drink and cake will join us. Looking forward to seeing you.

Community Coffee Morning

Starting 23 November

All welcome



Come Join us for coffee, cakes and socialising

at Golders Green Parish Church

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Every Wednesday

Address - West Heath Drive, London NW11 7QG

Eucharist Service to follow straight after



Rough Sleepers Information - 0300 500 0914

StreetLink exists to help end **rough sleeping** by enabling members of the public to connect people sleeping rough with the local **services** that could supply support (<https://www.streetlink.org.uk>)

If you are concerned about someone over the age of 18 that you have seen sleeping rough in London, you can use this website to send an alert to StreetLink. The details you provide will be reviewed by the StreetLink team who will look at the information you provide and make a judgement as to whether the alert is suitable to be sent to the local street outreach for the area in which you have seen the person, to help them find the individual and connect them to support.

It is important to note that if you think the person you are concerned about is under 18 please do not contact StreetLink but instead call the police.

We ask you to provide the following information:

- 1) An exact location of where this person is rough sleeping. You can do this by using a map to pinpoint the exact location and by providing a detailed written description of the location.
- 2) The time that you saw the person sleeping rough at the location.
- 3) Any additional information that will help the local team find the individual sleeping rough (gender, approximate age, what the person looks like, what they are wearing)

Following the alert being sent to the local street outreach team, you will receive details of the outreach team's typical response, and will receive an update on what has happened as a result of your alert within 14 days if you have requested it.

No Second Night Out - St Mungo's info@mungos.org 0300 500 0914

<https://www.mungos.org> No Second Night Out in **London** operates as a rapid response service to make sure that, a **rough sleeper's** first night on the streets is also their last.

- Address: 3 Thomas More Square

Homeless Action in Barnet Ltd [Phone: 020 8446 8400](tel:02084468400)

Non-profit organization in London, England

Address: 36B Woodhouse Rd, London N12 0RG

Hours: Centre for **homeless** people and those in insecure housing. Drop-in with lunch served 12 noon-1.30pm. Rough sleepers' free breakfast 9am-10.30 Mon-Fri. Closes 3PM

How We Are

We send our prayers, love, and sympathy to **Katherine K**, on the loss of her sister **Sarah** who died last week from Cancer. We are thinking of you Katherine as you take Sarah back to Uganda for burial.

Please pray for **David A, Gideon O** and **Rose O**. We hold them in our hearts that they may be filled with God's healing love.

Please continue to pray for **Alice** who is being cared for at home by **Alex**. We pray that she is surrounded by God's loving Care.

We pray as we always do for **Simon and his father Michael** and wish for strength for them and their family.

We pray for **Tony** and hope he is making a good recovery.

We send all those who are sick our love. Please continue to pray for all those who have been unwell that they may gain in strength and good health as well as those who are grieving because of a loss of a loved one.

It would be so good if you could let us know either by **WhatsApp, the newsletter, phone, or email** about anyone who is not well, bereaved or would appreciate our prayers. It is so important we remember and pray for them.

O God our creator.
Your kindness has brought us the gift of a new day.
help us to leave yesterday
and not covet tomorrow
but to accept the uniqueness if today,

Prayers with Kamran

- ❖ from Mondays to Thursdays, Kamran will be in church at 9.00am for a short time of prayer with anyone who would like to join him. This does not have to be compulsory; you are welcome to stay home and pray for the church and the parish each day for 15-20 minutes;
- ❖ he will also be in church each day for those who would like to visit and talk with him. Please consider making an appointment to ensure that he will be available to meet with you;
- ❖ Wednesday evening prayer time takes place in church at 7.00pm The prayer meeting will take place both in person and via Zoom. Please see the link below.

Topic: Church Wardens' Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8585545365?pwd=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0xDaDhY2paUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: J4FbKf

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+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: 400416

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aemYT2pIYY>

Song of Worship:

Bless His Name | Joseph Espinoza, Ana Nóbrega, & Evelyn Cortazio | REVER...

<https://youtu.be/7WW6c2ClzW0>

The Parish of Golders Green Parish Notices: 20/11/2022

Sunday Service: 10 am - After the service, Prayer ministry is available for anyone who wishes to receive prayers.

Sunday School – please continuously keep our children and team in your prayer.

The Coffee Morning – Started on Wednesday 23 November from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Communion Service follows straight after.

The Toddler Group – Every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Please join us for song, laughter, play, reading, crafts, tea & coffee, biscuits & fruit. If you can volunteer, contact the office.

Christmas Social – As Christmas is nearing it would be nice for us all to get together. Please let us know what you think. Ideas include a Carvery, celebration in the church itself, a Turkish meal. Please speak with Kamran about your ideas.

Baptism & Confirmation – If you want your child to be baptised or young person to be Confirmed, please speak with Rev Kamran after the service.

Prayers for the Church ministry and mission:

Please pray for the ongoing ideas for the Senior Circle & the Soup Kitchen. For the ongoing Church Maintenance issues. Pray for the Church Choir, Children Ministry, The Toddler Group, and the Mission of the Church.

For your prayers:

Please remember Myfanwy in your prayers as she is grieving the loss of her sister. Please continue to pray for Tony and for Mike H. Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones.

Rota for Sunday 27 November:

Reader: Abi

Intercession: Nwando

Hospitality: Rose

Eucharist Minister: Ifeyinwe

AV Desk: tbc

Contact details:

Parish Priest: Revd Kamran Bhatti

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873,

Website: www.gg-pc.co.uk

Golders Green Rota November 2022 to January 2023

Date	Bible Passage	Readers	Intercessor	Refreshments	Eucharistic Minister (Chalice)	AV Desk	Service leader
27/11/22	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Abi	Nwando	Rose	Ifeyinwe	tbc	
04/12/22	Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	Elizabeth	Jenny	Silvia	Daniel	Thomas	Ify
11/12/22	Romans 12:9-16b Luke 1:39-57	Sam	Sally	Sheila	Nehar	Shaniv	
18/12/22	1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Luke 6:39-49	Tatyana	Nehar	Nwando	Ify	Elizabeth	Alexis
24/12/22	Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	Onyeka	Nwadi	Sally	Sally	Onyeka	
25/12/22		Ifeyinwe	Rose	Rose	Sheila	Tony	
01/01/23		Cynthia	Annie	Nehar	Nwadi	Thomas	

The Toddler Group:

Another fun day this week in the Toddler Group. A few new parents & carers arrived along with those who were now rejoining us from before Covid. We all enjoyed left over cake from Sunday Service as well as breadsticks, fruit, water, tea & coffee. We are now planning ideas/ activities for Christmas which will be fun. If you can volunteer two hours a week or in the month, please let us know.

TODDLER GROUP

@ GOLDERS GREEN CHURCH



Meet weekly on
Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am/Term Time Only

£3.00 Entrance Fee

Held in the church

More details contact the office

020 8455 1873

Golders Green Church

West Heath Drive NW11 7QG

Links to Services

If you're looking for online prayer and worship opportunities, here are some suggestions:

Daily worship:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online>: including

- Prayer for the day
- Services of daily prayer
- Time to pray app and podcast

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whats-on/?category=204> livestreamed daily services and some one-off services on particular themes and issues.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> Pray as you Go (a short service each day in the Jesuit Tradition)

The following links take you to prayers and reflections on particular themes:

Covid: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Mental health: some short reflections to support good mental health:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>

Ukraine: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

Climate justice: www.climatesunday.org

Environmental issues: <https://arocha.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

The world's poorest communities and those affected by emergencies and conflict: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/faith-resources/prayer-library>

The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) offers a series of prayer journeys which you can sign up to here: <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/>

Daily Bible readings:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/daily-bible-readings>

LICC also offer e-mailed '**Word for the Week**' each Monday. You can sign up