

16 November 2021

Greetings to everyone. How lovely to see the Guides in church on Sunday and at the clock tower placing our wreath alongside those of others. It was especially moving too to see Rotimi and Willie with Tatiana and Tyrone placing the church wreath at our plaque of remembrance.

This edition is mostly about Remembrance; remembering the millions who died during the first and second world wars and following wars that swallowed up so many, often young, lives but also the long-term effect this has on those left behind, the injured, the women and children having to maintain their families, often under such difficult conditions, just as much today as in the past. We remember them all with respect, honour, and love for all they were asked to give; we remember them with many prayers, praying that those who died are now healed and at a joyous peace; praying too that the leaders of the world will focus on other ways of resolving issues rather than war that causes so much devastation and wasted lives. We remember Jesus was a man of peace, he preached peace, care, and love, but it was too much for those in authority to bear and so he gave his life for it. Peace and non-violence are his words and mission and an essential part of God's kingdom. They surely must be ours.

Kamran has written so powerfully on Remembrance and the importance of looking for other ways of resolving problems and committing ourselves to peace.

This is followed by an article from Myfanwy who reflects on her time as a child when her family hosted Czech and Polish pilots - a warm and sad remembrance.

Also included, is a prayer written by, The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, asking us all to pray each day for Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe and all those imprisoned unjustly; those ways may be found to gain their release and be freed from their long incarceration. Bishop Guli was a child refugee herself, fleeing from Iran after the murder of her brother and threats to her family, so she knows full well the terror that brings.

Please remember to look at the end of the newsletter and see the **parish notices** showing events and meetings and also **the rota** to see if you are down to do the reading, intercessions, or refreshments. If you are unable to do the date you volunteered for, please change it with someone else.

Love and good wishes – Sally

This week's edition includes;

-  **Remembrance – A Prayerful Reflection by Kamran;**
-  **Remembering by Myfanwy;**
-  **Prayer for Nazanim, Richard and Gabriella - Bishop of Chelmsford;**
-  **How We Are;**
-  **Prayer Times in Church;**
-  **Prayers, hymns, and broadcasts;**

- ✚ Zoom Links;
- ✚ Church Rota;



A prayerful reflection for the Remembrance Sunday 14 Nov 2021- Kamran

Today we are gathered to remember our servicemen and women who laid down their lives during WWI and WW2. We are also remembering the on-going sacrifices of soldiers in recent wars, and our local heroes during the recent pandemic.

Remembrance Sunday is a time to think about the consequences of the wars, especially all those soldiers suffering with life-changing injuries or mental health problems. It is also a time to think and pray for the grieving families and friends of all soldiers – both in past and present – those having to live with bereavement. Finally, Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity for us to say thank you to all those who have fought and died for our freedom, but that freedom was never free, it cost them their lives.

This sacrificial act reminds us of the sacrificial death of our Lord. Paul in today's reading (1 Corinthians 15:50-58) reminds us how God has given us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ, but that victory, that freedom was never free, it cost Jesus his life.

The question we all should be asking to ourselves today is how we as a nation and as Christians should celebrate the Remembrance Sunday?

I feel we can honour the memory of all servicemen and women by committing ourselves to peace, to finding ways to deal with conflict, to manage conflict in such a way that we do not end up fighting.

We are not living in a happy world, there is so much brokenness, hurt and intolerance around us. Many people face conflict and arguments every day. How do we deal with those situations?

A question worth considering today is, "Are we truly peaceful people? Do we seek to win arguments by force and aggression or to resolve them by discussion and compromise?"

Remembrance Sunday gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect, think, and pray. It encourages us to examine our own viewpoints and approaches, as well as how we perceive other people's perspectives, even if they are different from our own.

I believe that the best way we can honour the people that we remember on this day is to never give up looking for other ways to resolve differences without resorting to war.

And as we leave today, may we go out with a sense of God's peace in us and knowing that, even in small ways, we may be a peacemaker for our world and for the kingdom of God.

For our reflection, I like to end with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Rev Kamran



Remembering – Myfanwy

There is a cross in the Westminster Field of Remembrance every year for P.A.F. Flying Officer Jan Domanski, aged 22years. “They shall not grow old”



In 1940 we had billeted with us 2 Czech air force men. One of these had been at the Munich Olympics as a long jumper- which he demonstrated by jumping over our Lilly Pond. These two were keen table tennis players. They showed myself and my sister, Liz, how to play. I was useless but they saw potential in Liz and taught her, even once getting her up to make a foursome. The squadron was soon posted and replaced by a Polish Bear fighter squadron. We were given two young men who became members of the family. One- room with a cup of tea and read the newspaper. He helped Liz with her Latin homework. However, he was young enough to show her how to put a tintack on the chair of an unpopular teacher (and to the shame of our disappointment when it did not work). The other Jan Domanski was more lively and I adored him.

He was very fond of me, and I often wondered whether I reminded him of his little niece or sister left in Poland. I had a Hornby train set fitted up in a spare room. He would come in after night flights to play with it and I would play with it too for a while before retiring. My mother worried that I was bothering him, but he assured her it was his way of relaxing.

Night-after-night we would hear the planes go out and night after night Liz and I would stay awake to count them back. Jan was posted to Newark, but he would stay in touch writing letters to me assuring me that the plastercine dog I had made him as a lucky charm accompanied him on the plane on every flight. He spent a leave with us in the furnished house we rented after the Exeter “Blitz.” But he too was killed shortly after.

These two young men became part of the family joining in family jokes and occasions, (and knowing where the cake tin was kept). They called my parents Ma and Pa. We all grieved at their loss and arranged Masses at the local Roman Catholic Church. R.I.P

How We Are

An update on Margaret: On Sunday those present signed a card for Margaret wishing her well in her new home hoping she settles in in comfort. Her brother John said Margaret is settling in, but it is only a week and hopefully things will get easier for her. He has passed our messages of love and prayers to her, and she is very grateful for our ongoing concern.

We pray for all those in our congregation we miss seeing who are unwell. We think of you and hope you are all given strength and healing.

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 will take place in church at 7.00pm 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=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0xDaDh1Y2paUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: J4FbKf

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aemYT2p1YY>

Worship Songs of the week:

Aaronic Benediction | The Blessing in HEBREW and English - Misha Goetz (...)

<https://youtu.be/xW4YB6fVvJo>

Return To You & Spontaneous — Gas Street Music | Live at Team Night

<https://youtu.be/U0oFVWRDxDs>

Parish Notices: 21.11.2021

Sunday Service: 10 am

After the service, Prayer ministry is available for anyone who wants to receive prayers.

Weekday Events

Wednesday - 7 pm call to pray in church and by zoom

Future Events:

The Donald Barnes 11th Memorial Lecture: 20 November at 3.00pm

Address; St Peter's Church, Belsize Square, London NW3 4HB Saturday

Guest speaker, Richard Douglas Harries (former Bishop of Oxford) will speak on his latest book Hearing God in Poetry. **For further details please see Sally**

UNCCC Meeting: Please keep the UNCCC (United Nations Climate Change Conference) negotiators in your prayers. **Jenny will update you on progress** next week

For your prayers:

Please continue to prayer for all those who are in our prayer list

**Rotas – Sunday 21st November: Reader - Bernard
Intercession - Nehar**

Contact details: Parish Priest: Rev Kamran

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873

Website: www.gg-pc.co.uk

A prayer for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and all who are imprisoned unjustly

O God, the source of all that is good and holy, who through your Son calls the weary and heavy-laden to find comfort in your presence:

Look upon Nazanin, and all those who are imprisoned unjustly, with your gentle gaze;

Surround them and their loved ones with the assurance of your love; give them the gift of hope; and soften the hearts of the powerful, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Bishop of Chelmsford

Golders Green Rota

Date	Reading	Readers	Intercession	Hospitality/S teward
21/11/2021 Christ the King	Revelation 1:4b - 8 John 18:33-37	Bernard	Nehar	Bernard
28/11/2021 Advent 1	The Patriarchs Genesis 12:1-3	Kia	Jenny	Nehar/Nwand o
05/12/2021 Advent 2	Prophets Micah 5:2-3 Mark 1-9	Rose	Sally	Alexis/Naila
12/12/2021 Advent 3	Joseph and Mary Luke 2:1-7 Isaiah 7:13-15	Keith	Annie	Shaniv/Silvia
19/12/2021 Advent 4	Shepherds Luke 2:8-20 Isaiah 9:2-7	Shaniv	Naila	Nwando
24/12/2021 Mid-night Service	Isaiah 52:7-10 Luke 2:1-12	Nwadi	Nwando	Sheila
25/12/2021 Christmas Day	Ephesians 1:3 14 John 1:1-14	Tim	Nwadi	Sally
26/12/2021 Sunday Bank holiday	Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	Silvia	Tony	Anne and Bernard

Daily Hope - The Church of England Phone line church service - is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

We at Golders Green Church will continue to offer a number of ways we can and will keep in contact though emailing and phoning each other, the use of Facebook and the website, sending out updates by supporting those who need shopping, prescriptions fetched, letters posted and anything else you may need if you are isolated at home, whether you are in the over 70-year-old age group, or, have underlying health conditions.

The important thing is, PLEASE LET US KNOW by emailing churchwardens@gg-pc.co.uk .

Radio, Television and Online Worship

You may wish to join in worship during this time through television and radio.

Check online, in the Radio Times and elsewhere for details:

Songs of Praise BBC 1, Sunday afternoon, variable times

Sunday Worship BBC Radio 4, Sunday, 8.10am Choral Evensong BBC

Radio 3, Wednesday Daily Service

BBC Radio 4 (Longwave only), weekdays, 9.45am

Big Sunday Service Premier Christian Radio, Sunday, 7am, 8am, 10am Easter Sunday

Eucharist A service is usually broadcast on the BBC on Easter morning

Free 24 hour telephone church service 0800 804 8044

Online resources Church of England Daily Prayer <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-dailyprayer>

<https://mailchi.mp/b9d86a4acdc7/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-1274047?e=377e26b1db>

St Paul's Cathedral have a number of resources available for us to use.

Church of England Online Resources during this time

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronaviruscovid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Go On-line to "[ps://www.achurchnearyou.com](https://www.achurchnearyou.com)", put in Area or post code and find a local church that broadcasts Worship.

Prayers from Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers>

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

LICC have some great resources on their website <https://www.licc.org.uk/>

Especially on Covid-19 <https://www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/presence-pressure-purpose/>