

08 February 2022



Greetings to everyone. It has been a sad week for many of us, particularly hearing about the loss of Dorothy who has been such a loved member of this church for many years. The number of tributes to her that came flooding in via WhatsApp and by other means were a real measure of the love and affection in which she was held as well as the effect her deep faith had on us. As a result, it was agreed that this week's newsletter will be a tribute to her from all of us to give everyone a chance to reflect on her life, taken too early, the qualities she had, the great faith she showed throughout her illness. We all have our own memories of her, her participation in all aspects of church life, her joyous intercessions, the encouragement she gave to us, her friendship and love. Such wonderful aspects of a Christian life well lived, and we thank her for all those things. I personally valued all the qualities she had; ones that I will always carry with me and thank her. Your tributes, are interspersed with photographs, sent with your permission, to remind us of the good and joyous times we spent. We thank you Generous God for her life and example. We send our love and condolences to Festus, Fiona, Kelechi and Dorothy's sister Ethel and other siblings.

I would like to thank Rose very much for her invaluable help in proofreading all the tributes copied to this newsletter to make sure I had included them all, and, for making sure they were all correctly identified.

Next Sunday there will be a memorial thanksgiving service for Hope and Healing. This is for all those grieving for the loss of a loved one. How timely it will be after the past years of Covid and loss from the pandemic and other illnesses. There is much to pray for and reflect on, as well as to give thanks and remember many lives with love and gratitude too. Kamran would welcome pictures of anyone you wish to be remembered and prayed for.

On the 5th of February the whole country celebrated the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II. She has become our longest reigning Monarch. What a truly wonderful Queen she has been with her dedication and strong sense of Service. Such an amazing role model of leadership. Below is the prayer Jenny read in her intercessions on Sunday.

With Love and Good Wishes – Sally

This Week's Edition Includes:

- ✚ Our Tributes to Dorothy;**
- ✚ Prayer for the Queen's 70th Anniversary – Jenny;**

Remembering Dorothy



The following are tributes sent to us for Dorothy with love and thanks for her life as well as sadness at her loss, thinking always of her family, Festus, Fiona, Kelechi and Ethel, Dorothy's sister. Many are taken, with permission, from the Golders Green WhatsApp, others from emails. Thank you all for your loving words.

Nwando Edu

What a sad news of the death of Dorothy, a dear Sister in the Lord. She was a most caring & helpful person. Oh, what loss for her family & the Church where she invested her time & talent in God's service. She will be sorely missed. May God comfort & strengthen Festus & all her family.

She is now at peace with the Lord.



Gerald and Nicole

“Dorothy welcomed us into Golders Green Parish Church with open arms. She always never without a smile. Her kindness and care towards us knew no bounds but most of all, we will miss her guidance and advice. We are truly devastated but we can only rest easy knowing that she is in a better place. Rest In Peace”

Kind regards

Abi

Good Lord, take her into your bosom. Eternal light shine upon her
May she rest in peace and rise in glory in Jesus name

Nehar

Such heartbreaking news. A great loss for our church family and her on dear family.

Nwadi

It was with heavy heart and sadness that I received the news of your demise. Dora, you were a great fighter who would have given your all to conquer this illness, but this was not our Lord's plan.

You will be surely missed by our parish what with your kindness, humility, generosity, faithfulness. I pray that as a true child of God, He grants you eternal rest and gives your immediate family members, Festus, Chiamaka, Kelechi, Ernest, and your granddaughter the fortitude to bear your loss.

Dora, rest in the Lord.



Anita

What incredibly sad news about the loss of our gentle but strong in faith sister Dorothy. What a very great hole she will leave for her family and our church community. We will be holding her in our hearts and praying for Festus and the children. May they feel Gods presence and may He give them strength during this time.

Ifey

Dear Festus and family

Words cannot begin to describe my shock at this sad news.

The pain of the loss of a mother is beyond comprehension. The scare also the deepest.

My heart and thoughts are with you all always.

If you can use Proverbs 31 as a solace, it may help you make sense of her passing. I find it's now helping me. Courtesy of Auntie Rose.

May our Almighty give you strength to bear

Marlies

What very very sad news. May her dear and gentle soul Rest in Peace. She fought a good fight but succumbed to the illness. Dora and Festus were staunch members of our church for years, both serving in various capacities. May God give Festus, the children and wider family the fortitude to bear the terrible loss. Sleep well Dora, till we meet again.



Rose

It's so heart breaking, such a huge loss of an absolutely wonderful lady- so kind and loving - a real Christian at heart! Our Church family will miss her warm and active participation in so many church activities; her beautiful voice in the choir, her lovely intercessions, and her regular Sunday delicious puff- puff treats. Dora was like a daughter to me. My family and I loved her, and we will miss her terribly. She was one in a million. I am so proud of her strong faith in God and her life of love and compassion. May she enjoy eternal peace and rest with our father whom she loved and served so well. May God comfort Festus, Fiona, Kelechi, Ernest, and little Arielle as well as Dorothy's sister Ethel and her other siblings.

Eunice

I just put on my phone this minute to read the sad news of Dora's death. Very, very sad news. May God accept her gentle soul into His bosom. This (the newsletter) is a very brilliant way to honour our very dear Dorothy. Her death is a very sad one. Only God knows why things happen the way they do. As she goes home, we pray that her soul will rest peacefully with her creator. I was with the family, and we will continue to uplift them in our prayers



Karina Beber

Rest in peace now, dearest Dorothy as U go home to be with the Lord and rise in glory in the heavenly realms. A truly Special wife, mum, sister, friend; and such a loving dedicated servant & precious woman of God. So honoured to meet U, talk, smile, and sing with U on your walk with God. Your light shines on... Advent Ministries have lit Memorial Candles today to honour all the GGPC Loved ones who have g9ne home to the Lord.

Alexis

Our Dorothy!

I'm stunned by this news. My heart aches.

I'm praying for Festus, Fiona & Kelechi, and the rest of the family.

Dorothy served the Lord with all her heart. Even when she was tired after a night shift, she would always be in church to serve the Lord. May Christ, who called our dear sister Dorothy, take her to Himself.

May angels lead her to Abraham's side. Received her soul and present her to God Almighty

Uche Agbim

Hmm. Dora gone. So sad. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Lord grant Festus and Dora's children your strength and comfort at this trying time to bear up in faith. I pray Amen

Ezim

What a sad and shocking news! Dora has gone, she has gone to be with our Lord. A sweet and gentle soul, rest in perfect peace. May God give Festus, Fiona, and Kelechi the fortitude to bear this painful loss, it is well with her.

Kamran and Naila

This is indeed a sad news for all of us. She was a lovely person who inspired me in many ways.

I am currently attending a Diocesan conference in Birmingham until Friday, and so am unable to visit the family, however our heartfelt prayers are with Festus, Fiona, and Kelechi, family, and the rest of our church family during this difficult time.



Chinwe

What sad news - such a beautiful soul. May God receive her into his arms. May God give Festus, her kids the strength to deal with her loss.

Daniel

Very saddening indeed!!!! A special loss for her family and the church!
May God strengthen Festus, Children, and entire family. May her soul rest in perfect peace!



Fatima

Ah! What! Ah! I don't know what to say. I have been trying to get through to everybody by phone thinking this is not happening. Ah! Dorothy. She was an epitome of goodness and everything pure. Ah! I can't believe this.



Our dear Dorothy. Very helpful, very supportive and a very beautiful human being inside and outside. Thirty years ago, and in our first year of international posting to the UK, Dorothy set aside her own family duties to take me to the few Shops that sold African food. She has

taken my family as hers ever since and was there with us in Nigeria during my daughter's wedding. Dorothy is one in a million. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

Annie

May her soul rest in peace and God be with the family in this trying time

Myfanwy

I was so sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy. She will be greatly missed but at least she is no longer in pain. Please convey my condolences to Dorothy's family. She was, of course, a nurse of the old school although of course decades younger than myself. She was always in my prayers for health, but her time had come. Please, as I said, convey my thoughts to her family, especially Festus who always so kind to me.

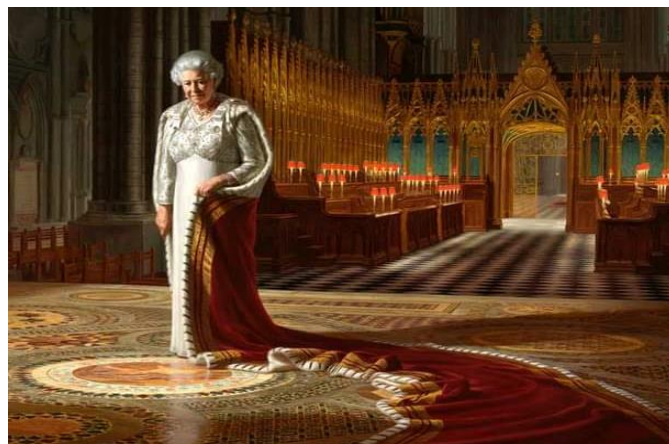


A tribute from Anita Y C whose brother received much loving care from Dorothy when she nursed him in Highgate Hospital

Dorothea worked as a mental health carer at Highgate Hospital when I first met her. My brother who was bipolar had an episode that required him to be in hospital. As soon as I walked into the ward, I noticed Johnnie talking with Dorothea, whose shining eyes, laughter and sympathetic manner conveyed her deep faith. I and many others were drawn to her. She had the aroma and fragrance of Christ around her. I knew before even speaking with her that she was a Christian, which was confirmed later when she volunteered to take Johnnie out of the ward for 2 hours and we chatted. There was something about her that was compelling. Intuitively you knew that you could trust her. We spent time together at his flat to collect things he needed and then Dorothea and Johnnie came to my place for tea. She was so understanding, kind and compassionate. She got my brother and he responded very positively to her. Johnnie used to say that he could see through people. He loved Dorothea's manner and kindness with patients. He recovered much more quickly through her care, humour and understanding. She had those prized qualities that vulnerable, fragile people recovering from a breakdown need. When Johnnie died, I contacted Dorothea who remembered him fondly and came to his funeral. Over and above the call of duty and care. Dorothea was a Christian who loved Jesus and showed his compassion and kindness to others. I will never forget her. May she rise in glory and in the embrace of Christ whom she so faithfully conveyed and served.



Prayer for the Queen's 70th Anniversary – Jenny



Sovereign God, thank you for Queen Elizabeth and for all she has been and done in the 70 years of her reign. Thank you for her unfailing commitment, self-sacrifice, and devotion in her service to this country. Thank you for what she models as a disciple of Jesus, her deep faith and trust in you, and her increasingly public witness to the way you have loved and accompanied her in all aspects of her life. We pray that you will continue to bless her with the knowledge and joy of your presence.

We offer this prayer and our gratitude for the gift that she has been and continues to be, in the precious name of Jesus, her saviour and ours. **Amen.**

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 both in person via Zoom and in church at 7.00pm;
- ❖ The prayer meeting will take place. Please see the link below.

Church Wardens' Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

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

Golders Green Parish Church Rota February – March 2022

Date	Reading	Readers	Intercession	Hospitality /Steward
13/02/2022 3 before Lent	A service of Hope and Healing	Tatyanna	tbc	tbc
20/02/2022 2 before Lent	Psalm 65 Luke 8.22–25	Alexis	Rose	Nehar
27/02/2022 1 before Lent	2 Corinthians 3.12—4.2 Luke 9.28–36 [37–43a]	Bernard	Tony	Sheila
02/03/2022 Ash Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5.20b—6.10 Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21	Abi	Nwadi	Sally
06/03/2022 Lent 1	Romans 10.8b–13 Luke 4.1–13	Tim	Nehar	Anne /Bernard

Songs of worship:

Brooke Ligertwood - A Thousand Hallelujahs (Live Video)

<https://youtu.be/ga057VTHdP0>

Amazing Grace (Live from Sing! 2021) - Keith & Kristyn Getty Feat. Dana ...

<https://youtu.be/My6f0WEXZ3A>

The Parish of Golders Green
Parish Notices: 06/02/2022

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

Weekday Events - Wednesday 7pm prayer group in church and by zoom. All welcome.

Sunday 13 February 10 am – A Service of Hope and Healing: A memorial/thanksgiving service for all those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Toddler Group

There are plans to start back Martha's Toddler group on Tuesday 8 March. If you can volunteer, please let Kamran know. Please keep in your prayers.

Vision for our Church

Shaniv will be sharing the updates from vision day.

For your prayers:

Please continue to prayer for Simon, Margaret, Rev Kamran & Naila and for the sad loss of Mrs Dorothy N.

Pictures for the Prayer Board

Please send your pictures to Kamran or Jennifer if you would like to put your picture on the prayer board. You can send the picture through WhatsApp/ email.

Rota for Sunday 13 Feb 2022:

Reader: Tatyanna

Intercession: tbc

Contact details:

Parish Priest: Rev Kamran Bhatti

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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/coronavirus-covid-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/>