

Greetings to everyone. We are now in the middle of Holy Week. The most important week for Christians, when we journey together with Jesus, leading to the sadness and pain of Good Friday and then the joy of Easter Sunday with his resurrection and the great hope and promise for us all.

On Palm Sunday we walked in the sunshine with others from "Churches Together" along Golders Green High Road, with our palms in our hands, singing, "Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!" We gave out palm crosses to many we passed. We ended on the green by Golders Green Station with prayers and a bible reading. It was a good occasion when we came together to think about the days to come, Jesus's sacrifice and to meditate on the meaning it has for all of us.





Holy Week Parish Services

At the end of the newsletter is the parish bulletin which shows the different services and prayer times that are taking place during Holy Week. Please, if you can, support them. On Maundy Thursday there will be a reflective service at 7.00pm with Holy Communion and the washing of feet. If anyone would like to take part in the foot washing, please contact Kamran.

On Good Friday there will be a Service at 11.00am of the Lord's Passion. After that the church will be open from 1.00-3.00pm for private meditation on the Stations of the Cross that are placed around our church. On Easter Sunday we will be having our Easter Holy Communion. The services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday will be zoomed as usual on the link that is below.

Journey with Jesus - A Timeline of Holy Week - Kamran

As promised on Sunday, Kamran has sent us a timeline of Holy Week for us to follow, of Jesus's journey throughout each day and what took place, to be alongside him, to read, reflect and meditate on the verses he has provided. In this way we keep faith with Jesus and his painful journey.

Donations for Ukraine

Several people have asked about making donations for Ukrainian Refugees. The news coming out of that beleaguered, bombed country with all its refugees remains heart-breaking. We wish there is more we could be doing to support them. We have not yet found ways of practically supporting refugee families in our area as there seem to be very few due to the difficulty of getting in. I have looked into groups and charities who are collecting goods that they need but at the moment they seem to be overfull- which shows the generosity of people. There seems to be two choices. You could donate to any of the well-known and reliable charities, such as the Red Cross, Christian Aid, Action Aid or send to, "The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)" (www.dec.org.uk), which is comprised of 15 charities who have combined together to coordinate and direct the funds to where it is most needed. The other very practical one is "Baby Basics" and organisation started by a young woman called Cat Ross. Ruth talked about it on Sunday and a short article about it is below.



Appeal to the UK Government from "The Churches Together England Forum"

There is a strong and forthright appeal to the UK Government from "The Churches Together England Forum", renewing their appeal to do more to support the churches offering welcome and sanctuary to Ukranian refugees. They comment on the complex and slow visa application system, and welcome changes to it that easing the ways in which Ukrainian refugees can be given sanctuary, and urge the swiftest implementation of this system. They also speak out strongly about the discrimination against African and Asian people and those of religious minorities fleeing Ukraine, and recognise, with shame, the slowness to welcome Afghan refugees who are already in Britain, often remaining housed in bed and breakfast accommodation. It is a unified and welcomed statement from our churches of different denominations working together.

Bishops in the House of Lords: Nationality Bill

The Bishops in the House of Lords have been making, with others, a very principled critique of the **Nationality Bill** which has been through parliament but with a number of the proposals challenged. The Bishops and other groups have been challenging aspects of this Bill especially regarding the children, many of whom are unaccompanied. A short account taken mostly, with thanks, from the Church Times, is below.

Have a Joyous and Happy Easter hoping that the love and teachings of Jesus become our guides for this coming year.

With Love and Good Wishes - Sally



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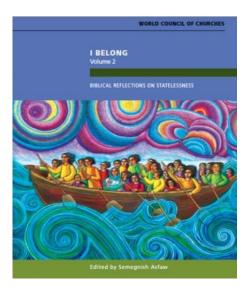
Baby Basics: Making Donations Welcome to Baby Basics Update on Baby Basics UK Support to Ukraine

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Baby Basics is particularly focussing on the needs of mothers and children from Ukraine at this moment by providing much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves;

Baby Basics relies on donations. "There are many volunteer groups across the country. Every item given away through Baby Basics is donated by someone in our local community and sorted by our team of volunteers. Our aim is for everything to be a gift showing care

and love. Our most frequently requested items are Moses baskets, clothing, pushchairs, toys and toiletries. All we need is purchase through your gifts and donations. If you would like to make a one off donation to Baby Basics, which would be very welcome, please go to": https://account.stewardship.org.uk/donation/oneoff/20386501

Appeal to the Government from The Churches Together England Forum



Following on from the statement calling for the cessation of the war in Ukraine, "The Churches Together England Forum" delegates renewed appeals to the UK government to support the churches offering welcome and sanctuary to Ukranian refugees.

The statement

Gathered at Churches Together in England's Forum on 16 March, delegates from its 52 national member churches, Christian organisations and ecumenical bodies recognise the enormity of the Ukrainian refugee crisis and call upon Her Majesty's Government to do all it can to develop programmes of refuge for those fleeing Ukraine that are both just and effective. We welcome changes recently announced to a complex and slow visa application system, thus easing the ways in which Ukrainian refugees can be given sanctuary, and urge the swiftest implementation of this system.

We embrace the role churches can play as communities of faith offering welcome, homes and compassion to those who have fled war, and encourage churches to take up opportunities to sponsor refugee families.

While we recognise the huge challenges facing those countries bordering Ukraine, in which refugees first arrive, and call for a fair sharing of this burden throughout Europe, we deplore the discrimination against African and Asian people and those of religious minorities fleeing Ukraine, and call for every nation receiving refugees to treat all with equal care and dignity. We also recognise, with shame, the slowness to welcome Afghan refugees who are already in Britain, often remaining housed in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Refugees come from many nations in conflict, and we pray that Britain might become a society where strangers find a welcome, whatever their origin. We urge Her Majesty's Government to consider amendments to the UK Borders and Nationality Bill.

Jesus himself was a child refugee, and in the stranger we can recognise Christ coming amongst us. The churches should act with compassion, but they can also pray, and just as we have committed ourselves to pray for peace and for the victims of war, we also pray for those who are refugees and for those housing and caring for them.



4 million people uprooted.

Polish Artist Pawel Kuczynski gets to the heart of it

Bishops in the House of Lords: Nationality Bill - Sally Bishops get behind amendments to Nationality and Borders Bill



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BISHOPS in the House of Lords have been adding their weight to a string of amendments to the multi-faceted Nationality and Borders Bill, which reached the third day of the report stage in March. The debate ran for more than ten hours, and was adjourned at 1.57 a.m. Those of us who have been monitoring the proposals of this bill when it first came out last year, wrote complaining about the hostile tone that was taken towards Asylum Seekers who seemed to be regarded as a danger and in some aspects criminals for coming here by smugglers boats, when so many of the safe ways had been limited and denied to them. It is a million miles away from any Christian concept or teaching about treating the foreigner, alien and children with generosity and hospitality. Both books of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, are full of comments on this very thing.

The proposed Bill fostered the hostile attitude towards Asylum Seekers and Refugees and the way they are treated and poorly housed in camps and sub-standard hotels when they do get here. Nothing was said about the professions, careers, skills and abilities many bring with them, that we need in this country and would benefit from. There are many who work in the camps can verify that fact. While the tone of the Bill remained unaltered, several amendments have been put forward to mitigate its harshness and hostility. The Bishops, with others in the House, have supported many particularly with regard to the way children and young people

are treated. The comments, below, are taken from the "Church Times" with their permission and thanks to Pat Ashworth who wrote the article this is taken from.

"Feelings ran high around its treatment of children. Clause 51 calls for an age-disputed person to be treated as an adult "where the physical appearance and demeanour strongly suggests that they are over the age of 18". **The Bishop of Durham**, the Rt Revd Paul Butler, said that the needs of children had been "starkly unaddressed" in so many areas of the Bill. The child and their best interests, rather than deterrence, must be the starting-point in designing these policies," he said. **Baroness Neuberger** was concerned that the clause allowed the Government to introduce regulations specifying debatable scientific methods to be used to assess age, including "examining or measuring parts of a person's body", and the analysis of saliva, cells, or other samples. "We should not be introducing methods that may add to the pressures on children and young people's already often fragile mental and physical health," she warned.

The Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, said that there was "hardly a sentence in the Bill about the prosecution of human traffickers — something we all wish to see. . . Despite the number of exploited child victims who are traumatised, the Government have brought forward provisions that have no specific recognition of children." (In fact by cutting back on legitimate ways into the UK has helped the smugglers activities to been increased). "She wanted to see clauses 57, 58, and 62 removed from the Bill, "because they would make it appreciatively more difficult for people to be recognised as victims of modern slavery and receive support". The **Bishop of St Albans**, Dr Alan Smith, was concerned that clause 59 was effectively raising the reasonable-ground threshold for identifying a victim of modern slavery.

The **Bishop of Chelmsford,** Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, had doubts about proposed new clauses to bring additional sanctions pressure on Russia. She told the Lords: "I arrived in this country seeking refuge and safety shortly after the Islamic Revolution swept through Iran, many years ago now. "I was fortunate quickly to be given refugee status, and to receive a welcome that, in time, has allowed me to begin contributing back to the society that provided me with a new home. However, I cannot help wonder what the impact might have been had these amendments been part of the law then. After all, I came from a country that was undoubtedly regarded as something of an international pariah, a risk to peace and security in the Middle East, and, arguably, more widely." Those of us monitoring the Bills proposals and progress, are grateful to the Bishops and those of other Faiths and beliefs in the House of Lords for taking a compassionate stance towards a people who have suffered much and will continue to do so if and when they arrive here. How do we change to be a country of Biblical welcome and care?



Journey with Jesus - A Timeline of Holy Week - Kamran

Monday

- Mark II:II- Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.
- Heads to Jerusalem
- a. Curses fig tree Matthew 21:18-19 Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.
- At Temple drives out buyers and sellers (Mark 11:15-18) 15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. 17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers." 18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.
- Leaves the city with Disciples Mt. 21:17; Mark 11:19 When evening came, they went out of the city.

Tuesday

- Disciples see the withered fig tree on the return to Jerusalem Mark 11:20-26. In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" 22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him."
- Temple debates in Jerusalem (Mt. 21:23-23:39, Mk 11:27-12:44, Lk 20:1-21:4)
- Leaves Temple for Mt of Olives (Matthew 24:1) Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.
- On Mt of Olives Olivet Discourses (Mt 24-25, Mk 13, Lk 21:5-36) Matthew 24: 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
- Jesus answers in Parables Ten Virgins Mt 25:1-13; Talents Mt 25:14-30; Sheep & Goats Mt 25:31-46 4 Matthew 26:1-5 - I When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2 "As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4 and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. 5 "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."
- Back in Bethany Dinner at Simon the Leper's house, where a woman anoints him with expensive perfume Matthew 26:6-13 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. 8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. 9 "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." 10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done

- a beautiful thing to me. I I The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. I 2 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. I 3 I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."
- Judas agrees to Betray Jesus Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests 15 and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. 16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Wednesday

- Jesus continues Daily Teaching, while spending his nights on Mt of Olives (at Bethany), Luke 21:37-38 Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, 38 and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.
- Sanhedrin plots to kill Jesus Matthew 26:3-5 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4 and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. 5 "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

(Mt 26:20-35, Mk 14:17-31, Lk 22:14-38, Jn 13-17, 1 Cor 11:23-25)

- Preparations for Passover Matthew 26:17-19 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.
 In the evening, Jesus gathered with his disciples Matthew 26:20 When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. John 13:2-5 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.
 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
- Jesus ate the Passover meal Luke 22:14-15 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
- Judas left to find the guards who would arrest Jesus John 13:27-30 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. "What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, 28 but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.
- Jesus at Garden of Gethsemane on the hill across from the city called the Mt. of Olives - Matthew 26:36 - Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

- Jesus was arrested by the Temple Guard (under the control of the High Priest and the Sanhedrin, and different from the Roman soldiers), the disciples all fled -Matthew 26:50-56 - Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. 56 ... Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
- First Jesus was taken to the former High Priest, Annas John 18:12-13 Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him 13 and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.
- From Annas' house Jesus was taken to Caiaphas' palace where He was tried on the testimony of false witnesses John 18:24 Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.
- Jesus before Pilate John 18: 28-40
- Jesus Sentenced to Be Crucified John 19:1-16



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=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0xDaDhIY2paUT09

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365 Passcode: J4FbKf

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The Parish of Golders Green Parish Notices: 10/04/2022 Palm Sunday

Holy Week Programme

Monday I I April – 14 April, 12 pm – 1 pm – The church will be open for private prayers. All welcome

Maundy Thursday, 14 April at 7 pm – A reflective service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, 15 April

The Service of Lord's Passion at 11 am

Last Hours of Cross – 1 pm – 3pm – The church will be open for private meditation on the Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, 17 April at 10 am – Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) will be held on 22 May 2022 at 12 pm after the Sunday Service.

Toddler Group - Closed for Easter on 12th & 19th April.

For your prayers:

Please continue to prayer for Simon, and Margaret for God's healing. Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones, especially for Festus, Fiona, Kelechi and entire family.

Rota for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: Reader - Ifeyinwe

Good Friday: Reader - Sheila

Intercession: Nehar

Hospitality - Shaniv/Silvia **AV - Shaniv**

Easter Sunday: Reader - Abi

Intercession: Rose

Hospitality - Anne & Bernard **AV** -**Thomas**

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Martha's Toddler Group:

Please Note:

Martha's Toddler Group will be closed for two weeks over the Easter Period:

Tuesday 12th April 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

We will reopen on Tuesday 26 April 2022. We look forward to seeing you then.

Songs of Worship:

Consuming Fire | Israeli Worship

https://youtu.be/eCz-dllgOFc

Ukrainian Christians singing - All My Life You Have Been Faithful

https://youtu.be/d76dvTE-cHw

Church Rota for April & May 2022

Date	Reading	Readers	Intercessi on	Hospitality/S teward	AV (Audio Visual) Desk	Preacher
14/04/2022 Maundy Thursday	1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17, 31b-35	Ifeyinwe	Nehar	Alexis/Naila	Tony	RKB
15/04/2022 Good Friday	Hebrews 10.16–25 John 18.1— end of 19	Sheila	Nehar	Shaniv/Silvia	Shaniv	RKB
17/04/2022 Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34– 43 John 20.1-18	Abi	Rose	Anne & Bernard	Thomas	RKB
24/04/2022	Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19- end	Thomas	Sally	Sally/Sheila	Tony	Fr John
01/05/2022	Revelation 5.11-end John 21.1-19	Sam	Jenny	Nehar/ Nwando	Shaniv	RKB
08/05/2022	Revelation 7.9-end John 10.22- 30	Friday	Anne	Alexis/Naila	Thomas	RKB

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 here: https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/word-for-the-week/

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@ggpc.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 I, Sunday afternoon, variable times

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

Radio 3, Wednesday Daily Service

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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/prayerand-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", 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-