

12 October 2022



Dear Everyone – Hoping you all had a good week and are enjoying the beginning of Autumn. I couldn't help noticing driving from home to church the gorgeous colours of a number of the trees on the Ridgeway. Whoever planted those when it was being designed had a real eye for the effect different trees have for each season. Future generations have enjoyed them ever since. Whatever you feel like, trees have a wonderfully calming sense with their variety of colours, leaves and blossoms. When you are out with your phone could you take some photos of Autumn around us and send them into the newsletter. They will be good to see.

### All Thing Bright and Beautiful



How good that **Kamran and Naila** are back from their holiday in Turkey visiting some of the places where St Paul himself visited. I hope they have returned refreshed.

More news and articles below.

Love and good wishes – Sally

## Celebrations for Chief Edmund O

On Sunday we gave thanks for **Chief Edmund O** who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Greetings were poured upon him from his family, many of whom were present, and members of our congregation. Chief Edmund, much loved and respected, was surrounded by everyone who sung and prayed for him during the Service. The end of the Service was followed by a party of celebration with a great deal of delicious food. Pictures below and thank you to all those who made it such a lovely occasion.



### ASDA's Initiative

During the week **Nwando** sent us a message through WhatsApp letting us know that ASDA has announced that their own in-store cafes will be offering the over-60's hot soup, a roll, and unlimited hot drinks for £1:00, from this November and December, to help people keep warm this winter. What an excellent and welcomed initiative which it is hoped that many will take advantage of. Thank you for letting us know Nwando. By the way **Nwando** had a nasty fall recently, hitting her head and bruising her eye, ending up in A&E. She is making good progress, but we hope she is making a full recovery. Lots of prayers for her.

### Israel Proposed Visit


Also, in **WhatsApp** (How useful that is for keeping us informed) **Alex** reminded us that there is a proposed visit to Israel being planned, either, for May or October next year. A number of our congregation have shown interest and, if others would like to consider going, please contact Kamran and let him know ([Kamran@gg-pc.co.uk](mailto:Kamran@gg-pc.co.uk)) or after-church on Sunday.


### Renewing Golders Green Town - Consultations


On Tuesday I attended a "**Golders Green Town Centre Tea Party**", in Golders Green Crescent, to discuss our experiences of the Town Centre, what we think of it and to explore ways we can play a part in regenerating the High Street, making it brighter, more inviting and accessible to those who use it. A questionnaire was filled in asking us to describe what we feel, what we use and ideas we might have to help make it better for the community. There was a picture exhibition showing some ideas and features that could be adopted, that other areas in London have successfully designed and put in place to make the environment more useful and appealing. It was an extremely interesting afternoon. If you are interested in contributing your thoughts do contact the organisers listed on the information given below or talk about it with me. There are so many things that could be done to make Golders Green look more inviting and be more use friendly to those of us who use it.

#### GET IN TOUCH

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## World Homeless Day – 10<sup>th</sup> October



In his sermon, Kamran talked of World Homeless Day and the tragedy of the numbers of homeless across the world where there are millions of homeless caused through poverty, war, climate change and so many other reasons of real shame. Many of us contribute to a wide range of charities through donations and sending provisions to a wide number of organizations.

Just for his time, in the present climate, it is appropriate to focus on this country, where perhaps we can help in more immediate and practical ways, we have, to our shame, many thousands of homeless of all ages sleeping on our streets, destitute, often without families or have families who disown them, who are on drugs, have suffered much abuse and neglect as children, who have mental health problems and a number who having been discharged from the Forces simply having no-where to go. Because of the threat of financial issues people are experiencing it is predicted there will be more doing so. Anyone walking in central London in the evening cannot fail to see the numbers sleeping on the pavements, on bits of cardboard wrapped in flimsy blankets or in sleeping bags. Their average life expectancy is around 35 years. There are several organisations that do amazing work to care for them, providing food, washing and medical facilities and sometimes finding rooms.

**St Martin-in-the-Fields**, for example, runs an organization called “**Connections**”, established in 1989. It works with homeless and disadvantaged people in central London. Over 5,000 homeless people are helped every year. The Specialist services include a Day and Night Centre, cooking and feeding those who come on a Sunday, providing Outreach for rough sleepers, skills training and career advice, activity programmes and specialist support for complex needs provided to 200 people every day. By encouraging each person to address the issues which caused their homelessness, Connections ([www.connection-at-stmartins.org.uk](http://www.connection-at-stmartins.org.uk)) helps them to gain the skills and confidence to make lasting changes in their lives.

**St Mungo’s** is another organisation that works to help those who are sleeping in the street. Every night members of their 17 outreach teams are out on the streets to help those rough sleeping move away into bed and support. They work to prevent homelessness too. Their contact number is: <https://www.mungos.org> You could try googling them for full information describing what they do.

There are many other organisations that work with homeless in each London Borough. It is important to mention our own **Homeless Action Barnet (HAB)** who provide so much good support for Barnet's most vulnerable people. In a standard week around 250 people will seek support from the experienced team at **HAB**. Their clients receive a welcome, food and a hot shower, along with support to help overcome their issues and ultimately assist them in finding accommodation and their own independence.

**At Golders Green** we support **HAB** with **Together in Barnet (TIB)** by providing sleeping accommodation and food during the winter months in partnership with Alyth Synagogue and other churches. Further details about this please contact **Nehar** who will give you information on how you can support this on-going initiative that will be starting early next year. We welcome more volunteers.

### **Food Bank Collection**

Thinking of all the above, and the increasing numbers of families and individuals that are using food banks, **Nehar** suggested on Sunday that it would be helpful if we collected food and other goods to take to be taken to our nearest food banks. If you would kindly, as last time, bring them to church, leave them in the office or in church at the Sunday Service, they would be very welcome. If you want any provisions picked up, please ring the office (020 8455 1873). Many foodbanks have reported recently they are getting short of goods as people who often donate are finding their own finances diminishing. So, there is an even greater need. With many thanks.

### **Thought for The Day Radio 4 at 8.45am – Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Last Monday, I switched on my radio just in time to hear TFTD by the Revd Dr Michael Banner, Dean, Fellow and Director of Studies in Theology and Religious Studies at Trinity College, Cambridge University. Listening to him I was riveted by his thoughts which focused on conservation in the context of “Life being Unfair” and the story of Zacchaeus, the less than wholly honest tax collector, who, moved by Jesus, promised to return his ill-gotten gains and to do justice. I contacted Dr Banner and asked if I could have his script for our newsletter. Not only did he send it, later on, he sent me another article he is writing for a magazine along the lines of “Equity and Justice”. A man of obvious deep thought and concern for the world. Anyway, here it is for you to read just as he wrote and broadcasted it.

### **Thought for the Day: “Life is not Fair”**

**Revd Dr Michael Banner Dean Fellow, Director of Studies in Theology and religious studies at Trinity college Cambridge university.**

“Good morning.

Generations of exasperated parents have relied on the pithy mantra 'life's not fair' to try to bring an end to what threaten to be interminable family disputes. Whether you call it gloomy pessimism, or healthy realism, children are told in effect - that's what life is like, you better get used to it.

Two different stories of unfairness caught my eye in the last 24 hours.

First of all, the new President of Kenya, writing ahead of the upcoming Cop27 meeting in Africa this November, has stressed the urgency of effective action on climate change - and he makes the point that 'Africa is the continent most affected by climate change, but least responsible for it.' In other words, the industrial revolution took place mostly in the developed north which took most of the benefits; the consequences, including droughts,

extreme temperatures, and crop failure, are distributed across the globe, with Africa getting much more than its fair share.

You may also have seen the report from Friends of the Earth, relying on Government data, which shows that people in the UK from minority ethnic backgrounds are at least three times more likely than others to live in neighbourhoods with very high air pollution, putting them at greater risk of heart attacks, cancer and strokes. To add insult to injury, the cause of some key pollutants is cars - and yet people in poorer areas are less likely to own and use cars than those living in more wealthy and less polluted districts.

The prophet Amos declares to the people of Israel 'let justice run down like water, and righteousness as a mighty stream.' And when Zacchaeus, the less than wholly honest tax collector, promises to return his ill-gotten gains - to do justice - Jesus proclaims, 'Today salvation has come to this house'. The distribution of the effects of climate change across the world and the distribution of the effects of pollution within the UK are not just unfair but reflect long standing unfairnesses. Africa had no proper share in development in the 19th and 20th century; and the people in the UK most affected by air pollution are typically deprived on other metrics too.

'Life's not fair' is meant to foreclose further discussion, especially when the clock is ticking down to school time. But the declarations of the prophets and of Jesus - and even of that insistent voice at the breakfast table saying, 'it's not fair' - rightly challenge us to look for and act for the sake of a different and fairer future."










*English Autumn countryside*



*Kenyan drought*

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## How We Are

Please continue to pray for **Myfanwy's sister, Yvone S**, who is very frail and facing many difficulties at this moment that are causing Myfanwy much concern.

We pray as we always do for **Simon, his father, Michael, for Anita and their family**. This is a difficult time for them, and we send them our 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 for **Tony** and hope he is making a good recovery.

At the weekend, **Nwando**, had a fall, bruising her head and one eye. She was card for in A&E and is home recovering. We send her our love and prayers and hope she is on the mend.

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.

## Songs of Worship:

Chris Tomlin - O Lord You're Beautiful (Lyric Video) feat. Steffany Gret...

<https://youtu.be/N1DMlrgQVXI>

Christ Be All Around Me | Anchor Hymns (ft. Village Lights & Jasmine Mul...

<https://youtu.be/HIA8okY-elk>

## 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

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Passcode: 400416

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



## Golders Green Church Rota: October 2022

| Date       | Reading   | Readers | Intercession | Hospitality/<br>Steward | AV (Audio<br>Visual)<br>Desk | Eucharistic<br>Minister |
|------------|---|---------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16/10/2022 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5<br><br>Luke 18:1-8               | Cynthia | Nehar        | Sheila                  | Shaniv                       | Ify                     |
| 23/10/2022 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,<br>16-18<br><br>Luke 18:9-14       | Friday  | Nwando       | Nwando                  | Shaniv                       | Tony                    |
| 30/10/2022 | 2 Thessalonians<br>1:1-4, 11-12<br><br>Luke 19:1-10 | Onyenka | Jenny        | Silvia                  | Thomas                       | Nehar                   |

### The Toddler Group:

It was another busy session at the Toddler Group on Tuesday. Eight children came with their families and carers plus a few popped by to enquire about the Toddler Group. There was lots of fun with playdoh as well as singing at the end.

There is a need for volunteers. If you can help, please contact the office.

**The Parish of Golders Green**  
**Parish Notices: 09/10/2022**

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

**Weekday Events – Mid-week Communion Service.** We are hoping to restart the midweek Communion Service and Bible study soon. Please keep this in your prayers.

**Sunday School** – will be starting on 16 October. Keep in our prayers.

**World Homeless Week – 9th - 16th October.** Please pray for those struggling with their housing that they may find peace & strength.

**The Coffee Morning will be starting soon.** Please keep in your prayers.

**The Toddler Group** – 8 children and their families attended this week. A busy & fun session. Volunteers wishing to help should contact the office.

**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 Senior Circle about to start soon. The Soup Kitchen which started in July. 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 continue to prayer for Mike Houghton, Eunice & Margaret.  
Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones.

**Rota for Sunday 16 October:**

**Reader:** Cynthia

**Intercession:** Nehar

**Hospitality:** Sheila

**Eucharist Minister:** Ify

**AV Desk:** Shaniv

**Contact details:**

Parish Priest: Revd Kamran Bhatti

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873,

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# **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**

**It has now reopened. Please join us.**

## 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](http://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/>