

Golders Green Parish Church – Newsletter

02 November 2022

Dear Everyone

What a lovely Service we had on Sunday, celebrating and learning about **Christianity in India and St Thomas the Apostle** who founded it. Kamran gave us a great deal of information about St Thomas and the formation of Christianity there, emphasizing the close links between India and Pakistan. That, while they were two different countries, they shared so much between them. While both he and Naila were from Pakistan and Nehar was from India they are all Punjabis. The emphasis, in our varied congregation, was on the fact we are all Christians and belong together, “Although we are many, we are all one Body”, we say every week in our Service. During the Service Naila sang psalm 23 in Urdu while Kamran accompanied her on the harmonium and Nehar said the Lord’s Prayer in Hindi.



After the Service we had our “**Bring and Share Lunch**”. Pictures below.



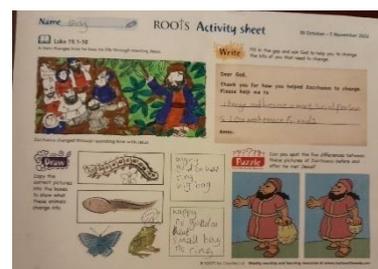
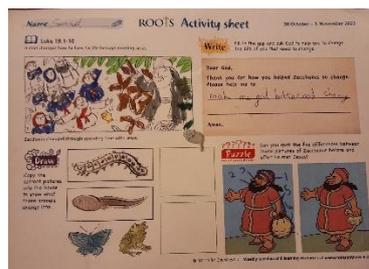
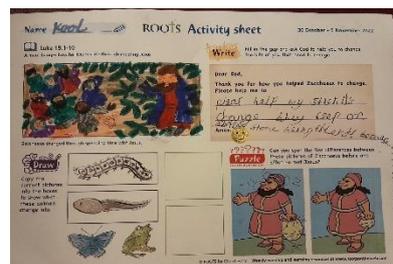
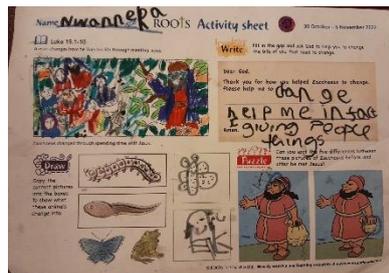
Kamran let us know that the **Bishop of Edmonton will be with us on Sunday 26th February to confirm** those who would like to put their names forward. Please let Kamran know if you would like to be confirmed and he will add your name to his list of candidates. This will be a great celebratory occasion

We will be starting our **coffee mornings from Wednesday 23rd November**. They will take place in church from 10.30am -12noon. All are invited. Please spread the word around about this among you friends. It will be so good to have a warm and enjoyable get-together. If anyone would like to be on the Rota to help, please contact Kamran or Jennifer. We hope that we will be able to host families of refugees living in the area.

Our neighbours, **All Saints Church Child's Hill**, on 6th November, celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the re-dedication of the building after the fire of 1940. The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally will preside and preach. She will also bless the Covid Memorial Artwork- "All the Saints". We send our congratulations to All Saint's on this happy occasion.

Below are some pictures from **the children of the Sunday School** led by Ily and Modupe. A lively group of children are joining in, who tell us each Sunday what they have learnt and share their pictures with us. It is so good to see them and their enthusiasm. Thank you to **Nwanneka, Samuel, Kool, Khan and Guy**. You are stars!

Sunday School Pictures



In this edition Jenny has given some information about a **“Message in a Bottle”** run by the Lions Club, which looks very helpful for those on medication. A link has been provided for those who are interested in learning more.

Did you know there was a **“Fuel Bank”** run along the lines similar to that of a foodbank? Information is given below. It would be helpful to spread the word about this as already many people who are experiencing difficulty with their fuel bills have signed up.

Last week I went to **Shepherds Dene** my favourite retreat house in Northumbria. It is very close to Hadrian’s Wall and Roman Forts as well as a number of Castles and Mansions open to the public. Because I was with my niece, who has a car, we managed to get a lot of sight-seeing crammed in to 4 days. I honestly wish I could take all of you up there. The county is one of the most beautiful in England (yes, yes I know there are others!) and I actually managed to get onto Hadrian’s Wall and go round different excavations with the aid of a stick and my niece’s arm. The history of the Romans and the Northern Saints of England has always engrossed me and the story of the spread of Christianity is one to be read and discovered.



Sections of Hadrian’s Wall **Taking breath! Look at the clouds**
Vindolanda – Roman Fort and Town

Jenny, in preparation for the **COP 27 Meeting in Egypt discussing Climate Change and Action** on how we can prevent the rise in temperature across the world that we see already devastating many countries, focused her intercessions on just that. The urgency of agreeing to work together is imperative. The consequences of not doing so is even greater, not just for us now, but for next generations in all countries left with such a dreadful legacy. It is very real; no matter what climate deniers say. We have to have a strong sense of responsibility before it is too late.

It was with some alarm and much amazement therefore, to hear that our new Prime Minister announced he would not be attending. What kind of message does this give to the world about so crucial an event in which we should be playing a key part? If his reason is that he is “too busy with plans to be made at home,” perhaps he needs to realise that no matter how

many plans he makes for, “at home,” we will be living in a greater disaster that will overshadow anything we might be planning for in this country or any other. There has been so many protests that it is hoped by the time this newsletter reaches you, he has changed his mind and will attend. Jenny’s intercessions are ones we could perhaps pray daily in the hope that change will come to the Creation God made and “saw that it was good” and we can, in all countries, learn to work together and not just think of our own.

With love and good wishes - Sally

Intercessions 30 October 2022 – pre- COP

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Intercessions 30 October 2022 – pre- COP

This year’s climate change COP, the UN ‘Conference of the Parties’ of world leaders coming together to discuss and agree how to stop catastrophic climate change, begins in Egypt next weekend. It’s incredibly important that there are genuine and ambitious outcomes, and the negotiators need our prayers.

Before we pray for them, I’d like to suggest that we each pick up the leaf that you’ll have found on your chairs, and spend a moment in silence, thinking about it – its shape, its texture, its colours. Savour the detail in it, and the beauty, and uniqueness, think what it might be saying about the God who created it.....



it’s amazing that he took such trouble over such a small and apparently ordinary thing.....

Creator God, we bless you for the wonder and beauty of the natural world, for its diversity. We praise you for the colours, textures, shapes, sounds, smells, and tastes that help us flourish, and for what they can tell us about you



But, Lord, knowing that doesn't seem to have stopped us abusing and wasting what you have made, and ignoring the responsibility you've given us to care for your gorgeous, precious, and fragile creation. We acknowledge the devastation inflicted by global heating on the lives of the poorest people in the world, and that we're the ones who've caused it with our rich country lifestyles: they've done least to cause the problem but are worst affected by it. That's so unfair,

Lord -Thinking about that injustice, let's pray for them, and for ourselves:

In this next section where I say, 'Creator God' please would you respond, 'in your mercy renew this damaged world' For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortage

Creator God, in your mercy renew this damaged world

For the sake of those facing unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops

Creator God, in your mercy renew this damaged world

For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies

Creator God, in your mercy renew this damaged world

For the sake of all those who fear the changing climate

Creator God, in your mercy renew this damaged world

For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable and the refugee

Creator God, in your mercy renew this damaged world

For the sake of us all, will you recreate our hearts that we might partner with you to renew this damaged world.

We pray for the world leaders and negotiators who will be gathering in Egypt next weekend for the UN climate talks. God of justice, this is such an important conference, and they've got to get it right. They know they *can* turn the crisis round. Please make them *want* to do that. Please will your Holy Spirit guide their discussions? Enable them to hear well the voices of those whose lives are already being devastated by the changing climate - who know what it's like to lose their homes, livelihoods, livestock, communities, traditional ways of life... hope. Give the negotiators compassion, a sense of urgency and the courage to commit to action that may not be popular but is the right thing to do. May your kingdom come at the COP as it is in heaven.

With all the turbulence we're going through in this country, let's pray also for our political leaders here. God of justice, love, and mercy, we lift the United Kingdom to you, with the economic and other crises causing such pain, hardship and fear among so many millions of people. Will you flood this country with your Spirit of unity, peace, and love? Will you bring hope to everyone who's wondering how to cope as winter approaches, for whom every day feels like an impossible challenge? Show each of us how we can respond to the needs of the people around us, rather than leaving it to someone else. And please, God, prompt our new government to act with grace, integrity, and justice, and not out of political expediency. Give them a heart for the poor, concern for the powerless, and compassion for the vulnerable. May your kingdom come in the UK, as it is in heaven.....

Transforming God, in the precious name of Jesus, and through the power and inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

Will you bless us with wonder at creation's glory.
Will you bless us with fury at creation's spoiling.
Will you bless us with courage at this critical hour

Amen

Maranatha by Oli Preston - June 2022



A cry of faith and longing Ancient word resonates in deep places

All Creation calls for the One who can be trusted
Maranatha - come Lord Jesus

In the silent hedgerows That insects and birds should fill with song Quiet emptiness hums
Maranatha

Planted with hope The now broken bodies of young trees Spell out with their splinters
Maranatha

Rainforest cacophony Breathtaking beauty and diversity Slashed and burned by ugly greed,
bleeds Maranatha

Frozen places Retreating glaciers and icecaps Warming, melting ice, drips
Maranatha

Ocean depths Unplumbed mystery violated, ravaged By nets, litter, acid and waste - seas
rise
Maranatha

Withered seedlings Carefully poisoned by council workers Bare 'weed killed' ground
sprouts
Maranatha

Tormented minds Wracked with grief, crushed by depression, Choked by anxiety, silently
scream
Maranatha

Adults and children starving among plenty In a world that puts profit before people Hungry
bellies rumble
Maranatha

Tears weep it Painting lines of silent prayer Accompanied by the beep of hospital machines
Maranatha

Gale force winds scream it Torrential rain drums it out Cracks in drought broken earth
ache
Maranatha

And with a sigh Falling silent even then My mouth wordlessly speaks
Maranatha

Maranatha Yes - come and make all things new Maranatha
Come Lord Jesus

Message in a bottle - Jenny

I've just discovered this scheme, run by the Lions Club nationally, which looks very useful:
<https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lions-message-in-a-bottle/>.

The idea is that they supply a bottle and a form, on which you complete details of medication, allergies, next of kin and anything else that it's important to know in an emergency. The form goes in the bottle, which is then kept in your fridge (!) and a green sticker is placed on view from the front door, so the emergency services know they can quickly access crucial information if they need to.

The bottles are free and may be available from GPs and pharmacies, but can be ordered with only the postage to pay. Emergency services nationally are aware of the scheme.

I mention it because there are many of us at church who have some kind of caring responsibilities, and also because we may want to have our own bottle in the fridge, just in case. No-one has access to the information unless they look in the fridge, so it seems safe and secure. I received details from Mum's local authority in East Yorkshire and am confident they wouldn't be recommending anything that wasn't reliable.

Fuel Banks Foundation Information - Sally

Fuel Banks were set up in 2015 as a collaboration between power and the Trussell Trust, the Fuel Bank Foundation is an independent charity. It makes sure people in difficulties have enough energy for cooking and heating. The Fuel Bank Foundation is run by a panel of trustees. It has also set up advisory panels made up of experts including those from Ofgem, Citizens Advice and Energy UK.

It is aimed at helping people with **prepayment meters** who are in fuel crisis – meaning those unable to pay for energy for cooking and heating. The charity also helps people who aren't connected to the mains gas network and have to bulk-buy fuel in advance for heating.

In its **2022 Fuel Crisis report**, the charity says that it has seen a **75% increase in demand** with **96%** of the people it supports having to choose between heating and eating – and this was before the latest energy price rises kicked in. Many many more people are feeling threatened and concerned because of this. *“After 6 years, we have a UK network of over 200 partners – many are located at the heart of their communities. We rely on them to identify people who are really struggling to cope. These are people who have fallen through every other safety net, so we provide them with some breathing space by giving approximately two weeks’ worth of fuel”.*

Martin Lewis, of BBC Radio4, talked about Fuel Banks in one of his Saturday morning 12noon, programmes. If you want to know more about this Google, **moneysavingexpert.com** or the Fuel Bank Foundation and what it does, go to: <https://www.fuelbankfoundation.org>

How We Are

It was sad to hear that **Myfanwy's sister, Yvone S**, died on 28th October. Yvone lived a full life of many years. We send our love and condolences to Myfanwy.

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 too is surrounded by God's loving Care.

We pray as we always do for **Simon, his father Michael, Anita, and Sam** 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.

The Toddler Group

We started back after half term on 1st November and eight children with their families joined us. Parents & carers spoke about what they did over the half term whilst the children played with play doh, cars and lego blocks. Children had fruit & water whilst parents & carers enjoyed tea, coffee & biscuits. Lots of singing at the end. It was a good day had by all.

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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Passcode: 400416

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

Songs of Worship:

Joshua Aaron & Carolyn Hyde | Keep the Fire Alive

<https://youtu.be/WdDEhCeCffk>

Holy Forever - Chris Tomlin | WordShip

<https://youtu.be/dcbZaF1-BKk>

Golders Green Rota November 2022 to January 2023

Date	Bible Passage	Readers	Intercessor	Refreshments	Eucharistic Minister (Chalice)	AV Desk	Service leader
06/11/22	Ephesians 1:11-23	Sheila	Nwadi	Nwando	Ezim	Onyeka	Nehar
	Luke 6:20-31						
13/11/22	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Keith	Rose	Sally	Nwando	Elizabeth	
	Luke 20:27-38						
20/11/22	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Nwanneka	Annie	Nehar	Nwadi	tbc	Jenny
	Luke 21:5-19						
27/11/22	Colossians 1:11-20	Abi	Nwando	Rose	Ifeyinwe	Tony	
	Luke 23:33-43						
04/12/22	Philippians 4:4-9	Elizabeth	Jenny	Silvia	Daniel	Thomas	Ify
	John 6:25-35						
11/12/22	Romans 12:9-16b	Sam	Sally	Sheila	Nehar	Shaniv	
	Luke 1:39-57						
18/12/22	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Tatyana	Nehar	Nwando	Ify	Elizabeth	Alexis
	Luke 6:39-49						
24/12/22	Galatians 1:1-12	Onyeka	Nwadi	Sally	Sally	Onyeka	
	Luke 7:1-10						
25/12/22		Ifeyinwe	Rose	Rose	Sheila	Tony	
01/01/23		Cynthia	Annie	Nehar	Nwadi	Thomas	

The Parish of Golders Green
Parish Notices: 30/10/2022

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 – Started on 16 October. Keep all in your prayers.

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

The Toddler Group – It started back after half term on 1st November with eight children & their families. Volunteers needed, please 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 remember Myfanwy in your prayers as she is grieving the loss of her sister. Please continue to pray for Tony, Mike Houghton & Margaret. Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones.

Rota for Sunday 6 November:

Reader: Sheila

Intercession: Nwadi

Hospitality: Nwando

Eucharist Minister: Ezim

AV Desk: Onyeka

Contact details:

Parish Priest: Revd Kamran Bhatti

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873,

Website: www.gg-pc.co.uk

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

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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/>