

Golders Green Parish Church – Newsletter

17 November 2022



Dear Everyone

Greetings and hoping all is well with you as the season begins to change. Keeping warm may be a concern for many as well as affording the heating we do put on. Mercifully November has been unusually warm which helps. Martin Lewis on Radio 4 The Money Box Programme, Saturday 12.30pm, gives a great deal of helpful advice on economizing on fuel and bills. He also has a website which is worth linking into.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com> scroll down to Martin's winter saving Action Plan.

Our Remembrance Service on Sunday was both poignant and moving with our Sunday School members laying the wreath in our church and Thomas playing the last post. We then joined everyone at the War Memorial to remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. It is so true that we do never forget what they were called on to do and their courage. It was even more poignant this year thinking that while we were honouring all those who died and were injured then, the war in Ukraine is still going on with the ever-growing casualties and devastation to so many. Wars and upheavals are taking place in so many places. It seems humankind has a real propensity to fight to gain dominance and power at the cost of so many rather than live in peace. We can only pray with hope that it will change. As Jesus said, "Blessed are the Peacemakers." We need an awful lot of peacemakers.



It is very apt that **Sheila** wrote an article, below, on the **National Memorial Arboretum**, an amazing place to visit, containing so many memorial areas of great variety, beautifully designed and laid out among hundreds of trees. She suggests we might like to have an outing to see it in the warmer weather.

The **COP27 talks** do not seem to be giving cause for optimism. We know that time is running out to prevent the climate changes that will take us to the point of no return - all of us - and

yet there is still denial and, combined with self-interest and huge profits at play, it is to the cost of future generations. There are many delegates present in Egypt who represent companies arguing for maintenance of fossil fuels that we know are making a huge contribution to the temperature changes. Many of these delegates are coming from the very countries who are already suffering, looking only at their short-term profits and self-interest instead of the future well-being of the world – as that is what is at stake. We see the evidence around us and from other countries more deeply affected than we are. Below there is a letter from the Prime Minister of Tuvalu telling of the climate issues in his country. There could easily be a similar letter from those of much larger countries who are facing climate change through floods, fire, parched earth and famine.

Nwando picked up so much of this in her intercessions on Sunday. They were appreciated and are printed below for us to use in our prayers if you wish to during the week. Thank you Nwando.

Kamran and Naila shared the good news last week that their son, Joel, had graduated as a Chemical Engineer. What a great profession to enter into that will make such a contribution to society. Congratulations Joel - such a successful achievement after all your hard work. We wish you a long and fulfilling career.



Golders Green Church Coffee morning will be held each Wednesday from the 23rd of November from 10.30am - 12.30pm. All are welcome. Please invite your friends and neighbours for a time of chat and getting to know each other. Neighboring churches and synagogues have been invited. We hope people passing by will pop in too and anyone who enjoys a warm drink and cake will join us. Looking forward to seeing you.

Community Coffee Morning
Starting 23 November
All welcome



Come join us for coffee, cakes and socialising
at Golders Green Parish Church
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Every Wednesday
Address - West Heath Drive, London NW11 7QG
Eucharist Service to follow straight after



Donations for All Saints foodbank were taken by Sheila and myself to All Saints. Thank you so much to all of you who donated so generously - there was a good amount. Robin Sims-Williams, Priests-in-charge, said that over the past few weeks the numbers of people needing to make use of provisions has gone up considerably. Talking to him about this we thought it would be good if we linked up with All Saints to provide provisions for their foodbank, as












have other local churches, and form a hub together. It is much more sensible to have one central and local place that we and they could bring goods to rather than each having our own food bank. I hope you agree with this. Any resources you would like to donate please bring them to church or ring me through the office (020 8455 1873) and I will fetch them. This will be an on-going activity. Many thanks.

Talking of All Saints. I have written a piece below about the Festival Eucharist that I attended on the 6th November to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the rededication of the church after the devastating 1940 fire. It was a really grand occasion with the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, present who preached and dedicated the artwork that was commissioned and named, “Pandemic Fragments” containing people’s memories of what they went through during the lockdowns. The artist Sophie Hacker, took their ideas and memories, created a beautiful and poignant window which has now been placed in the East window of the church. Do go and see it when you can.

Christ the King: Next Sunday, 20th November, will be the festival of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year before Advent begins. We usually celebrate the Universality of Christ and our unity of one with each other in all our differences and diversity. To show this we have prayers in our different languages and wear the clothes of our Countries. It will be so good to rejoice together at this time as part of the diverse world God made and saw it was good.

With Love and Good Wishes – Sally

This Week’s Edition Includes:

-  **Climate Change: Small Islands;**
-  **Intercessions – Nwando;**
-  **The National Memorial Arboretum - Sheila;**
-  **All Saints Childs Hill Festival Eucharist – Sally;**
-  **Toddlers Club;**
-  **How We Are;**
-  **Prayers with Kamran;**
-  **Church Bulletin;**
-  **Church Rota;**
-  **Prayer List;**
-  **Links to Service**

Climate Change: Plea from Island Countries



Yaala in the Maldives



Flooding in the Island of Tuvalu

“I’m writing to you with an **urgent message as the Prime Minister of Tuvalu**: Our country is sinking! My homeland could be one of the first nations to be wiped off the map due to climate change. But we won’t give up. We will fight! **I’ve just addressed the climate summit** in Egypt to call for a new global treaty to phase out fossil fuels and help vulnerable countries cope with climate devastation.”

Climate change is drowning the Pacific Islands.

The world’s addiction to oil, gas and coal threatens to swallow our lands under the warming seas – inch by inch.

But we will not stand by as our home is wiped from the map!

So we’re uniting with a hundred Nobel laureates and thousands of scientists worldwide to **urge world leaders to join the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to manage a just transition away from fossil fuels.**

The time has come to make peace with the planet. **To deliver vulnerable nations the long overdue funding needed to cope with the loss and damage incurred from climate disasters and to make polluters pay.**

They say that one day, the oceans will swallow the place we call home. But I promise you this: until that day comes, we will keep fighting.

Because if we can save our islands, we can save the world.

Tuvalu mo te Atuam Kausea Natano

Prime Minister of Tuvalu

Intercessions November 13th – Nwando

Let us pray.

Father God, we thank You for the gift of this day.

We pray for your guidance in all that we must do this week. May all we do bring glory to Your Name.

The Scriptures tell us that the Heavens & the Earth bear witness to God’s creative wonders & God has provided everything in it for our good.

The big issue of the destructive impact of climate change on the earth, is real & it is not going away, & we cannot wish it to go away.

Urgent actions is required to mitigate the consequences of climate change & reverse the damages already done to our world.

We have seen & we know the damages that are being done to the earth by climate change,
result of human activities.

This damage gets progressively worse. Urgent action is required to mitigate the
consequences of the climate change & to reverse the damage already done.

Let us pray to our gracious God for the healing of our World.

We also pray for world leaders, & those in authority in our Nations that they should treat
the earth as a precious gift from God
& not an object to be exploited & abused.

Individually & collectively as nations, we are guilty of environmental degradation. & the
misuse of the earth's resources.

As we witness the wildfires in some nations, & the horrendous flooding in parts of Pakistan
& Nigeria, we know that our world is not indestructible & needs our care.

So, we pray that God will intervene to help us do what is necessary to save our planet from
permanent damage.

We pray that the agreements reached at COP 27 by the leaders, would be put into action.

May they honour their commitments & release the needed finances to implement the
agreed remedies to preserve our planet.

Lord in your mercy

Let us pray for all who are anxious of not having enough to see them through this time of
financial difficulties.

People are already struggling with feeding & to take care of their families.

We pray to the Lord who knows our needs to help at these difficult times.

We thank God, for all the ways He has provided for, & continue to provide for the needy.

We pray for increase help with our Church's provisions of the Night Shelter for the
Homeless at this very cold winter season.

We also pray for more gifts to the Food Banks to help feed those who have very little.

Let us thank God that he knows our challenges, he cares & he provides.

Thank you, God of providence for your faithful provision to your children in the times of
our needs.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all the **Sick** in our families & in our Church, & for all who live with pain.

We pray for their healing & for their speedy recovery.

Father God may Your comforting presence bring them hope and healing.

We pray for all **the bereaved** especially on this Remembrance Sunday.

We pray that all who mourn their departed loved ones will be comforted, with the
assurance that Jesus is the resurrection & life,

that their loved ones, who they will see no more, will reign with Him in glory.

Lord in your mercy

Finally let us pray for **God's guidance** on each one of us, as St Paul prayed for the
Collossian Christians.

We pray that our Gracious God will give us knowledge of His will
& of what He wants to do in our lives so that our lives will produce every kind of good fruit,
& show others the goodness of God as we reach out to them.

May we remember that the end of everything we do is to glorify God.

Merciful Father

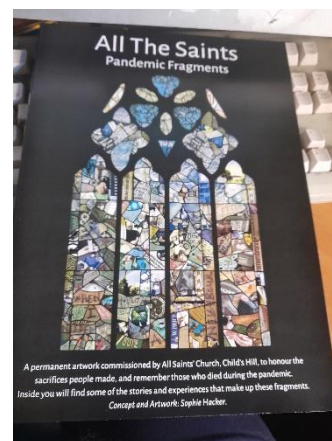
The National Memorial Arboretum – Sheila



School holidays are a time that my husband and I look forward to because it is then when we look after our grandsons, Ben (8) and Nicky (6) at their home in Derby. Their holidays are split by staying, on Wednesdays with their other grandparents who live closer, our daughter and friends, which leaves two days for us with usually a quiet day at their home, with cycling and play areas, and somewhere further away on the other day. One of our trips this year was to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. Some may think this was an odd place to take children but there is so much to see and, as our visit was during the school summer holidays, an area was set up for activities connected with the Commonwealth games. The concept of the Arboretum was raised in 1987 with plans for fundraising. The first trees were planted in the 150-acre site in 1997. There are now 30,000 trees encouraging birds and other wildlife. Not only is the site divided for different armed services, other groups are represented, e.g. the police, fire, RNLI, Women's Land Army, Bevin Boys, the Christmas truce, the War Windows with their rose garden, the Limbless and Blind Veterans. The grounds now amount to over 300 memorials all individually designed and made from a variety of natural materials. A large memorial stands not far from the entrance with all names carved on the wall of all those who have died in the over 50 conflicts around the world where our armed services have served since the end of the second world war. There are columns of trees, many individually dedicated as are the benches along the paths by the river plus individual garden areas. And there are shelters dedicated to events that can be used on a damp day. There are two children's play areas and, a "Find the Stickman" trail, for children plus a land train (fare £5) which is driven round much of the site for those who might find walking difficult. There is easy disabled access throughout. Near the entrance is the "Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness," where 12 columns of Douglas fir, each representing a disciple, hold up the roof. It is here, the only place in the country, where two minutes' silence is held every day at 1.00pm. There are several items beautifully crafted inside the chapel. With the increasing numbers of visitors, the original reception building was replaced in March 2017 with a larger, lighter café/restaurant including inside and outside seating, exhibition galleries, toilet facilities and a shop selling good quality items as well as a coffee shop. Entrance is free but the British Legion relies on donations. There are coach and car passenger drop-off points right outside the front door. Maybe next year enough of us would be interested in visiting the National Memorial Arboretum to make a coach trip as the journey, including a comfort stop, could take over two hours depending on traffic. I have visited three times and still not seen the whole site.

All Saints Childs Hill Festival Eucharist: 70th Anniversary of the Rededication of the church after the 1940 Fire

On Sunday 6th November, I attended All Saints, Childs Hill, as a representative of Golder's Green Church, to celebrate their Festival Eucharist of the 70th Anniversary of the re-dedication of the church after the fire of 1940 in which it was almost almost totally destroyed. Many of the stained-glass windows and wall paintings were lost. For 9 months, services took place in what is now Child's Hill Library. The church was rededicated in October 1952 by the Bishop Wand, Bishop of London. So much history and many social changes have passed by affecting the surrounding and the community of Child's Hill. The East window remained blocked until now when, in memory of the Pandemic, which struck down and isolated so many, a new artwork was commissioned covering the scar left by the fire. It was commissioned "to respond to the pain of the last two + years by reflecting some of the light and hope that brought people through so much of it." The artist, Sophie Hacker, listened to the stories of local people, to their experiences of friendship and help, care, and concern for each other. She ran a workshop where people shared their stories and wrote down words and phrases that expressed their own experiences. They brought objects of significance they had had throughout the lockdowns that were professionally photographed and all incorporated into the window, which is comprised of four panels including the experiences of children. Sophie Hacker, talking about the finished window, called. "Pandemic Fragments," said, "The artwork reflects our shared sense that the reality of the world as we know it had been smashed. We were trying to to make sense of the shards of our lives lying at our feet. The finished windows acknowledge the damage, loss, and difficulties of the pandemic, but make something new and coherent with what remains and with the creativity and faith that people bring to the present." It is a remarkable artwork which is now installed and can be seen if you visit All Saints. The 70th Anniversary service was taken by the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who also dedicated the window.



How We Are

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.

Continue, too, 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 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.

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.

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.

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>

Songs of Worship:

Worship over Jerusalem in Arabic-Hebrew-English - Lord of Glory - Malach...

<https://youtu.be/k--jbALMRNE>

Bless His Name | Joseph Espinoza, Ana Nóbrega, & Evelyn Cortazio | REVER...

<https://youtu.be/7WW6c2ClzW0>

The Parish of Golders Green
Parish Notices: 13/11/2022

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

Sunday 20 November – All Saint Service and bring and Share.

Sunday School – please continuously keep our children and team in your prayer.

The Coffee Morning – Starting on Wednesday 23 November from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Communion Service will follow straight after.

The Toddler Group – Every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Please join us for song, laughter, play, reading, crafts, tea & coffee, biscuits & fruit.

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 and Mike Houghton. Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones.

Rota for Sunday 20 November:

Reader: Nwanneka

Intercession: Annie

Hospitality: Nehar

Eucharist Minister: Nwadi

AV Desk: tbc

Contact details:

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Golders Green Rota November 2022 to January 2023

Date	Bible Passage	Readers	Intercessor	Refreshments	Eucharistic Minister (Chalice)	AV Desk	Service leader
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 Toddler Group:

The Toddler group on Tuesday was very busy. We had thirteen children with their family & carers. The space in the church had toys everywhere and all the toy boxes were turned upside down. It was a joy to see children playing with cars, dolls, lego, toy animals, etc. Some sat and drew pictures whilst others read in the book corner. We ended with singing as well as a space for parents/ carers to say how their week has been. We do need volunteers and so if you are able to spare two hours a week in the toddler group, please contact the office.

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

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/>