

NEWSLETTER



Christ is Risen

Newsletter 12th April 2023

Dear Everyone - Greetings to you all.

We held a fine array of Services over Easter in which many members of the congregation took part. It was so good to see everyone and be powerfully reminded of the events of each day.

Maundy Thursday Asian Service

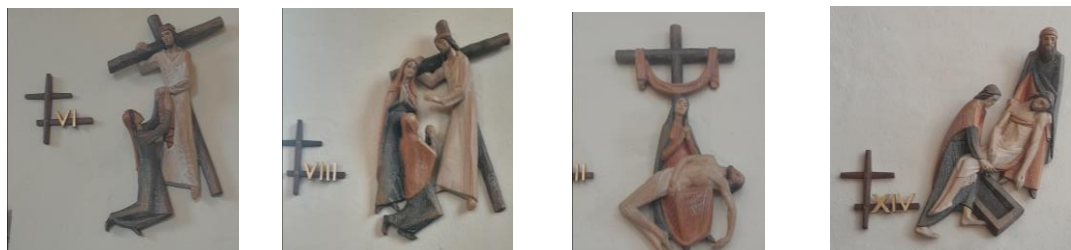
An inspiring Asian worshipping service **RAHE CALVARY** (the Journey to the Calvary) held on Maundy Thursday evening. Many Asian worshiper from different parts of London attended and contributed to the service.



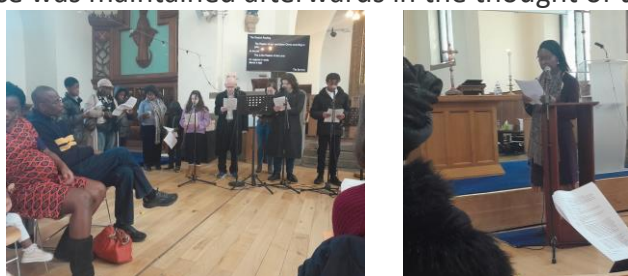
A moving **Stations of the Cross** was held on Good Friday when we processed round the church with different members of the congregation telling the story of each one. Our children were marvelous. They joined in with the telling and each took it in turns to carry the cross as we went round. As we stopped, prayed and

meditated by each Station, it brought home the number of different agonies Christ went through on our behalf at each stage along the road with those who shared them with him; Agonies that so many of us experience in our lives in different ways and can identify with. It was a profound experience reflecting on the fact that he felt and suffered each one of them for us.

We are so fortunate to have the full set of exquisitely crafted stations, fourteen in all, (just some of which are pictured below) made by skilled carpenters in Italy at the request of Anita's father, Mac, in memory of his much loved wife, Devi. Mav and Devi were long term and faithful members of our church, because of that they have a special significance for us as they are remembered with love.



Good Friday Passion Story: At 10.00am we gathered for the Good Friday Service which included the telling of the Passion from St John's Gospel. The whole story was read and led by Alex as the narrator, with each character played by different members of the congregation. It was both memorable and moving. A sense of peace and silence was maintained afterwards in the thought of the cruel happenings of this day.



Easter Sunday Joy: How good it was to see so many people in church for the Easter Sunday Service, all coming together to rejoice at the Resurrection of Jesus and the hope it brings to all of us, to sing hymns of joy and give greeting of Happy Easter to each other. There was much happiness, friendship and a real pleasure at seeing each other and those who we hadn't see for a while, welcoming them back. Below are just a few of the many photos taken which show people's pleasure at being together.



Rose Ochwada Greetings: on Easter Sunday morning I received a message from Rose in Kenya sending greetings to everyone at Golders Green who remember her. Rose was with us for a number of years and a

faithful member of the congregation. She has been very ill for some time and hasn't forgotten people's kindness to her in donating towards her treatment. Rose said, *"Happy and Blessed Easter my dear friends. I just want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you with all my heart, for your very kind and consistent support through my Cancer journey. It is not easy, in fact it's getting increasingly more challenging, but you are there with and for me, and for that, I thank God and pray that He will continue to bless you and your families. In the name of Jesus"*. We continue to pray for her as always.

Corrymeela Community: below is a prayer from the Corrymeela Community that was formed in Northern Ireland in the 1960's. It is accompanied with an article about its work that was started in an effort to bring communities together during "The Troubles". The Community carries out similar work and support as Coventry Cathedral that I wrote about a couple of weeks ago.

Coffee morning: There will not be a coffee morning for the next two weeks but it will resume on Wednesday 26th April at 10.30am as usual.

With love and good wishes - Sally

An Easter Prayer from the Corrymeela Community

God of unbounded joy,
 God of undying love:
 the women went to the tomb
 to tend to the crucified dead
 and came back the first preachers
 of resurrection.
 As we come back from our tomb today,
 and begin to live again,
 may we deliver with unbridled joy
 what the world is dying to hear:
 that death is never the end;
 that love remains what is most divine;
 and that you continue to live
 in the beating heart of our humanity.
 Amen.

The Corrymeela Community

The Corrymeela Community was founded in 1965. It is an organisation devoted to Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and throughout the World. It seeks to support individuals and communities who suffered through the violence and divisions of the Northern Irish conflict, which to an extent still carries on today, albeit not so strongly, but the divisions and violence intermittently continue. The Community works alongside people from youth and school groups to family and community organizations, faith communities and political parties. They run group sessions, by, supporting mothers who have struggled to parent their young people in the face of challenges such as drugs and para-militarism in West Belfast. They do this by using dialogue, experiential play, art, storytelling, mealtimes and shared community to help groups embrace difference and learn how to have difficult conversations. They support around 7,500 people, who are mainly from marginalised communities, to explore difference and discover ways to live well together. Their work is not so unlike the peace and reconciliation work that takes place in Coventry Cathedral.

How much they are still needed is evident from the examples they talk about of violence, intimidation and the resultant breakdown of people's mental and physical health. They have developed onwards, not just to help the insecure peace and reconciliation in N I, but also to support different countries where such help is badly needed. I have heard leaders of the Community talk about their work over more years that I care to remember and the examples they give of why it is necessary. I was invited to a conference in Belfast in 2002, when I was still working, the topic of which was, "Working with Children Living in Violence". I met, mostly,

women from across the world, who were doing just that, such remarkable and courageous people. The stories they told about what action they took and how they tried to protect the children and their families, has stayed long in my mind. What made a deep impression on me, was hearing from the young people in NI and their experiences of living in the terror of the bombs and threats from divided groups, the attacks on school children, the knee capping of young men and the suicides. How they were persistently and bravely working for peace amidst all this was incredible – many were the age of my own teenage children. Listening to them, and what they had been through, was a salutary experience to be reminded that all this was all happening approximately 444 kilometers away from our shores.

Latterly, Pádraig Ó Tuama, one of the leaders of the community, a poet and theologian, has written and published a book of Daily Prayer, by Canterbury Press. In the book he offers new insights into living a life of reconciliation, along with other themes that include living truthfully in community, sharing meals, arguments and hope at the same table. I have ordered a copy and will review it in case you might like to borrow or purchase one. How badly we need the efforts and determined work of Communities such as this in our troubled times. Please pray for them and for peace that it may miraculously come upon all areas of conflict and for children and young people caught up in violence of any kind.

Toddlers Club

The Toddlers club, that is held in church every Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am, has resumed after the Easter holidays. There is a £3.00 entrance fee. For further details contact: 0208 455 1873. Thank you to those who regularly help with the club. If anyone would like to volunteer a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning please let us know on Sunday after the Service or by calling on the above number.

How We Are

We send all those who are sick our love. Please continue to pray for all who have been unwell that they may gain in strength and good health as well as those who are grieving because of loss of a loved one.

Sheila: We send prayers and love to Sheila who is recovering and how good to see her back in church.

Sylvia: How good to see Sylvia back with us and **Eunice** too. Many prayers of thanks for the recovery of both of them.

Please continue to pray for **David Agbim, Chuba Agbim, Gideon Onwutalu and Rose Ochwada**. We hold them in our hearts that they may be filled with God's healing love.

Please continue to let us know of family members and friends who are sick and would welcome our prayers, either by WhatsApp, email, Kamran@gg-pc.co.uk or by phone, **020 8455 1873**

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;

Topic: Church Wardens' Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

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Church Bulletin

The Parish of Golders Green Parish Notices: 12/02/2023

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

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

Night Shelter Project – 28th February - 18 April 2023. our church is hosting 17 homeless people.

The Community Coffee Morning – All welcome. Every Wednesday 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.

For your prayers:

Please continue to pray for Sheila, Tony, Mike Houghton, Eunice and Naila for God's healing.

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Date	Bible Passage	Readers	Intercessor	Refreshments	Eucharistic Minister	Av Desk	Service leader
16/04/23	Acts 2:42-47	Tim	Sally	Catherine	Nehar	Elizabeth	Nehar
	Luke 9:57-62						
23/04/23	Act 1:1-11;	Alexis	Rose	Ezim	Tim	Thomas	
	Luke 10:1-20						
30/04/23	1 Peter 2:20-25	Elizabeth	Sally	Nehar/Chinwe	Ezim	Tony	Jenny
	John 10:1-10						
7/05/2023	1 Peter 2:4-9	Nwennaka	Nehar	Bilan	Nwadi	Onyeka	
	John 14:1-12						
14/05/2023	1 Peter 3:15-18	Guy	Nwadi	Naila	Tony	Ruth/Guy	Alexis

	John 14:15-21						
21/05/2023 Ascension	1 Peter 4:13-16	Dozie	Rose	Silvia	Naila	Shaniv	
	John 17:1-11:						
28/05/2023 Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11	Sam	Jenny	Nehar/Chinwe	Ifey	Tony	Ifey
	John 20:19-23:						
05/06/2023 Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Synthia	Alexis	Sally	Ifeyinwe	Thomas	
	John 3:16-18						

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