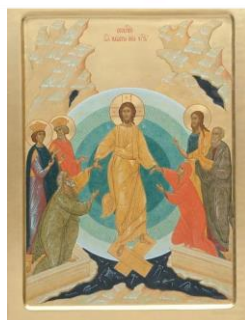


NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 19th April 2023

Dear Everyone - Greetings to you all

While the weather is still variable, at least we have had some sunny and spring-like days to cheer us and make us look forward to warmer times. Jenny, on a walk in her local park, sent us pictures of trees in blossom. The blossoms are coming out everywhere now helping us to think of new growth and life, so apt for the Easter season.



Kamran will be away for the next ten days enjoying a very well deserved rest. We send our love and good wishes to Him and Naila for a very enjoyable and relaxing cruise.

Archdeacon John will be with us next Sunday who knows our church very well as he has always been so supportive of us especially during the inter-regnum. It will be good to see him again and we look forward to his coming.

Orthodox Easter Greetings: We send Easter Greetings to our Orthodox friends at Holy Cross and St Michael Greek Orthodox Church, Golders Green and St Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Church, Temple Fortune. Easter Celebrations in the Orthodox calendar take place on Sunday 16th April.

Birthdays: We celebrated the birthdays of, Nwadi, Khan and Kool, last Sunday. Kamran said a birthday prayer for them and we all joined together singing "Happy Birthday". Sisi was also celebrating her birthday, but in Darlington, where she now lives and works so could not be with us. Rose sent pictures of the celebrations with friends, enjoying themselves a great deal, including Bishop Karowi (Woolwich) and his wife, Mosun, who was one of Rose's former pupils. Happy Birthday Sisi.



Nwadi, Kool and Khan



Sisi enjoying her birthday with friends in Darlington

Cynthia and Marie made us the most delicious cake which went well with the birthday celebrations and was appreciated by everyone. From the comments made their cake could have come top in “Bake-Off”!



Marina, Cynthia and Marie

Stephen Lawrence Anniversary: Jenny has sent us a link about the 30th anniversary of Stephen Lawrence’s murder in Eltham, south-east London, which took place on the 22 April 1993. A series of short videos have been made by Churches Together and Christian Aid, which are relevant to today and important to see. More information about it is given below.

Queen’s Gallery Westminster Abbey: I have written a piece about the Queens Gallery at Westminster Abbey, to see all the many treasures they hold, and learn more about the history of the Church, the monarchy and the art of the carvings and tapestries created by highly skilled crafts people. It was well worth the visit.

The No Faith In Fossil Fuels Service: On this Saturday, 21st April 2023, “The No Faith In Fossil Fuels Service”, will take place in the grounds of St Johns Church Waterloo. Many Bishops will be taking part in this alongside large numbers of Christians and those of other faiths. We will be gathering from 11am, for the service to start at noon. After the service, we will walk together towards Parliament, via Shell headquarters, to join **The Big One protest**

The Church Times in reporting it says, “In this critical time for life on our planet, it’s vital that we unite to survive. So imagine this... Christians of different backgrounds and denominations coming together for a prayerful and prophetic service outside in the beautiful grounds of St Johns Church Waterloo. You are welcome to arrive from 11am, and people will be gathering while music plays. The service itself will start at noon and will involve prayerfully reflecting on why this is a critical time for life on our planet. We will hear from young people whose future is in the balance and those on the front lines of climate breakdown. We will also be joined by Engage Worship, who will be leading us in worship songs relating to God’s creation. After the service we will walk together to Parliament in pilgrimage. People are invited to write prayers for climate justice on a placard, which you can hold up as we walk. On our way, we will pause outside the headquarters of Shell, before proceeding on to Parliament”. I shall be going along with friends. If you are interested in joining in this gathering it will be lovely to see you.

Voter Identifications*: A recent government change has been made that requires from May 2023 all who are eligible to vote in Local and National elections must provide picture identification before they can cast their vote. If you do not have the correct identification you will not be able to vote. It is especially important that you tell any young person eligible to vote about this as the requirements are that they should show evidence of their age. Many are not aware of this and we do not want them to be disenfranchised. It is important to know this well in advance of any local or National elections, so everyone is prepared and not caught out at polling stations. For further information, go to:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

I have also put the requirements at the bottom of this newsletter so you can check what identification you have or might need. I know we have just had local elections but these were the last time identification was required.

Love and good wishes - Sally



Stephen Lawrence Anniversary: Current State of Race Relations

This dreadful action that took place 30 years ago, remains a watershed moment for race equality in this country. To mark this significant event, Christian Aid and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) have brought together 14 leading Christian thinkers and theologians to discuss the legacy of Stephen Lawrence's racist killing*, and the current state of race relations in Church and society in Britain and Ireland. You might like to watch the videos on the link and hear what those on them have to say. <https://ctbi.org.uk/stephen-lawrence-legacy-conversations/>. It contains a series of short (1-3 minute) inputs on some key questions with some interesting insights and sobering comments. We have such a long way to go in this country to counteract racism in all its forms and would be helpful if, having looked at the videos, we could give some thought to how we can try to help make people more aware of the needless damage this causes to so many lives.

**Stephen Lawrence was a black British teenager from Plumstead, southeast London, who was murdered in a racially motivated attack while waiting for a bus in Well Hall Road, Eltham on the evening of 22 April 1993, when he was 18 years old.*

Queen's Gallery Westminster Abbey:

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about visiting Westminster Abbey to see the window created by David Hockney in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee. While there, I visited the Queen's Gallery which is now placed at the very top of the Abbey in the rafters.

The Gallery is set more than 16 metres (52 feet) above the Abbey's floor in the medieval triforium (*a gallery or arcade above the arches of the nave, choir, and transepts of a church*). It was amazing, not just to see all the treasures and effigies of past Kings and Queens so well displayed, but quite something to look down from that height onto the nave of the Abbey and watch people looking like ants walking around. Certainly a "birds-eye view" but not for anyone who suffers from fear of heights.



The Abbey's collection contains their thousand-year history of great treasures. These include the oldest surviving alter piece (1259) in England from Henry III; many funeral and life-like effigies from the 14th to 17 centuries, of Kings and Queens modelled on their death masks, often displayed in their sumptuous clothes. Much of the gold paraphernalia used by Kings and Queens at their coronations is there but this time it had all been taken away to be cleaned and repaired for the coronation of King Charles III, including the coronation chair. The spaciousness of the gallery and its layout made it possible to see all the treasures with ease and have time to view closely all the aspect you were most interested in. As in all galleries and museums, there was too much to take in in one visit. I certainly intent to go back and enjoy more of the artifacts that I gave only a cursory glance to.



Toddlers Club

The Toddlers club, that is held in church every Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am, and 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.

Ruth heard on Sunday that her uncle had died in Wales. We send our love and prayers to her and all the family and hope they keep safe on their long journey back to her parent's home in Wales.

Sheila: is making a good recovery and continues to improve. It is good to see her back in church.

Sylvia and Eunice: How good it is to see Sylvia and **Eunice** back with us too. Many prayers of thanks for the recovery of all 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;

Kamran 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

<https://zoom.us/j/8585545365?pwd=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0x0DaDhY2paUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aemYT2p1YY>

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.

Contact details:

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Voter Identifications for Local Elections on 4th May

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom

- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- **Freedom Pass**
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and **not a photocopy**.

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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	I Peter 2:20-25	Elizabeth	Sally	Nehar/Chinwe	Ezim	Tony	Jenny
	John 10:1-10						
7/05/2023	I Peter 2:4-9	Nwennaka	Nehar	Bilan	Nwadi	Onyeka	
	John 14:1-12						
14/05/2023	I Peter 3:15-18	Guy	Nwadi	Naila	Tony	Ruth/Guy	Alexis
	John 14:15-21						
21/05/2023 Ascension	I 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						