

NEWSLETTER

10th October 2024



*Turning the World Upside Down.
by Mark Wallinger*

Dear Everyone

Greetings and hoping everyone is well

Kamran's Installation: What a great and joyous service we had on Sunday when Kamran was made Vicar after being Priest-in-Charge that he was originally appointed as 4 years ago.



The Bishop of Edmonton conducted the service with the Archdeacon of Hampstead. Several guests took part in the festivities. Our constituency MP, Sarah Sackman, was welcomed with three of our local councilors, Anne Clarke, Alan Schneiderman and Nigel Taylor. Rabbi Elliot from Alyth Synagogue was a welcomed guest. We had much music and singing including, psalm 136 v1 to the tune of, "Auld Lang Syne", sung in several languages; Igbo, Yoruba and English. The Ugandan choir sang in English and Luganda, Naila, Kamran's wife,

sang a psalm in Urdu, Donald, a member of our Asian congregation with Joel, Kamran and Naila's son, accompanied Jeffrey with the hymns. The most delicious food of great variety was provided. Thank you so much to all those who contributed so that everyone had more than enough and enjoyed the meal and time to mix and talk together. The whole service and party afterwards was such a happy occasion.

A word of thanks received from our MP Sarah Sackman:

"Thank you very much for having me at such a lovely service. Congratulations again on the induction and for being a pillar of the local community. I hope we can have a good working relationship for many years to come.

It was great to attend and address Golders Green Parish Church. Reverend Kamran Bhatti has done so much to build the Golders Green community and ties with neighbours and other faith groups."



Appendix 2 of this Newsletter contains a miscellany of photos from Sundays service.

Nwanneka: We are so proud of Nwanneka for her achievement in being elected as one of the digital leaders in her school, Christ Church Primary. She clearly put a huge amount of time, thought and effort into producing a poster on the importance of thinking about SMART rules and E safety when involved in social media. She told the congregation about what she had done and what was involved. Her article is printed in full below. Many congratulations.



Safeguarding: For some time the PCC and a small group who are working with children have been preparing a safeguarding policy to cover all areas of wellbeing for those who come to church or have contact with the church in any capacity. This has taken a while but it is important that it abides by the diocesan guidelines and clarifies any issues we may want to ask about. This is now ready to be launched. Attached to this newsletter is an Appendix containing all the information letting everyone know of its contents and asking you to read it carefully and be clear about what it says. It is hoped you will be in agreement with its aims and

practices. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to talk to Kamran, the churchwardens or any PCC members.

Night Shelter: Below is a piece from Nehar reminding us that it is time to prepare for the night shelter. This is such an important way of serving those who are homeless in our area. If you would like to help out, please get in touch with Nehar after the Sunday service.

Turning the World Upside Down. At the top of the newsletter is an art installation by the artist Mark Wallinger, which is standing outside the London School of Economics in London. It is of the world turned upside down. In one way looking at it It made me think of Jesus, his teaching and actions who wanted to “turn the world upside down”. In another way it certainly gives a completely different perspective and makes the observer think. I realized how thought provoking it is to see countries in totally different positions with Europe crowded at the South and African countries, much bigger, in the North. It struck me too just how vast is the Pacific Ocean. It took some time to pay attention and place every country. I did wonder if there might be a difference in how countries behaved to each other if we were all placed as this global position shows us – just a thought! You might like to go and see it.



Revd Richard Carter: Richard has sent his talk on “The Path with a Heart: Contemplation and Compassion in an Anxious World”. This will be printed out for you and left on the church table.

Praying for Peace in the Middle East: The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College and Dean of the Cathedral, Jerusalem, sent a message to all who have been following him while he has been in the UK reporting on how it is for the Christian community in Jerusalem. He is now returning to Jerusalem and his ministry there. His message is below. Please keep him, his family and the community in your prayers.

Postcard of our Church: Kamran has created a postcard of our church that we can use to write to family members, friends and anyone we would like to send notes to. What a good idea. Please let him know if you would like some and how many. There is no charge but a donation to cover the cost of printing would be welcome. They will be on the side table in church for you to pick up from this Sunday.



Wednesday Morning Coffee: from 10.30am-12noon; coffee, cake and a chat – and it is fun - so do come and join in. There will be the usual 12noon communion.

Toddler Group: This group has reconvened in church every Tuesday from 9.30 – 11.30am. We are very grateful to all those who help and keep the group going. If anyone would like to volunteer to help during his time we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please talk to ifey or Kamran.

Sheila: We heard that Sheila is back home now and will have received the card we sent to her plus a post card of the church.

Sir Edmund: We were glad to hear that Sir Edmund had made a good recovery after his operation last Friday. We wish him well and a return to full strength.

Annie Bwanaope: It was very sad indeed to hear that Annie had died last week after being ill for some time. She was much loved by us all and will be missed. We send our love, prayers and deepest sympathies to Bernard, their children and grandchildren. As many said on hearing this news, “May her gentle soul rest in peace”.

Much love and good wishes – Sally

DIGITAL LEADER by Nwanneka Anakwe

“On Tuesday, I was elected as one of the digital leaders for my school, Christ Church Primary School.

The people that wanted to be digital leaders signed up by producing a poster on social media and E safety. I was one of them.

Let me tell you all about it.

When you go online or using any digital device, always think about the SMART RULES.

You might ask, what are the rules?

S – means SAFE

Be careful when you are online or social media because people you don’t know might ask you for your full name, address or personal information. DO NOT give these information out because it can be misused and it can lead to abduction, murder, abuse or other criminal activities.

M – means MEETING

Never agree to meeting someone you have only seen or spoken to online or on the phone. Never agree to meeting any such contact without permission from one of your 5 trusted adults.

A – means ACCEPTING

This is accepting information that strangers tell you or accepting messages that pop up online, on your phone, on Instagram, TikTok etc.

This is because it can contain unkind messages, nasty computer viruses, scams and hacking software by cyber criminals and bullies.

R – RELIABLE

This means social media might not be as reliable as you think it is. People might be lying about who they are, what their job is and what they look like. In other words, they can impersonate or mimic both younger and older people or even family members.

T – TELL

Tell one of your 5 trusted adults if something online makes you uncomfortable. Don't forget to STOP, CLOSE and TELL.

So, there you are, the SMART RULES!

Do not be scared or afraid to use online, social media or digital device, but ALWAYS be SMART and vigilant.

As a digital leader of my school, I take digital safety very seriously.

Next week, all the digital leaders are having a meeting on how to use our MINE CRAFT lessons.

If I'm allowed, I would also like to be one of the digital leaders for our church.

Thank you everyone for listening and please adhere to these SMART rules"

Church Safeguarding Policy: Please see appendix 1 to this newsletter.

Peace in the Middle East

The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College and Dean of the Cathedral, Jerusalem, has been in the UK for a while talking about the situation that exists there. He is now returning to the College and Cathedral, its congregation and community. In his farewell message he said, "With thanks to all those who expressed such love and concern and those who prayed for a safe return. We were finally reunited in Jerusalem to face together whatever lies ahead. The fellowship of the community of the Cathedral Close, our family, friends locally and abroad and our faith in the redeeming and reconciling love of God gives us strength and courage. Along with so many others from every community we pray for an end to this dreadful war, for the establishment of justice and for the long work of peace and reconciliation to begin". Let us add him and the community of Cathedral to our prayers for their safety and wellbeing.

From Christian Aid; Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.

Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1.78-79)

NIGHT SHELTER PROJECT – 29 OCTOBER – 10 DECEMBER

The Night Shelter project starts on Tuesday 29 October and every Tuesday until 10 December. As many of you will be aware we run this project at our church in partnership with Alyth Synagogue every year. The

project is overseen by Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB). Homeless people(guests) register with HAB to be provided shelter overnight over the winter months. Churches and synagogues partner to offer a day when the homeless can sleep overnight on their premises. Each person who registers is provided with bedding which is transported to the next venue after the guests have had breakfast and left for the day.

How can you help?

Each year we appreciate help from people who are willing to make food – either a first course, a main course or a pudding. At the start there are only a handful of guests but as the weeks progress this number can go up to 14-15. Alyth always have enough volunteers to make the food. Our church provides the venue. It would be helpful to see people putting their names down to come in the evening to serve the food, talk to the guests and help clear up after supper or to help with breakfast on the Wednesday morning.

Those of us who have helped in the past have really enjoyed it. You will only need to put your name down for a couple of times over the period of the project. We also serve breakfast so if people can do an early shift before going to work – that will be great. Daniel has helped to transfer the bags for the last couple of years. Someone with a car able to carry 4-5 bags will be most welcome to join in.

We do need some young people to sleep over during the night – usually two people. I know Dozi has done it in the past, but it will be really wonderful if a couple of other people are able to join him. Again it has only to be a couple of times over the term of the project.

I will put a rota send by Alyth in our WhatsApp – please look at it and see if you are able to give some time to this worthwhile project – it is our way of sharing God’s love practically. Please feel free to contact me or talk to me if you have any questions or want to be involved this year!

With God’s love - Nehar

How We Are

We send all those who are sick our love. Please continue to pray for them that they gain in strength and good health. We continue to pray that God’s healing hands may be upon them. Pray also for those who are grieving because of the loss of a loved one; We remember especially Bernard Bwanaope, his children and grandchildren on the loss of Annie. We pray for them all, that Annie is safely at rest where there is no more pain.

We keep in our prayers: Ifey Onochie, Myfanwy Khan, Anita and Simon Houghton, Chuba Agbim, Eunice Adiele, Gideon Onwutalu, , Sir Edmund Onochie, Rose Ochwada and Sheila Grodzinsky;

We wish Sheila well, with many prayers. She is now home and look forward to her being back with us on Sundays;

We hold all the above 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

Topic: Church Wardens’ Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8585545365?pwd=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0x0aDhY2paUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: J4FbKf

Reader:

Intercession:

Hospitality:

Eucharist Minister:

AV Desk:

Contact details:

Parish Priest: Revd Kamran Bhatti

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873, Website: www.gg-pc.co.uk

APPENDIX 1

Golders Green Parish Church Photography policy -Approved by the PCC

Golders Green Parish Church (GGPC) is committed to the highest possible levels of safeguarding policy and practices, including child protection. As part of that commitment, we have agreed this policy relating to the taking and use of photographs and films in our church building and at church events. The same issues apply to still photographs, digital images and films and personal information held by the church.

Images of children, adult members of our church and others who come to the building have become an important and much-appreciated part of the way we at GGPC record and celebrate what we do at church. That can include, for instance, our worship, events after services such as our bring and share lunches, birthdays and other celebrations, toddler group and other weekday gatherings. All of these, and other events, help us develop our sense of community.

The images are very often included in the newsletter, and may also appear as hard copies on a noticeboard, or digitally on our website, in our church WhatsApp group or in social media. They may be taken by an appointed church member or employee, or by a professional photographer or visitor. We are, however, conscious that in today's world this cannot be risk-free. This is why we have produced this policy, which is in line with Church of England guidelines.

With our commitment to the highest standards of safeguarding in mind, and in order to comply with data protection legislation, GGPC has committed to the following principles:

The taking and use of images must be:

- o Respectful
- o Not intrusive
- o Appropriate and relevant
- o On the basis of informed consent, and on the understanding that there is no pressure to consent

All images will be stored securely and deleted when they are no longer needed. We will keep all written consents or refusals of consent, which will include names and contact details, on a secure database.

If consent is given it may be withdrawn at any time and no reason need be given. Images count as sensitive personal data under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). As with all such data, they should only be used with the consent of the person in the image. 2 The obtaining of informed consent is vital.

While the basic principles set out above must be complied with in relation to all images whether of adults or children, there are some differences in practice which need to be observed. If we wish to take images of people with care and support needs there are additional issues to consider:

- Adults must be able to consent to their image being used;
- Legally, the only person who can offer consent for the use of their image is the adult themselves. Family members such as adult children, parents, spouses or siblings and support workers/ personal assistants should not be approached to sign consent forms for adults;
- Information about how the images will be used should be provided to an adult in an accessible format, using for example, easy-to-read language or pictures;
- If we have any concerns that an adult does not have the capacity to give consent to photography or filming, or to understand that photographs or films are being taken during an activity, we will discuss this with them, including if appropriate any support person or personal assistant for the adult;
- If after this conversation we feel that the adult still cannot give consent then we will not use their image.

When a child is the main subject or could be recognised we will

- Where the child is under 13, seek consent from their parent but involve the child as well
- Where the child is between 13 and 16, seek consent from the child and the parents

- Where the child is 17, seek consent from the child. If the child consents we will inform their parents that they have agreed to the use of their image Form of consent.

So that we can appropriately seek and record the giving or refusal of consent to the taking and use of images, we have prepared letters addressed respectively to adults and parents/carers, which are found in the annexes to this policy. This policy will be regularly reviewed by the PCC to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

For further reference please see 'Safer Environment and Activities', the Church of England's safeguarding guidelines which cover photography of children and adults in sections 5 and 6: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/saferenvironment-and-activities-oct19_0.pdf, 3

Consent letter for adults

Dear x

Golders Green Parish Church (GGPC) is committed to the highest possible levels of safeguarding policy and practice. We would like to be able to use images of you to help describe and publicise our activities.

We are, however, conscious that in today's world this cannot be risk-free and we therefore need to be sure that we have your informed consent. Images of members of our church and others who come to the building have become an important and much-appreciated part of the way we at GGPC record and celebrate what we do at church. That can include, for instance, our worship, events after services such as our bring and share lunches, birthdays and other celebrations, and other weekday gatherings. All of these, and other events, help us develop our sense of community.

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- The taking and use of photographs must be: o Respectful o Not intrusive o Appropriate and relevant o On the basis of informed consent, and on the understanding that there is no pressure to consent
- All images will be stored securely and deleted when they are no longer needed.
- We will keep your written consent or refusal of consent, which will include your name and contact details, on a secure database. If you give your consent you are entitled to withdraw it at any time.

The church is committed to processing information in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The personal data collected on this form will be held securely and will only be used for administrative purposes.

Your rights : You have the right to request to see a copy of the information we hold about you and to request corrections or deletions of the information that is no longer required. You can ask the church to stop using your images at any time, in which case it will not be used in future publications but may continue to appear in publications already in circulation.

If you have any questions relating to data protection please contact the church office, tel: 020 8455 1873, email: theoffice@gg-pc.co.uk. Below is a copy of a consent letter relating to children:

Dear parent/carer Child Protection Policy Golders Green Parish Church (GGPC) is committed to the highest possible levels of child protection, as part of our broader safeguarding policy and practice.

We would like to be able to use images of children, including yours, to help describe and publicise our activities. We are, however, conscious that in today’s world this cannot be risk-free and we therefore need to be sure that we have your informed consent, which is why I am writing to you.

Images of children, adult members of our church and others who come to the building have become an important and much-appreciated part of the way we at GGPC record and celebrate what we do at church. That can include, for instance, our worship, events after services such as our bring and share lunches, birthdays and other celebrations, toddler group and other weekday gatherings. All of these, and other events, help us develop our sense of community.

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I do/do not* give consent to the taking and use by or on behalf of Golders Green Parish Church of photographs and other images of my child/children

Please indicate whether you consent to Golders Green Parish Church taking and publishing your photographs, video recordings on the basis of these principles?

Please sign: *delete as applicable

Please complete the following as applicable

Name and age of child/children:

Name and address of parent/guardian:
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Date: