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“With you. Whoever you are, whatever your story” – so runs the strapline of our newly re-invigorated website. It is a deliberate choice of words, not only chosen to describe the inclusivity, welcome and embrace which we believe our parish can offer, but also to echo the fundamental Christian belief in a God who so totally identifies with humankind that in Jesus of Nazareth, God with us, Emmanuel, we have a pattern of living which weaves together the human and the divine.

As we have slowly come to terms with living with Covid-19 over the past year, so we have come to realise more profoundly the human need for community – being together, we have at last understood that this is more than the sum of the parts.

As the people of God in this parish, we have in this past year delighted in Father Samuel's priesting and the birth of Felicity to Emily and Father Sam. We have been grieved by some sudden and unexpected deaths in our congregation. We have been sad to lose faithful families to lives scattered across the country and far beyond as they have decided to leave London. We have been enriched by the presence of refugees in our midst with their stories of both loss and hope. We have been thrilled to baptise, confirm and marry parishioners in growing numbers once again as people seek God's blessing in the sacraments. And we have also opened our doors to many as they have sought healing in memorial services for loved ones whose funerals had to take place at the time of severe Covid restrictions. All of this, of course, is woven into the fundamental life of worship which has, with change in medium but without interruption, continued every day in morning prayer and every Sunday in the eucharist. How many of us delighted to see the streets full of the cross, the choirs, the donkey and so many parishioners young and old processing between our churches once again on Palm Sunday 2022!

Like the journey of faith itself, our parish life is never static. This past year has seen both continuance and innovation in response to our parish's situation. The Autumn Talks on Forgotten Books of the Bible and Lent Course on The Christian Life drew large numbers to participate. The Working Faith Group, with its monthly meeting over supper

for younger adults, has grown to 40 regular attendees. The Bible Study Group has diversified to a hybrid model in the PIFFER Chapel enabling both in-person and online participation. Our children's activities (even with delayed pizza delivery!) have proven hugely attractive and enriching.

We have added a monthly children and family focused eucharist at 9.30am at Christ Church, lasting no more than 40 minutes, which, with a little more settling, will prove an important development. Our Youth Group flourishes with 12 to 15 participants fortnightly, now sharing their opportunities and challenges with other churches in similar traditions in the Kensington Episcopal area. Our Uniformed Organisations thrive under dedicated leadership and relationships with our parish school continue to blossom. The Summer Programme in 2021 drew in eight- to 15-year-olds from across the community – up to 80 a day for three weeks – and this year was supplemented in the Easter holidays by a week of study opportunity for teenagers facing GCSE and A Levels, who were able to benefit from space, quiet, young tutors and IT – individuals but together in learning.

Douai Abbey was, once again, the venue for our parish retreat in a cold and frosty January. That space, time and the hospitality of the monks, gave people a chance to consider their experiences of the previous lockdown and to reflect on the missing episodes of Christ's life – as shown by the gaps in the Gospels, relating this to the gaps in our own lives, not least the gaps in community caused by Covid.

All this – and so much more – would not have been possible without the creativity, positivity and imagination of many, supported by the dedication, hard work and loyalty of our amazing staff and volunteers. Thanks in this form seems too little to cover the depth of gratitude we owe to so many in our parish's life. The office team, the Church Wardens and Deputies, the PCC members, the Hall Trustees, Musicians, Café staff and the ready and willing volunteers, all contributing to worship, service and pastoral care. And thanks, not least, to my fellow priests Father Sam and Father Samuel for making this parish truly what it is: “With you. Whoever you are, whatever your story.”

BRIAN LEATHARD

Meet the Parishioner

Robert Noel: 'The language of heraldry has always seemed ingenious to me'

As a schoolboy, Robert Noel thrilled to the tales of medieval knights and pageantry, devouring books written by authors such as Walter Scott. Now he is among the keepers of that tradition, working as a herald at the College of Arms and part of the Royal Household.

The College is the official heraldic authority for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and much of the Commonwealth. It grants new coats of arms, registers family trees, offers genealogical and heraldic research and advises on all aspects of heraldry. Its roots stretch all the way back to 1250.

Robert, who is a regular at both St Luke's and Christ Church, says of his early love of heraldic design and coats of arms: "At school I liked the way relatively complex images seemed to be reduced to very short, succinct and rather charming medieval blazons. The language seemed ingenious to me."

After stints as a shipbroker and at Christie's auction house, he returned to the idea of working in the world of heraldry. He wrote to the College of Arms cheekily suggesting he would be perfect for a role and was appointed in 1992. His current title, appointed last April, is Norroy and Ulster King of Arms.

The College was founded in 1484, when it was incorporated by Richard III, though there were heralds for at least two centuries before that and the earliest predecessor of Robert's current office was mentioned in 1276.

"My predecessors, in the time of John of Gaunt, say, would have been involved in making treaties and running tournaments and generally conducting England's relationship with France and the Holy Roman Empire and so on," Robert says.

The College itself has stood in the same spot since 1555. "The traditional rhythm is maintained," Robert says. "There are not many computers; the artists generally don't like using them." At the heart of the building, which sits "between the south transept of St Paul's Cathedral and the river Thames", is a huge manuscript archive of heraldic and genealogical material gathered since the 15th century. "We run it as a kind of research institute for people who want to get to grips with the information contained for their theses and dissertations and so on."

There is no funding from the government. "The way we pay for it is a monopoly on official heraldry throughout the

Commonwealth," Robert says. The College charges between £7,000 and £15,000 for a new coat of arms, and with 150 of these applications a year, that supports the rest of their work.

The heralds, like Robert, are handed a list of references to be borne in mind when the coat of arms is designed, the results are then passed on to the artists who work in the building. Some are seven decades into the career, but are still at the peak of their powers.

As part of the Royal Household, the heralds also advise on matters around the peerage and baronetage and help organise state ceremonies including coronations and state funerals. They tend to be involved in events where the monarch takes part. Though he and his colleagues won't be involved in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations this month – which they were for the Golden and Diamond Jubilee – "because the Queen is not going to be coming in as part of a procession, and we are people who process."

Some who Robert meet are confused that the College still exists. "If I explain my job to someone who's Spanish or German, they think I'm joking because there isn't a living heraldic tradition on the continent. I

sympathise that they find it baffling that a new coat of arms is brought into existence every 20 days or so."

And despite a fear about attracting new blood into the College, so far, they have continued to bring in young talent, especially given the esteem its held by scholars around the world. "We can attract young people on that basis and it's very encouraging that working here is seen as a solid achievement. That it's not considered a dotty hangover of some heraldic Disneyland, but a serious institution which should, and does, have a future."

Robert himself grew up in Chelsea – "I've never really lived anywhere else" aside from going away to school at Ampleforth College and then studying at Exeter College, Oxford, where he read Hebrew. He and his family – wife Rowena, children William and Phoebe – have attended St Luke's and Christ Church for the past eight years after it was recommended by his neighbours on their delightful street just off the King's Road.

"The standard of preaching is very high," he says. "I always enjoy the sermons, I'm always stimulated by them. It's because they have the ability to convey simple truths in a very effective way... It's a great privilege to be part of."

NICK CLARK



This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to mark the 70th anniversary of her accession. We will celebrate this on the same weekend as Pentecost, or Whitsunday, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The Book of Acts writes,

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the church, as people from all backgrounds and nations were filled with the Holy Spirit. Descending like fire, the Spirit set the hearts of Jesus' followers ablaze with love for him, so that the church spread like wildfire to all parts of the world. From the humble beginnings of a small band of followers, located in a marginal part of the Roman Empire, this fire has spread across land and generations, so that today even our Queen professes such faith in the risen Jesus.

Both inside and outside the church, people will have varying degrees of comfort with having a monarch as Supreme Head of the Church of England. But the very nature of our established church is a reminder that, as Jesus put it, "the Spirit

blows where it wills". God's church continues to take form across nations, across cultures, in different times and in different contexts. Prince and pauper alike, drawn in by the one Spirit, receive the universal invitation of the Gospel. This is something the Queen herself identified in her 2021 Christmas speech.

In the birth of a child, there is a new dawn with endless potential. It is this simplicity of the Christmas story that makes it so universally appealing: simple happenings that formed the starting point of the life of Jesus – a man whose teachings have been handed down from generation to generation, and have been the bedrock of my faith.

The promise of a new dawn of endless potential found in God's Kingdom, has provided the broader landscape through which she has governed her earthly kingdom.



This month, we celebrate her reign and service over the past 70 years, which has had an impact on so many people of differing nations, languages and cultures. So, let us give thanks too that she counts herself as a member of an even more universal and diverse Kingdom, rendering herself subject to the highest Majesty.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we are taught by thy holy Word,
that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance,
and that thou dost dispose and turn them
as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom:
we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of
Elizabeth thy Servant, our *Queen* and Governor,
that, in all her thoughts, words, and works,
she may ever seek thy honour and glory,
and study to preserve thy people committed to her charge,
in wealth, peace, and godliness:
grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Summer Programme for Local Children



In addition, there were group trips to Go Ape in Battersea Park, Chessington World of Adventures and the beaches and rides at Adventure Island in Southend.

Supporting those leading the programme were the parish's Youth Group. The Youth Group assisted with day-to-day tasks, running activities, as well as generally offering support and encouragement to the younger children throughout the programme.

The Summer Programme will again run across three consecutive weeks in July and August and we are planning a spectacular range of activities.

In 2021, over 140 children, aged between eight and 15 from across the community, attended the three-week programme. Daily, up to 80 kids participated in activities ranging from indoor and outdoor games, jewellery making, t-shirt designing, mini-Olympics, dance classes, and much more! And the food provided by the programme was "fantastic," according to one of last year's participants.

The Summer Programme will again bring together children from all around the local area, from different schools and different backgrounds to have fun, make new friends and grow in confidence.

The dates for the Summer Programme are 25 July - 12 August and I encourage early sign-up as places will be limited. For more information, please contact me on samuelrylands@chelseaparish.org

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Teaching the Liturgy – Eucharistic Prayer

We continue our series exploring the various parts of our eucharistic liturgy

How do you like to say Thank You? A smile, a hug, flowers or perhaps just words themselves. The eucharistic prayer begins with a conversation between priest and people:

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give thanks and praise.

(this is usually known as the **Sursum Corda**, Latin words meaning ‘Lift up your hearts’)

This exchange sets the scene for the expression of thanks, indeed already it hints where the rest of the prayer is going – an extended thank you.

In Common Worship we use seasonal variations on this ‘Thank you’ in what are called the Propers – that is the appropriate words for the season – Easter, Advent, Christmas, Saints Days etc. So in Lent, the priest thanks God on behalf of us all saying ‘we give you thanks and praise that in these forty days of Lent you call us’. The prayer bids us be so thankful for all God’s gifts that we are, like Isaiah, almost dumbfounded by the realization of our total dependence upon God – so we sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory (**Sanctus**) and Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest (**Benedictus**) as we move into the core of the eucharistic, or thanksgiving prayer. The core remains the same with scene-setting words “In the night that he was betrayed...” as the priest re-enacts the events of the Last Supper. Here the priest presides on

behalf of the whole community, representing Christ as s/he, in words and actions, consecrates the bread and wine offered by the community, to be received back by the community transformed into the very body and blood of Christ.

Endless words have been written, arguments made and wars fought over what “happens” here. Since the Reformation, divergent views have emerged in theology over the issue of Transubstantiation - Is bread and wine changed into the body and blood of Christ, or are we simply using these elements as tokens of remembrance? For me, there is clearly no molecular change. At an objective level the elements remain bread and wine, but there is a profound change in substance, in purpose, in effect, such that I am convinced that the efficacy of these elements is to feed us, imbue in us and challenge us with Christ’s love and healing. That is why we pay reverence to the way we treat, handle and transport the elements.

This thank you prayer concludes with the Priest asking God to “send the Holy Spirit on your people” placing us along with all God’s saints caught up in the hymn of praise and thanks of all creation:

“Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever. AMEN”

And this last little word AMEN (meaning Yes it is so) is crucial, as it is the response of the whole community in thanks. So please don’t mumble or forget AMEN. Proclaim it in what we say and do. That’s the Thank You.

BRIAN LEATHARD



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This year's confirmation service will take place at St Luke's at 10.30am on Sunday 26 June. We welcome children and youth in Year 6 and older, as well as adults, who would like to be confirmed. Please email the Parish Office or speak to one of the clergy to express an interest or to find out more about confirmation.

Below four parishioners share memories of their confirmation day.

What a significantly memorable morning... those were the words with which I began a reflection on confirmation, just weeks after the day. How does it feel almost one year on?

Looking back, there was a sense of lightness, joyousness and calm about the day, that elevated my thoughts above any concerns about 'getting it right' in front of such a large congregation.

During a poignant sermon The Rt Reverend Tim Thornton, the outgoing Bishop at Lambeth, asked us all to consider one thing: Who am I?

Notwithstanding the moral and spiritual guidance of our parish's clergy and the bishop, this last year has been a journey of immense self-discovery.

A key reason for my desire to become confirmed was that I recognised in my conversations with our parish clergy, that I had lived my life in a broadly Christian tradition, though had lapsed from active worship for several years. So, I considered, what reason could I have for not living my life actively through my faith.

Taking ownership of the vows that I made on that day has become part of my daily life.

Celebrating Eucharist on Sunday mornings has become a practice of reflection and meditation



Jason with his wife Clemmie and daughter Plum.

on the week's events, the love of my family and my place in the community. Experiencing a quietly powerful, humbling and emotional service led by Father Brian on Maundy Thursday this year has become a truly memorable moment in my life.

I believe the main significance of confirmation is that I can now receive communion and truly feel and sense my confirmed faith. This is witnessed by others, and I am part of – and can rejoice and share in – a much wider Anglican and Christian communion. This is empowering and gives me an inner strength and a sense of immense wellbeing, for which I am deeply grateful.

I have been welcomed into the parish and personally feel more of a connection and involvement in parish life. I have become a sides person at Christ Church and have been bestowed the honour of giving readings and intercessions. Through meeting Anna Stamenova, I have become a leader at Sunday School, which I find so rewarding. Last October I slept out for charity with Father Samuel and others from the youth group.

My daily life has become more meaningful, as I am more consciously aware of my vows. Outside of church, I have been introduced, through Father Sam's Working Faith evenings, to some truly inspiring and engaging people, who generously share their faith openly and in doing so connect it with the earthly aspect of our daily lives.

I believe that faith is a gift and by confirming this we take responsibility for ourselves and our actions, making life so much more rewarding and meaningful.

JASON SYMSON

Getting confirmed was very exciting for me – it was a moment of committing to my faith in a way I hadn't done before.

I was once told a good analogy that was rather relevant to this. Imagine a swimming pool, a diving board, seats around the swimming pool

A Look Back



Amelie at her confirmation

and a changing room. These are supposed to describe the different points you can be at in your faith – being confirmed is like finally making the dive into the deep end. You have really committed to your faith and to God.

During the time leading up to confirmation, you don't seem to realise how confirmation can affect your life after, but it does. For me, it helps me feel more connected to my faith when in church and in mass. I am able to engage in practices I couldn't before (like communion) and it helps me to feel closer to God in a new way. I feel like I don't just know prayers or the Bible but like I know Him more.

I hope this might be helpful and to anyone looking forward to their confirmation in the future I hope it is just as exciting!!

AMELIE WILSON-SCHAFFER

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Janet Margaret Wiles attended infant and junior school at Holy Trinity Sloane Square and at age 11 was confirmed. Janet said the day was a “very



Ken and his Mum on the day of his confirmation.

special” one, marking the “end of one thing and the beginning of another” as she would be moving on to secondary school the following autumn.

Janet’s mother and father attended her confirmation and the day has a special place in

her heart, not only because of its religious significance but also because it was one of the last things that her father attended as he died in the December of that year following a lengthy illness. There were seven other confirmands in addition to Janet, who wore a white dress and white veil, and the girls were told to think of themselves as “brides of Christ”. It was a hot July day and Janet remembers that the “veil just wouldn’t stay in place!”



Janet on the day of her confirmation.

Janet still uses and cherishes the prayer book that she was given on her confirmation day.

Ken Gower, Janet’s husband of 42 years, was confirmed during his RAF training, which took place at St Athan in Wales. Ken was confirmed at age 16 in Cardiff Cathedral along with nine other young airmen following preparation classes that were provided by an RAF Chaplain.

Ken’s mum and aunt gave him a Bible to mark the day and his mum travelled from London to attend his confirmation. Ken and Janet regularly get out this Bible and read it. Janet chimes in that her Bible was given to her as the top student in her religious education class. Having won the prize, Janet says with some pride, “I was a right goodie two shoes.”

Janet and Ken started attending St Luke’s five years ago. Having seen the banner on the front gates advertising the donkey and the procession from St Luke’s to Christ Church on Palm Sunday, they decided to join in. They so enjoyed the day that they started to attend St Luke’s on a regular basis. First, they were asked to take the elements up and Janet says, “it felt nice” to do so. Then Fr Sam asked her to do a reading, which Janet says went well. They were then asked to do sides, which they enjoyed. So step by step, Janet and Ken have made St Luke’s a very central and important part of their lives.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” Job 12:7-10



We have already achieved our Bronze Eco Church Award, as mentioned in the parish magazine in March. Participation in the “Burial Ground Week/Churches Count on Nature Events 2022” will help us to assess our churches’ environments and enable us to progress towards gaining the Silver Award.

We are counting species of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" in our church gardens at St Luke's and Christ Church and we aim to find 70 of God's creations to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's

reign of 70 years. Sunday Schools and the Youth Group will participate during their regular sessions by playing games, searching for different types of insects and bugs and saying a prayer of thanks to God for His wonderful world.

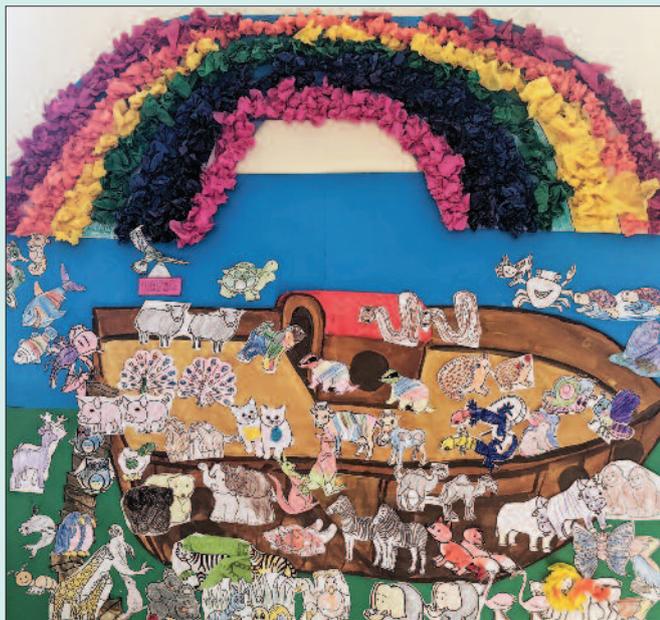


Bees are enjoyng our beautiful flowers!

It will be lots of fun for children and adults to discover what creatures live in our church gardens! And we extend a warm invite to all to help us discover our interesting, plentiful and beautiful natural surroundings during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend.



It's amazing what creatures can be found in St Luke's garden!



Sunday school children created this beautiful art at Christ Church

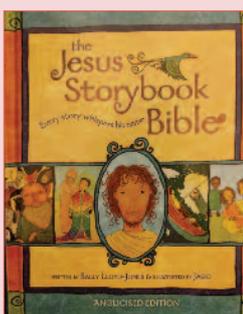
Half Term Activities for Children Reception Year and Over

Wednesday, 1 June, 10.00am-12.30am, St. Luke's Vestry, at the back of St Luke's

For more information and to book place/s for your child/ren please send me email: annastamenova@chelseaparish.org

Enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations! Love, Anna

Bible Books for Children



The Jesus Storybook Bible

This Bible works to explain the big ideas, and big picture of the Scriptures at every turn. The focus is on God's love for the lost, the great problem of sin, and the great hope we have in Christ. So, for example, the story of Adam and Eve tells people not to lie otherwise they get themselves in deep trouble. When God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree, they disobeyed him instead and they lied to him. But it was not their fault - it was Satan's fault, as he was the one who tricked them! That's why I like this part of the Adam and Eve story, because it tells you not to tell lies! Every story anticipates the coming of Jesus and the great rescue he brings to those who put their faith in Him!

AXELINE TAMM



Mark Your Diary

The parish will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June with a special Evensong at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea at 3.45pm.

Numbers will be limited so we ask that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to confirm that you will be attending.

Christ Church Residents Association Plans Big Jubilee Street Party

Bunting, barbeque, bring-your-own picnic and the Big Shorts Big Band – just some of the ingredients of the big street party planned by the Christ Church Residents Association (CARA) for Sunday 5 June as the nation celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen's reign.

Tables will be set up in Christchurch Terrace and both it and Caversham Street will be closed to traffic for the duration. Festivities will start at 1pm (after church) and are due to end at 5pm – although CARA realises that some stalwarts may wish to make a day of it and move on from its lunch to St Luke's for its Jubilee Tea Party at 3.45pm!

Highlights of the CARA party will be The Surprise pub's barbeque; a giant Jubilee cake, baked by Christ Church School chef Katie Dance; a plentiful supply of Pimm's from a donation bar, and a Jubilee Hat competition open to both adults and children – and all to the live and lively music of a very special big band.

Residents, their families and friends, parishioners, and woebegone visitors from less celebratory neighbourhoods all are welcome on this special day.

FLEUR DE VILLIERS



Scouts Celebrate the Jubilee



On Saturday, May 14th, the 9th Chelsea and 1st RBK&C Explorer Scout Group celebrated the Queen's Platinum



Jubilee with a barbecue in the gardens at St Luke's. There was lots of yummy food, including burgers, hot dogs, pastries and Lebanese cuisine. Everyone dressed in

red, white and blue; we had a hat competition, and

the Cubs performed a Maypole dance. The Cubs also had a go at a game called Stick the Diamond on the Crown while parents took part in a Royal quiz. The sun shone and a joyful time was had by all. Thank you to Wolf, Chil, Chef and Drama and the parents who brought food and soft drinks.



ELOISE GEORGE-HILLIARD
1st RBK&C Explorers

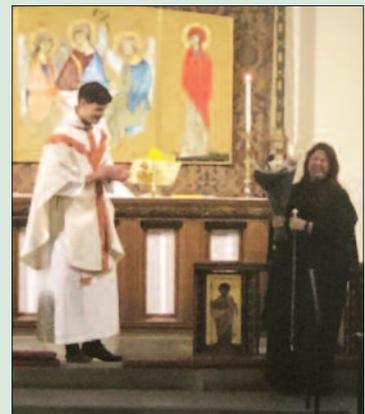
News from the Parish Office



Congratulations to Fr Brian, who has been given the Community Hero Award. The award, bestowed upon a “person that has benefited the community through their actions,” was presented as part of the The Chelsea Awards.



Fr Samuel with Bishop Sarah during his placement week in the House of Lords. As part of his research for his PhD, Fr Samuel is reflecting on how the church engages in politics.

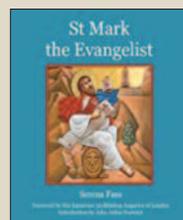
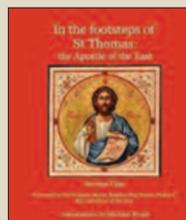
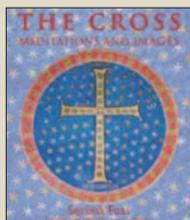


Fr Samuel presents Anna with flowers to mark her 10 years as the vergers at Christ Church.

Serena Fass Book Sale for Charity

On Sunday, 26 June, following the Confirmation Service at St Luke’s, parishioner and author Serena Fass will be selling four of her books with proceeds going the aid of Ukrainian refugees.

The books that will be on sale on the portico at St Luke’s will be: *The Magi: Their Journey & Their Contemporaries*; *In the Footsteps of St Thomas: The Apostle of the East*; *St Mark the Evangelist* and *The Cross: Meditations and Images*.



Three Peaks Challenge for Charity

Congratulations to Christ Church parishioner and mother of Christ Church student Selina, Julia Macnamara on completing the Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday 14 May. The challenge involved climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, all in 24 hours (26 miles walking, an ascent of 10,052 feet and a total driving distance of 462 miles).

Julia has almost reached her goal of £4,500 and monies will be equally split between aid for Ukraine via the British Red Cross and Christ Church & Holy Trinity School Federation's Time to Talk programme.

If you would like to support Julia, you can do so at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julia-macnamara-24hour-3peakschallenge



Julia at far right in both photos above

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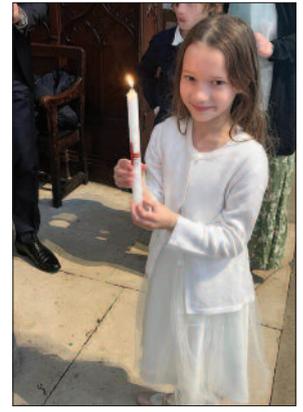
Alice Baker's baptism at St Luke's with her family and Fr Sam



Amina Herrmann with parents David and Mariko at her baptism at St Luke's



Isabelle Leone's baptism at St Luke's and with her family



Olivia Coales & Flaviu Miron's wedding at St Luke's in May with their family and friends

Our warmest congratulations to R. Alexander Porter as he celebrates his 90th birthday on 8 June.




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For enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation (adults and children), marriages, funerals and home communion visits, please contact the clergy via the Parish Office. Also for the Planned Giving Schemes for both churches.

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ST LUKE'S

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SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 Holy Communion	St Luke's
1030 Sung Eucharist	St Luke's
1100 Sung Eucharist	Christ Church
1500 Choral Evensong	St Luke's

MORNING PRAYER

Monday	0900	Christ Church
Tuesday - Friday	0900	St Luke's

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children's Ministry Administrator Anna Stamenova:
Please contact Anna for any enquiries about children's groups, registrations and schools via the parish office, or annastamenova@chelseaparish.org

Children's Groups During Sunday Services

Sunday School at St Luke's (10.30am) and Christ Church (11.00am).

A crèche is available at both churches.

Youth Events for 13+ please contact Samuel Rylands for more details: 020 7351 7365, samuelrylands@chelseaparish.org

ABC Club During Term Time

Thursdays 1000-1130

Parent, carer and toddler group.

Uniformed Organisations all at St Luke's Hall

The Rainbows contact is 10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com.

They meet at 5pm to 6 pm on Tuesdays.

Brownies contact is 10thchelsea.brownies@gmail.com.

They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm pm on Tuesdays.

Guides for girls 10 years to 14 years and

Rangers 14 years to 18 years

Their contact is 10thchelseaguides@gmail.com.

They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

Beavers are the youngest part of the Scout movement.

For 6 to 8 year olds it gives them a taste of what it means to be a scout, preparing them for the move to becoming a cub when they turn eight. They meet between 5.00pm-6.30pm on Thursdays.

Cubs are for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½. They meet

between 7.00pm-8.30pm on Thursday evenings.

Scouts are for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14. They meet

between 7.00pm-9.00pm on Friday.

Explorers are for boys and girls aged 14 to 18. They

meet between 7.00pm-9.00pm on Monday.

Contact for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is

wolf2872@gmail.com

All events take place in St Luke's Hall

PARTY VENUES FOR HIRE

The Hall of Remembrance, Flood Street, St Luke's Hall, St Luke's Street, and The Hut, Alpha Place. All are available to hire for children's parties, workshops, rehearsals and public or private meetings. All halls are light and airy, on the ground floor with high ceilings. For more information contact tel: 020 7351 6133.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

St Luke's is open for prayer from
0900-1530 Monday to Saturday

The PCC of St Luke's and Christ Church is a Registered Charity, No 1133092



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