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THE JOY OF EASTER!

A lot can happen in a year! And I'm sure we can all remember what Holy Week and Easter Sunday was like this time 12 months ago. So, it's wonderful that the opening up and easing of lockdown restrictions has coincided with Easter, as we've been able to resume public worship again.

In the journey through Holy Week, the week begins with the cleansing of the Temple. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to find access to the Temple, the place where God's presence was known to dwell, restricted by the built-up system of bartering and sacrifice required for entry into God's house. By the end of the week, however, we are moved to see that God's presence dwells, not solely in this restricted and confined

space, but in the person of Jesus Christ. The movement of Holy Week then is a movement of discovering God's presence not to be contained within the city walls and inside the Temple, with all its guarded access. But instead, the Temple curtain is torn in two, as God makes himself available in the crucified body of Christ—strung up on a cross, outside the city gates, on a dunghill, undefended and accessible to all. Indeed, so open and available is God's presence that

not even death and an enclosed grave could hold him! So, we rejoice in the empty and open tomb, the stone rolled away—Christ's risen life, available to all.



'He is not here: he has risen.' Window in Christ Church.

Throughout this time as a church-community we have come to know God's presence with us in new and unexpected ways, as our parish ministry has constantly adapted to meet the needs of the community through the pandemic. Our parish magazine this month again reflects this, with Sophie's reflection on our virtual New Creations Lent course, our engagement in the Living in Love and Faith conversation, the ongoing work of our children's and youth ministry, as well as our wider work across the community.

But this Easter especially, as restrictions continue to ease, we celebrate the joy of being together again, or at the very least, the closer prospect of being together again, to share and rejoice in Christ's risen life as a church family. So, we look forward to welcoming you back through our open doors— a physical symbol and reminder of God's open arms, welcome, and available for all! ☐

SAMUEL RYLANDS



After six months at the helm, this is my last edition as editor of the parish magazine. It has been a privilege to help edit and collect the articles – an amazing opportunity that I would not have got to experience anywhere else. I have learnt so much over this time by reading each of the articles and am so grateful for it all. I would also like to thank Father Sam who has helped me and guided me in the process as I learned. As you can imagine, we do not learn many literary based things in a Forensic Science degree! So, thank you for the opportunity to help bring a little something to read this past winter. I wish everyone the best in the future, especially through these difficult times. ☐

A Rainbow in the Storm

As the anniversary of the first lockdown is drawing closer we have been looking back on the strangest year in Girlguiding history. For the first time in 110 years Girlguiding stopped all in person meetings. Even the world wars didn't have this effect!

However, the girls have stayed optimistic and we have been using modern technology to continue meeting and keeping some normality in their lives as well as something to look forward to during the week.

The Rainbows (5-7 years) have been learning about many different world festivals, making Chinese New Year lanterns and Jewish Hanukkah dreidels as well as having a fabulous Christmas party with games and dancing. This term they have been doing activities based around communication and written cards to other Rainbows for World Thinking Day.

We are all looking forward to when we can all meet up in person again, we know there are plans a head to allow us to meet outdoors soon.



As we are currently meeting online, this is a perfect time if you have ever thought of volunteering with our groups. We could always do with extra adults to help run activities or do one off sessions. All the leaders are volunteers and it's amazingly rewarding to be part of.

We also have spaces for girls to join if they are interested in giving things a go on zoom just now. ☐

For all our groups please contact Heather or Alex on kc.girlguiding@gmail.com

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- Brownies: For girls aged 7-10
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Second chances

As I write this, the England cricket team have just crumbled towards another crushing defeat to India in the final test match of the series. Yet, despite the win being thoroughly convincing for India in the end, there was one point in the game when things were in the balance. With India still chasing England's first innings total and 6 wickets down already, Rishabh Pant was very fortunate not to lose his wicket to an LBW (Leg Before Wicket) appeal early

ences of lucky escapes in cricket, there's something in realising your game was nearly ended early, that you're able to discover a new appreciation and determination to maximise this second opportunity. Knowing you were almost back in the pavilion watching for the rest of the afternoon gives a new-found freedom to be still batting and, therefore, to ensure that you make the most of it!

But as with cricket (and apologies



in his innings. Although the replays showed that the ball was going on to hit the stumps, the on-field umpire's decision was "Not Out," and the review was not conclusive enough to overturn this decision. Pant had been given another life and he didn't look back! He went on to score 101 runs and effectively ended any chances of England winning the match.

Speaking from my own experi-

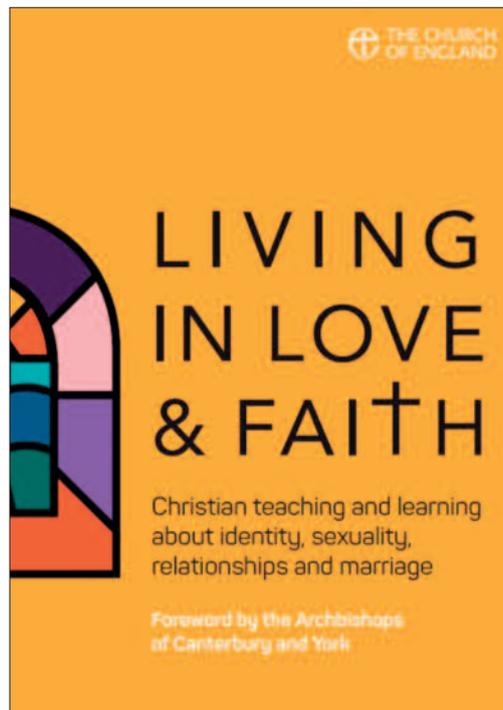
for all the cricket jargon!), so with all areas of life. For many of us, this experience of new beginning after a sense of near or actual loss, has been brought into real focus as we look forward with great anticipation to the end of lockdown. All of those things we previously took for granted, all of those aspects of our lives we considered "normal," which had been stripped away during the pandemic, we will cherish again afresh. Let our prayer be

that we will see with new eyes, minds, and hearts— as we emerge from our narrowed and constricted lockdown patterns.

Indeed, this movement echoes the eternal truth of Easter that we celebrate this month: the truth of new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Paul describes this radical newness of the Christian life in his letter to the Romans; "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." In Christ's resurrection, we learn that the old has gone and we walk in the freedom of the new. No longer bound by sin and death, we have been freed into a glorious new life that begins here and now, and stretches into eternity. So, this Easter, and with the end of lockdown fast approaching, what will we do with this new life we've been given? ☐

In February 2017, the General Synod (the governing body of the Church of England) debated a report from the House of Bishops: 'Marriage and Same-Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations'. The General Synod voted not to take note of the report, a very unusual decision. For those who supported same-sex marriage, the report did not go far enough, and for those opposed, it went too far. Last year, the Archbishops wrote that "such an exceptional action by the Synod required an equally exceptional response by the Bishops".

This promised response from the Bishops has now materialised as the 'Living in Love and Faith' resources. Published in November 2020, they follow three years of conversation between more than 40 people across the full



ready at the heart of our Christianity – Jesus was inherently radical, questioning Jewish leaders, performing miracles on the Sabbath, and teaching us to love our enemies. He welcomed those rejected by others. Inclusion shouldn't seem radical to Christians, yet the leaders of our Church state that we must search anew for this elusive, inclusive spirit of Jesus.

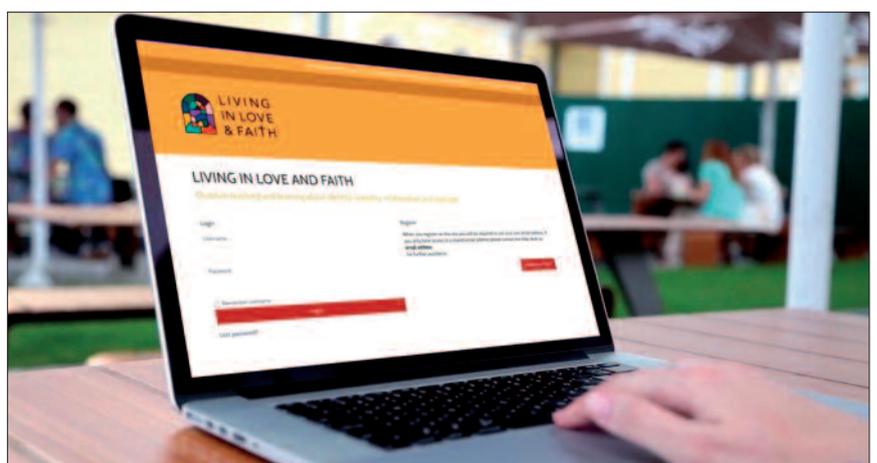


spectrum of the Church: evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics; straight, gay, and trans people; clergy and laity. They comprise a 482-page book, short films from the LLF committee, a course for parish groups, and podcasts. All to examine and discuss Christian study on identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage.

The primary purpose of LLF is to encourage individuals and parishes to find a way towards "a radical new Christian inclusion in the Church", in the words of the Archbishops in 2017. Strange isn't it? I thought that radical inclusion was al-

I know that for many of us – privileged to worship in a parish where all are welcome – summoning the energy to engage in covering ground we've long since walked may seem regressive. But it is incredibly important that our parish voice is heard – I hope – to be in vociferous support of our LGBTQIA+ family. Often the loudest voices are those who decry my right to worship alongside you as a gay woman, as God intends me to be: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139).

So please, if you can spare the time, do get involved with our parish's engagement with LLF. I can't tell you how exhausting it is to have my life treated as



an issue and a debate. Although St Luke's has been nothing but a safe home for me – I even met my girlfriend in the choir – it hurts so much to know that I can't marry here. And whilst I applaud the aim of LLF to encourage Anglicans to listen and learn from one another, ultimately only one side of the 'sexuality debate' walks

away feeling other, less than, traumatised. In the words of Rev. Andrew Foreshaw-Cain, "Your LGBTI brothers and sisters are not beggars looking for entrance on the borders of the Church... I am not a case study. We are flesh and blood." ☐

ISABEL SINAGOLA

Living in Love and Faith: a reflection from our Rector

They were having what today we might call a 'full and frank discussion'. Jesus and some teachers of the law, hugely influential men whose decisions and interpretation had direct impact upon every part of the lives of their hearers. One of them, as if to diffuse the atmosphere, asked which commandment is the most important. Jesus answers with what we have traditionally come to call The Great Commandment. It is singular, of course, because although it seems to be two parts, in fact one is a consequence of the other. Jesus says 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'. The second part, or as we might say, the reverse side of this coin, is that if we do take the first element seriously we shall also be able to love our neighbours as ourselves. It's a good test of the first to ask ourselves seriously, do our lives really show the second? Or again, if we are failing to live out the second, how can we claim to do the first?

As a parish which aligns itself to Inclusive Church, where all our parishioners are valued and cherished equally, irrespective of everything, we shall be engaging with the Living In Love and Friendship materials in the next few months, not as an exercise in intellectual curiosity, but much more as a checklist. Do we really love all our neighbours in the church community as ourselves- how do we show it? And if we don't, how can we claim to love God? ☐

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ANNA STAMENOVA



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

We spent last Easter in the depths of lockdown, with no church services, no lovely lunches with family and friends, and maybe an outdoor Easter egg hunt if we are lucky enough to have a garden. Sadly, this year is likely to be similar – although at least with church services again. We might be celebrating Easter a little differently, but it doesn't mean that we can't have fun as there are still many ways to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life we received through his death.

Here are some of the indoor Easter activities you can do during the holiday without leaving your house. You'll be amazed by what children will come up with! For example:

- **make an Easter basket of hats**
- **make cards for someone you love**

• **Decorate Easter Eggs:**

In my Orthodox faith it is tradition for at Easter to colour eggs, it's a lot of fun. To do this, lay down some plastic or paper to protect your table, boil some eggs, and get out the art supplies. Even if you can't get to the store to buy a traditional egg-dyeing kit, children will have a blast with food colouring (which makes a great dye substitute when combined with vinegar and hot water), wax crayons, stickers, paint, and markers.

Also here are some things I found on the internet:

- **Have Easter-Themed Play-Doh or Lego Challenges:**

If you have little children, help them make eggs, bird nests, bunnies, and other Easter-themed things out of Play-Doh. For older children watch Lego Masters television series by challenging them to make something for Easter, unleash their creativity.

- **Make Toilet-Paper Roll Bunnies:**

Hang on to your toilet paper rolls and make adorable Easter bunny craft!



• **Do the Bunny Hop:**

If your children need to burn some energy and stretch their limbs, it's time for the bunny hop. Form a line, crank up the music, and get hopping! They will love it.

• **Have an Indoor Easter Egg Hunt:**

preferably with plastic eggs rather real ones. This is especially fun for small children, but the older ones that are stuck at home will want to participate as well. Hide eggs throughout your home and then let your kids run around with baskets and collect the eggs.

• **Make an Easter book together:**

Create a picture book cut out from magazines and newspapers. Older children can make up and illustrate their own story, then share it with the rest of the family.

New Photo Competition

God's Creations: Best animal picture- closing date for entries is 10 April

From the beginning of the Bible, we see how important animals are to God. God calls the animals good! Yet, from the beginning of creation, there has also been a special and unique relationship between people and animals which we explore as we care for them. So please send me your best, cute and unique photos of your pet or any animal you find adorable. Enjoy and capture the beauty of the nature.



Olive, Noemi and Archie: our 3 snow photo competition winners!

Have fun and be creative, Rejoice! Easter symbolizes a sense of joy, renewal and new beginnings. Christ is Risen! ☐

Love, Anna

As the children were welcomed back to school on 8th March, they were greeted with a big multi-coloured balloon arch. Something special to celebrate all of their hard work and dedication from home.



The children were sent boxes filled with some different fruits. They then had a tasting session and got to try to identify some of the fruits which included things like guava, star fruit, kumquat and pomegranate.



The children also had the opportunity to make a Katsu Curry with Chef Katie. The children at home got to join a zoom call and learn along with the students in school. It was great fun and had delicious outcomes!



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THE YOUTH GROUP

Youth Programme– April Update

This last month, we have continued our youth gatherings virtually, but have also celebrated the physical return of our young people to school! This has been a challenging and testing time for our parents and children alike, but we give thanks that they have still found space to flourish and grow, even in the face of such adversity. Praise God and well done everyone for making it through!

Spring Half-Term Event



Over the Spring Half-Term we took on the challenge of an Escape Room! This was a Sherlock Holmes “whodunnit” themed

challenge, with a series of puzzles and riddles that we had to solve together as a group in order to

find the culprit. The group cooperated really well and managed to complete the mystery in the allotted time. Most importantly though we had a lot of fun doing it, and it was great to welcome some new members to the group too!

Thursday Youth-Group



Our fortnightly Thursday evening gatherings have continued online. One of the highlights from last month was our pizza-making evening, whereby we made the pizzas entirely from scratch, dough and all! Our young people showed their culinary and baking skills, as well as creativity with some of the toppings. It made for a very fun and



tasty evening! Our other evenings have included a Quiz and Games night, with a takeaway provided for everyone.

We cannot wait until we are able to gather together again physically, but it has been great to be able to stay in contact and socialise with one another during these evenings!

Youth in Church

We met for our monthly Youth in Church gathering at the beginning of March. This is a space, alongside our Thursday sessions, for our young people to engage with God and to grow in Christian faith. Here we looked at Jesus’ clearing of the Temple and how God



makes himself accessible to everyone, no matter how far we might feel from him. It’s been great to hear the insights and questions of our young

people on this topic, as well as surrounding faith more generally. Please pray for us as we continue to learn and grow in faith together.

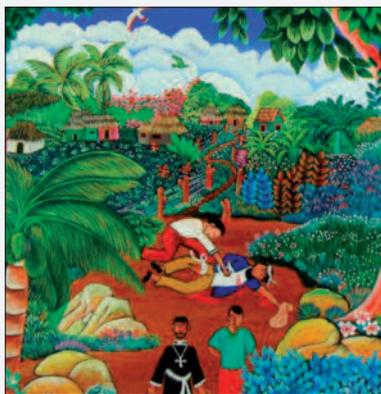
If you have any question about our youth programme, know a young person who would like to join, or would like to get involved in any way, then please don’t hesitate to get in touch: samuelrylands@chelsea-parish.org ☐

UPDATE: Summer Programme dates; 26th July to 13th August, Monday- Friday. Ages 8-13 years old. More information to follow nearer the time, but to register interest please email: parishoffice@chelseaparish.org

My Favourite Bible Story

We hear from three children in the parish this month, in our regular series detailing the Bible stories that particularly speak to members of our congregation.

“My Favourite bible story is The Good Samaritan. Jesus tells the story of a Jewish man who was walking to the city of Jericho and on his way, he was beaten, robbed and left almost dead. Not long after



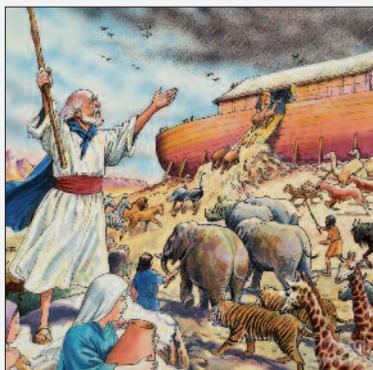
Jose Ignacio Fletes Cruz –
The Samaritan

a Jewish priest came by and crossed the road to avoid him and then a little while later another Jewish man did the same. Then a Samaritan came along. Jews and Samaritans did not get along, but when he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and dressed his wounds and clothed him. He took him to an inn and stayed with him until he had to leave the next day. He gave money to the innkeeper and told him to take care of the man. I like this story because it reminds me to always help other people and to be kind.”

Violet

“There was once a man called Noah and he had been told by God to build a huge wooden ark to fit himself and lots of different animals in if a large storm came along. Noah had spent a very long time building the ark out of wood and it had windows and a roof.

He had made room inside the ark for animals, tigers, giraffes, elephants, monkeys, hippopotamus, Kangaroos, snakes, parrots and a white dove. God sent to Noah lots of animals that needed to survive the storm or else the world wouldn't have different species of animals.



Noah's Ark by English School

One day Noah woke up and the sky was very dark

with the clouds moving quickly, the rain had started to fall in heavy drops a storm was definitely on its way. The rain soon flooded the ground and the ark started to float the ark could Float and everybody was safe from the floods. Noah and his family had saved all the animals because they listened God.

This is my favourite bible story because when I was little, I had a wooden Noah's Ark which had been my brother & sisters and when I played with it my mummy used to tell me the story.”

Mack

“This is a very powerful story about Jesus taking 5000 people (children, men and women) up in to the mountains far, far away from any village or town near the Sea of Galilee. These people had followed Jesus so that they could listen to his stories and teaching's about God. After a while, two of

his disciples, Philip and Andrew came up to Jesus to tell him that all the 5000 people that followed Jesus up in the mountains have not eaten for a very long period of time and because there were no villages or shops around them, they couldn't get any food and even if there were shops, they didn't have enough money to buy anything.

Then Andrew came to Jesus and told him that a small young boy had 5 loaves of bread and only 2 fish, then the boy came up to Jesus and gave to him. Jesus did a small prayer to God and suddenly there were thousands of fish and loaves of bread, and plenty left over.

I really like this story from the New Testament, because it lets me know that Jesus and God will be with us and look after us when times are hard. Jesus is thinking of others when they are hungry and we should also think of other people when they are going through hard times. I think Jesus is looking after us now while we are going through Coronavirus too.”

Olivia



Jose Ignacio Fletes Cruz,
Feeding of the 5000

St Luke's food club continues to grow

The St Luke's food club continues to grow and to meet a need in our local community. The aim of the club is to offer a supplement of fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned foods and other non-perishables in exchange for a voluntary donation of five pounds. Those that can't afford that are equally welcomed after registering.

The club operates every Tuesday from 12pm until 2pm. Set up, however, begins long before that at 8:30am, as volunteers drive around the local area to collect donations of surplus food from generous local suppliers. The food arrives in the St Luke's vestry from about 9:30am onwards, and from noon a steady stream of people enter the vestry (one at a time, due to Covid regulations) and collect their food. After the event has ended, any leftover food is redistributed to other neighbourhood charities. Many people who attend have been made redundant.



The service has also been welcomed, however, by a number of asylum seekers housed locally. Many struggle to afford suitably nutritious food on their £39.63 per week government allowance.

The club provides a welcome and support for many traumatised people, often separated from the family and support networks they knew in their home country. The work of the club, and the need it addresses, was recently highlighted in a piece on ITV news.

We are enormously grateful for the work of Community Collective K&C in leading the operation of the food club. The club was initially launched to support people in need during the winter period, but with the growing number of attendees it is now envisaged that the club will keep operating. Above all, though, we long for the day when this support will not be necessary in our wealthy borough. ☐

Diocesan Lent Appeal 2021

This year the Diocese of London Lent Appeal focuses on Youth Violence. This is currently a prevalent topic in London as rates are rising. Youth violence is the intentional use of physical force or power to threaten or harm other young people between the ages of 10 to 24. It often involves the harming of peers who are unrelated to them and who they might not even know. Youth violence can include fighting, bullying, gang-related violence and more. The Lent Appeal focuses on raising awareness to this issue and raising money for three charities that are working hard to combat it. The charities include The eXcel Project, TLG – Transforming Lives for Good, and Redthread. Find out more and please give generously at london.anglican.org/lentappeal2021.

A pink and white poster for the Diocese of London Lent Appeal 2021. The text reads: "CHALLENGING YOUTH VIOLENCE". Below this, it says "FIND OUT MORE AT: LONDON.ANGLICAN.ORG/LENTAPPEAL2021". A quote from 1 Peter 3:9 is included: "DO NOT REPAY EVIL WITH EVIL OR INSULT WITH INSULT. ON THE CONTRARY, REPAY EVIL WITH BLESSING, BECAUSE TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED SO THAT YOU MAY INHERIT A BLESSING." At the bottom, logos for supporting organizations are listed: Redthread, Transforming Lives for Good, and XLP.

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It was lovely being able to have the church open for prayer on Ash Wednesday, and to be able to see people administering their own ash.



Save the date!
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online on
Wednesday
19 May at
7pm.

New Creations

Can talent only be realised through hard work or does the divine spark of creativity also play a part?

In the last three weeks at 8 pm on Tuesdays, you will have found me at my computer, thinking about and discussing this question over Zoom with others who have had the privilege of hearing about three diverse types of creativity as part of the New Creations series. James Heard described how, as a teenager, he discovered a special talent for gymnastics which, being encouraged and nurtured, blossomed into professional excellence; Louise Diggle recounted how a childhood preoccupation with drawing was



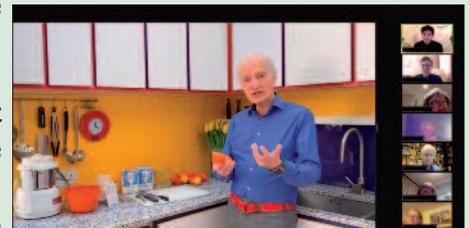
the foundation for a creative life in which light and refraction have sustained her art and Simon Hills shared with us how perseverance has enabled him to perfect his recipes for conserves and marmalades.

For me it is the shared experience of creating music with others that has helped my faith to grow. Choir practice and the cycle of the liturgical year are a framework that provide discipline and training, yet also give me space to explore new things and deepen my understanding of things already learned.

Similarly, in the talks we have heard so far, James described his feelings of achievement when, after much practice, he successfully accomplished a synchronised

display with another trampolinist. Thus his own dedicated training and personal excellence became a shared creative experience and gave pleasure to many. And Louise, too, as she travelled in India or worked closer to home here in London, felt driven by necessity to express herself in her art yet at the same time shared her gifts with students and art lovers who enjoy the exhibitions at the Wimbledon Arts Centre where her work is for sale. At one point she pondered: "Why do I do it?" and she answered herself "Because I have to."

Finally, Simon observed that the world we live in has been created for us by a Creator God, and our creativity is an expression of our gratitude. In his bespoke video on the art of making marmalade, Simon revealed how his making of marmalade is his way of using his talent for personal enjoyment, but perhaps it also fulfils this purpose.



In the breakout groups we marvelled and were curious. Each of the speakers had discovered a special gift; something God-given and innate. But it was persistence and dedication that honed their talent and enabled each of them to express their special individual creativity and to share it with the wider world for our delectation and delight. □

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Please contact Anna for any enquiries about children's groups, registrations and schools via the parish office, or childrensadmin@chelseaparish.org.

Children's Groups during Sunday Services are currently suspended. Activity packs are available at the back of church.

Youth Events for 11 + please contact Samuel Rylands for more details: 020 7351 7365, samuelrylands@chelseaparish.org

ABC Club During Term Time
Thursdays 1000-1130 (currently suspended)
Parent, carer and toddler group.

Uniformed Organisations All At St. Luke's Hall
10th Chelsea (St. Luke's) Rainbows

For girls Aged 5-7 meet Tuesday 1700-1800
Contact: Lottie Holmes on 07981 891 788

Brownies

For girls 7-10. Meets on Tuesday evenings 1800-1930
Contact: Gail Horn 0203 313 5901

Guides

For girls 10-14 years old. Meets on Tuesday evenings 1900-20.30

9th Chelsea Scout Group - All at St. Luke's Hall

For further info all contact Wolf or Chil
Wolf2872@gmail.com

Beavers: Boys and girls aged 6-8

Every Thursday 1730-1845

Cubs: Boys and girls aged 8-10 & a half

Every Thursday 1900-2030

Scouts - Boys and girls 10 & a half -14

Every Friday 1900-2100

Explorers- Boys and girls 14-18

Every Friday 1900-2100