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LENT COURSE

Our language for faith often unavoidably – and indeed beneficially – depends on metaphors or analogies drawn from



our worldly lives. This year's Lent reflections explore the resonances and tensions that arise when we pause to attend to the meaning of these metaphors. In our first session Emily Kempson considers the role of metaphor in religious language. In the following sessions three other congregation members reflect on how important aspects of their working lives might illuminate common metaphors we use to describe faith and God. What does it mean when Jesus says we must 'become like children'? How might music be a foretaste

of heavenly worship? What insights might we gain from secular justice into what it means to call God 'judge', or to

speak of divine justice?

Each session takes place in the vestry at the east end of St Luke's, Chelsea, beginning with a drink at 7:30pm. Dinner at 7:45pm is followed by a 30 minute reflection, then dessert and discussion, to finish at 9pm. All are welcome.

For catering purposes, please contact the Parish Office (parishoffice@chelseaparish.org) if you are attending. ☐

Wednesday 4 March

Emily S. Kempson:

Metaphor and Religious Language

Emily is Lecturer and Tutor in Theology at St Mellitus College. She holds degrees in Theology from the University of Virginia, Yale, and Oxford, and her PhD thesis on Truth was recently approved by the University of Cambridge.

Wednesday 11 March

Felicity Masters: Childlike faith

Felicity has attended Christ Church since the early 1990's. During her time here she has led Sunday school and ran the Cafe Sunday youth group that used to meet. For the past 19 years she has worked at Chelsea Open Air Nursery School where she now coordinates and delivers the Forest School programme.

Wednesday 18 March

Rupert Jeffcoat:

Beautiful Feet: Music as Travel Agent

Rupert is a Scot who has been involved with church

music for nearly 45 years. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists whilst still a student and was, for 8 years, Music Director of Coventry Cathedral. The holder of a PhD in Composition, he has been supporting the music ministry at St Luke's since 2011.

Wednesday 25 March

Douglas Hall: Justice and faith

After studying history at Christ Church Oxford and law at the University of Birmingham Douglas was called to the bar by Lincoln's Inn. Most of his career has been spent drafting legislation for the UK government at the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel, but he has also worked at the Law Commission (where he is based at the moment) and for the Australian Government in Canberra. He has drafted legislation on a wide range of topics, including criminal law, tax law and financial services. He is one of the longer serving members of St Luke's choir, and has helped to organise some of the choir's recent tours.

SAM HOLE



This month we look back to the Parish Retreat which took place in January, returning to Douai Abbey – two participants write about their experience there. This month we also have our Lent Course: a series of four evening talks with supper in St Luke's Vestry on the theme of 'Living Faith'; we hope to see some of you there!

As John Russell prepares to move on to his new role at St James's Piccadilly, we are also pleased to be able to introduce our new curate, who will be moving into the parish in June for his first service with us on 5 July.

This year our electoral roll will be updated ahead of the APCM at the end of April – please keep an eye out in the pew sheet and email for more details about this later in the month. ☐

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ANNA STAMENOVA



"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness."
Proverbs 31:25-28

Dear All,
Thank you to everyone who attended our first All Age Eucharist of the year – Candlemas at Christ Church. Thank you to our fantastic readers and quiet listeners, which made the dramatisation of the Gospel play very



enjoyable. Huge thanks to Richard Wellings-Thomas, who was our ancient priest from the past and entertained us all with his presentation of the "liver" for telling the future and Father Sam, who "mistakenly" caused him to appear, so he could explain why Candlemas is one of the important events of the beginning of the year between Christmas and Easter.

Thank you very much to all of you who joined the half term activities. Children had an amazing



time and very joyful days. Our new projects involving the police from our community, the professional garden story tellers and the sports day with Dean were full of enthusiasm and energy from the children and adults. At the end of each day we had lots of happy faces.

Events to come
Mothers Sunday 22 March

We shall be celebrating with an **ALL-AGE EUCHARIST at St Luke's at 10.30 am.** There will be no Sunday School provision in either of our churches as we will worship together. Please do come and join us for this wonderful occasion to honour our mothers and all who care for us and give them flowers.

Youth Church will take place on Sunday 15 March, 5.30-7.30pm in St Luke's Hall, for children of secondary school age. Please contact Fr John for more information. ☐

Thank you and God bless you!



After Easter Day I'll be moving to become the new Associate Rector at St James's Piccadilly. I understand the next curate, Father Sam (yes, another Father Sam!), is introducing himself elsewhere in this magazine but I'm going to add one exciting fact to mention himself: he's so handsome that we'll need to issue the sidespeople with smelling salts to help manage all the swooning in the pews! But sheer gorgeousness will only get you so far so here are my 12 Top Tips for the **Next Curate:** (1) Father Brian is a fantastic boss who will give you lots of freedom to discover how to authentically inhabit your new role. Remember that God called you into the priesthood, so don't start changing yourself into someone else's idea of who a curate should be. (2) Enjoy one of the shortest commutes to work you're ever likely to have. (3) The Order of Service on a Sunday is identical in both churches but small differences in practice will keep you on your toes. The trickiest thing is that the entire chancel layout is flipped and the celebrant sits on the north-side at St Luke's but on the south-side at Christ Church. In your first year, you will inevitably keep finding yourself on the wrong side of the celebrant at the altar wondering how to discreetly swap sides in full view of the congregation but without them noticing. (4) There are over 500 children registered for Sunday School. Try to learn as many of the children's names as you can (it impresses them no end) and always take the time to meaningfully bless every child at the altar rail. (5) The key to a successful All Age Service is to combine audience participation and chocolate in an ingenious biblical way. (6) Note carefully when Sue the verger at St Luke's is taking a well-earned holiday and remind yourself how to set-up for Mass. It's not something you want to be struggling to remember at 7.30am on a Sunday morning when you suddenly realise Sue is sunbathing in Lanzarote! (7) A fun and thought-provoking school assembly pays huge dividends because children go straight home afterwards and tell their parents all about it. Be warmly inclusive of all the children at school, regardless of whether they attend church. (8) Three years really flies by. Try to settle in quickly and start looking for a few innovative projects of real benefit to the parish that will help show future interview

panels how awesome you are. The new Parish Action Plan is a great place to start! (9) You will also need some examples of how you managed conflict and challenge in curacy. Don't worry about looking for these – the Lord will provide! (10) Pray every day. Get a good spiritual director. Take your day off. Use your annual leave. Savour and relish the things that give you joy and energy. You can't model abundant life in Christ Jesus if you're feeling exhausted and dismal. (11) There is a secret Facebook group where curates around the country share their curacy horror stories. Join it and then get on everyone's nerves by repeatedly posting about what a fabulous time you're having in Chelsea. (12) Finally and most importantly, keep spare dog-collars stashed everywhere! ☐

TALES FROM THE COMMUNITY – Y5 PROJECT



Y5 joined with children from Holy Trinity & St Cuthbert's with St Mathais schools, to share their stories from the Tales from the Community projects. Children retold the stories of the elders they had interviewed, and then shared an afternoon of celebration. 'We were each given a piece of fabric and, using

different materials, made a patch which represented our story and our elders story [to make into a quilt]. At Holy Trinity Church, 2 people from each school read their story and one person from each school read one story their elder had told them.' Willa

PUPIL PARLIAMENTS MEET!



Christ Church Pupil Parliament were welcomed by Holy Trinity Pupil Parliament to their school. Holy Trinity Parliament will soon visit Christ Church too. 'We had a talk so that we could meet them and most of us had never been to HT before. We discussed what changes we thought we should make and things we could make better.' Heidi (Y5)

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT



Christ Church & Holy Trinity Schools took part in the Sportshall Athletics Tournament, doing really well, and showing great support for each other!

SCIENCE WEEK: ANIMALS OF AUSTRALIA



We had a fascinating week learning about the animals of Australia. Each class had a different animal as their focus, and studied everything about their habitats and diets and how they are affected by environmental changes. At the end of science week, children came to school either dressed as an animal or brought in their favourite animal book or cuddly toy. They all bought in a donation to the WWF and the Red Cross. ☐

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Introducing our new Curate: Sam Rylands

Hello! My name is Sam Rylands (hopefully having another Sam won't be too confusing!), I am currently living in Bristol where I am in the final year of training for ordination at Trinity College. I am married to Lily who works as a production coordinator for a television company and although we are sad to be leaving Bristol, we are both very much looking forward to coming to St Luke's and Christ Church for my curacy!

During my time in Bristol I've been based at Bristol Cathedral and have been particularly involved in the Social Justice Group there—working with homeless people especially, but also thinking more broadly about how well the church reflects the good news that God's love is for all- including those on the margins of our society.

This passion to see the church as a transforming presence in its local community was greatly shaped during my time, before ordination training, as youth and community worker in Finsbury Park, working with young people from the local estate. However, being a Chelsea FC supporter, this was obviously the wrong end of London, so I'm delighted to be finally putting that right in my curacy, although Lily (an Arsenal fan) is less thrilled from that perspective! As well as football I love watching and playing most sports, particularly cricket and rugby, and "enjoy" doing endurance sports such as rowing, cycling and running.

I am guilty, however, of being a perpetual student having read International Relations and Global Issues for my undergraduate degree (this somehow justifying a year abroad in Melbourne... which just so happened to coincide with England retaining the Ashes down under!), followed by studying a postgraduate



diploma in Theology for a year. I am currently studying for a PhD in the area of how the church engages in politics in the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Rowan Williams, which I will be completing part-time during my curacy. So, whilst I can happily chat about theology and politics, please do stop me if this starts to bore!

Lily and I are really excited about joining the community at St Luke's and Christ Church, and we look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you over the course of our time with you. So please do be praying for us in preparing for this next step, as we come to see all the ways God is at work in this community. ☐

Diocese of London Lent Appeal: Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies

With rising global surface temperatures, intensifying droughts and more extreme storms, climate change is affecting our brothers and sisters across the globe, especially with our diocesan partners in Angola and Mozambique.

There is no doubt that the effects of Climate Change is here to stay and will affect us all. Since 1988, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published special reports on climate change have detailed how the rise of temperatures are affecting life global for all people especially those in the developing world. (IPCC website, Accessed Jan 2020).

The beneficiary charity of the Lent Appeal 2020 is ALMA, the diocesan companion link partnership between the Anglican Church in Angola, London and Mozambique. The focus of the Appeal is to raise money to buy powerful trucks to help churches and Bishops provide instant practical help where it is needed after the extreme climatic events that are happening due to climate change.

In 2012, the Lent appeal bought cars and trucks for the four dioceses that span across these two massive African countries. Now, eight years later, the church in these areas need new up-to-date jeeps to help them deal with the worst climatic weather systems the southern hemisphere has ever seen. In Southern Africa, the churches and bishops need to give instant and practical help where it is needed, the instant these extreme climatic events allow access to the areas.

The Challenge

After eight years of extensive action responding to climate catastrophes across dioceses 1.5 – 5 times the size of the whole UK (1000 miles) on rough terrain, each diocese needs to replace its existing vehicles. These vehicles have been twice round the

clock on mainly dirt roads, are almost beyond maintaining now and cannot be relied on. They are no longer fit for purpose.

With greater environmental catastrophes caused by climate change (more severe droughts and frequent flooding – Mozambique has once again been struck by flash floods following heavy rains with 58,800 people affected). Our four partner dioceses each need to buy a relatively new truck to deal with the ever-greater pressures placed on them. So, this Lent we are calling on all parishes to help us raise funds for us to buy state-of-the-art response vehicles to react to more quickly to these disasters so together as one people of God, we can respond more effectively.

The four Partner Bishops with the ALMA link are seen, and looked up to, as community leaders. They need to respond quickly in a community that is suffering; struggling as a result of adverse conditions – drought, flooding, etc. However, the sheer size of the areas that the Bishops must cover, means that they have a mammoth task. In many cases, it is not just the Bishops' physical presence and ministry that is required; they need to offer practical assistance, delivering vital supplies wherever they are needed.

The money raised by Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies on behalf of ALMA would be distributed equally between the four Dioceses to help them replace these old, and in some cases, broken down vehicles. This practical assistance will enable the Bishops to continue to provide the much-needed pastoral support in a practical way. □

For more information about the Lent Appeal, or to contribute, please visit:
<https://www.london.anglican.org/mission/lentappeal/>



Adult Learning at St Paul's Cathedral

A History of the Bible: The Book and Its Faiths – John Barton
Tuesday 24 March 6.30-8pm



The Bible is the central book of Western culture. For the two faiths which hold it sacred, it is the bedrock, a singular authority on what to believe and how to live. For non-believers too, it has a commanding status: it is one of the great works of

world literature, woven to an unparalleled degree into our language and thought. History, society and literature, as well as religion, have all been shaped by its authors through its narratives, laws, proverbs, prophecies, poems and letters.

For more information and to reserve tickets, please visit <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/a-history-of-the-bible-the-book-and-its-faiths>. Admission Free. □

Christ Church & Holy Trinity Primary Schools Fun Cycle – From London to Paris

Following the success of last year's cycle ride to Amsterdam, parents and friends of Christ Church and Holy Trinity Schools are embarking on a Fun Cycle to Paris this Summer to raise funds for the schools, and are keen for others to join them! For more details about taking part, please speak to Charlie Combe or Tim McKean – christchurchschoolcycling@gmail.com or Charlie Combe's mobile +447747796124



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The Parish Retreat at Douai Abbey Into the Silence



For both of us, this was our first experience of the Parish Retreat. It was an enlightening and treasured one which we both plan to repeat next January, if the monks will have us back! The theme of the weekend was 'Into the Silence', and Fr John guided us gently and sensitively in techniques of meditative prayer and contemplation. Over four sessions he introduced us to different exercises which enabled us to find peace and draw closer to God. Firstly, he encouraged us to focus on our breathing, as a precursor to repeating simple prayers, Bible verses or the Lord's Prayer. By Saturday, he was leading us in imaginative and contemplative ways of reading texts from the Gospels, using art from down the ages to bring the stories alive. He made the process so easy, it made us wish we had been guided in this way years ago!



Each day provided a new opportunity to enter fully into the silence and lay aside our busy lives and any personal anxieties or concerns. The Abbey is set in beautiful countryside which was easy to get to from London. On Saturday afternoon we were free to take a prayerful walk, allowing our senses to come alive to our surroundings: the ploughed fields, reflecting the need for stillness and renewal, the sun

shining on a magnificent bed of snowdrops, a sign of the hope of spring, and the Abbey grounds, with its chickens and vegetable patch, reminding us of a way of life which has stayed close to nature.

The monks made us very welcome and this included being invited to attend their daily offices. Having an insight into the monastic way of life, and the focus on prayer and praise, was a discovery to us. Letting the Latin chants wash over us in the light, bright Abbey is something we will both always remember. The accommodation was warm and comfortable, the food excellent and generous, and the company of everyone else in the group made it an incredibly special experience. We shared as much or as little as we felt comfortable sharing, and the friendships that began at Douai will take us through 2020 and beyond.

Having the weekend away from outside pressures with time to immerse ourselves in silence, whilst having the opportunity to discuss this with each other if we wished, made it a unique and valuable experience and one which filled us both with a powerful sense of peace. The challenge ahead is to incorporate this into our daily lives. □

EUGENIA AND HELEN

FROM OUR REGISTERS

We welcome as members of the church through baptism: Rawrie Weeks Whyman & Alexa Betts

We pray for the soul of: Peter Stormonth Darling, Gillian Clark, Jean McConnell

Rawrie Weeks Whyman with the choir following his baptism during evensong at St Luke's



Alexa Betts after her christening at Christ Church

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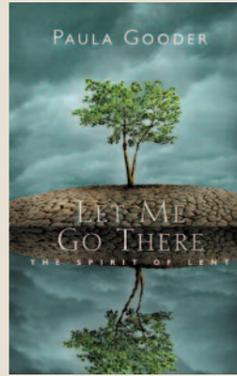
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Golden Charter

Lent Bible Study Group

We will be meeting in the Parish Office during Lent, starting the week before Lent, on Tuesdays at 10am for about an hour, to discuss Let Me Go There - The Spirit of Lent (ISBN 9781848259041). Our first session will be on Tuesday, 25 February, and we will meet each week up to and including 31 March. All are most welcome to join us for some or all of these sessions; please call the Parish Office for more information. ☐



World Day of Prayer

*A women led, global, ecumenical movement.
Rise, take your mat and walk*

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

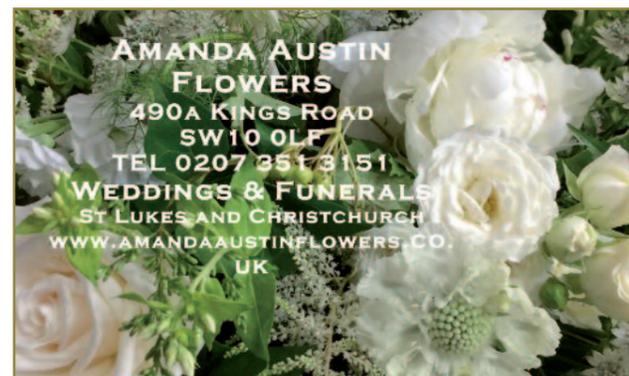
World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 6 March, people will gather to celebrate the service provided by the women of Zimbabwe. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas – before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later. ☐



For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk


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EVENTS IN MARCH

6 MARCH

World Day of Prayer – Service at St Mary The Boltons 11am

8 MARCH

Chelsea Chamber Choir concert Lassus & Lotti 5pm at Christ Church

15 MARCH

Youth Church, 5.30 – 7.30pm in St Luke's Hall

19 MARCH

Parish Eucharist (12.30pm) and Lunch (1pm), St Luke's Church/Vestry

22 MARCH

Mothering Sunday - All Age Eucharist at St Luke's 10.30am

28 MARCH

Three Choirs' Concert at St Luke's (All Saints' Fulham, St Luke's Church, St Martin-in-the-Fields) 7pm

MUSIC IN MARCH

Music at St Luke's

Sunday 1 March (1st Sunday of Lent)

1030 Eucharist
Palestrina Missa Emendemus in melius
Emendemus in melius – William Byrd

1500 Evensong
Hymns: 66 (tune 63) & 70 i
Howells St Paul's Service
Tristis est anima mea – Johann Kuhnau

Sunday 8 March (2nd Sunday of Lent)

1030 Eucharist
Darke in F
Like as the hart – Herbert Howells

1500 Evensong
Howells Collegium Regale
Abendlied – Josef Rheinberger

Sunday 15 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)

1030 Eucharist
Rheinberger Cantus Missae
Ave verum – Elgar
1500 Evensong
Dyson in F
The Reproaches – John Sanders

Sunday 22 March (Mothering Sunday)

1030 Eucharist
Schubert in G
Ave Maria – Robert Parsons

1500 Evensong
William Matthias Jesus Service
Salve regina – Francis Poulenc

Sunday 29 March (5th Sunday of Lent)

1030 Eucharist
George Oldroyd Mass for the Quiet Hour
Versa est in luctum – Alonso Lobo

1500 Evensong
Howells Gloucester Service
Out of the deep – Thomas Morley

Music at Christ Church

1 March

Part - Berliner Messe
Howells - Like as the Hart
Laloux - Tantum Ergo

8 March

Magalhaes - Missa Vere tu es Domine
Ingegneri - Domine exaudi orationem meam
Bruckner - Tantum Ergo

15 March

Morales - Missa vulnerasti cor meum
Cardoso - Ecce Mulier Chananea
Vierne - Tantum Ergo

22 March

Victoria - Missa Quarti Toni
Wilson - Mulier/Logos xxvi
Durufle - Tantum Ergo

29 March

Byrd - Mass for five voices
Morales - Peccantem me Quotidie
Walker - Tantum Ergo

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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	0900	St. Luke's
Wednesday	0900	St. Luke's
Thursday	0900	St. Luke's

CHILDRENS 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 childrensadmin@chelseaparish.org.

Children's Groups during Sunday Services
1030 at St. Luke's, 1100 at Christ Church
All families and children welcome

Youth Events for 11+ please contact John Russell for more details 020 7351 7365, johnrussell@chelseaparish.org

Junior Choir
Rehearsal every Tuesday in term time in Christ Church at 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Contact Emily Calderwood 07813 783533

ABC Club During Term Time
Thursday 1000-1130 in Christ Church.
Parent and Toddler Group. All carers welcome.

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10th Chelsea (St. Luke's) Rainbows
For girls Aged 5-7 meet Tuesday 1700-1800
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For girls 7-10. Meets on Tuesday evenings 1800-1930
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10th Chelsea Guides
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9th Chelsea Scout Group - All at St. Luke's Hall
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Beavers: Boys and girls aged 6-8
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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

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