

Summer Programme Review



I wonder what you have been up to this Summer. Perhaps you've spent some time hanging upside down 100ft-high at the seaside? Maybe you've been on a safari tour surrounded by giraffes and lions? Or have you been zip-wiring across one of the London parks? Then again you might have taken up pottery, designed and sewed some fashion accessories for yourself, made a wind-chime, played several different sports each day or learned new cooking skills?

You would be forgiven for not ticking off all these accomplishments this summer— holidays are for resting and relaxing after all! But these are just some of the activities the children and young people who attended our Summer Programme have been up to within the space of just three weeks!

The Summer Programme was in full flow again this year, running from Monday to Friday, 9.30-5pm each day, from the final week of July and into the first two weeks of August. Over 80 children aged 8-13

attended each day, with over 130 different children attending at some point over the three weeks - and that's not to count a team of teenage volunteer leaders who participated every day. Alongside a packed programme of arts, crafts, sports, home-cinema, cooking and other activities, the children also went on the high-ropes at GoApe in Battersea Park, braved the rides at Southend Adventure Island, as well as the rollercoasters and zoo at Chessington! More importantly than all these activities, however, was the real sense that the Summer Programme offered a fun and safe space for the children to grow in friendships and confidence.

A huge thank you to all who supported this fantastic holiday camp, which enables the church to offer this provision completely free of charge to the children who attend. See inside what the children learned and enjoyed most during the Summer Programme in their own words (p.2), along with everything else that's been happening in the parish over the summer!

The Summer Programme 2022

Here you can see some of the things we got up to on the Summer Programme and what the children thought of it in their own words!



"The Summer Programme is great because you get an opportunity to do different sports and the leaders are really nice." Lamek, aged 12.

"I've learned to spend more time outside and about healthy eating" Bailey, aged 9.

"My favourite thing was Go Ape because it was really scary!!" Ksenia, aged 10.

"I loved going on the rides at Southend Adventure Island and generally just being able to spend time with my friends and make new ones." Eben, aged 12.

"I really enjoyed making and designing my own tote bag!" Sarah, aged 10.

"During the Summer Programme I've learned how to play chess well!!" Nico, aged 11.

"I really loved going on the safari at Chessington and seeing the lions and giraffes. I learned a lot and grew in confidence being a young leader too" Abed, 14.

"Attending the Summer Programme has helped me to conquer my fears." Leo, aged 12.

"I really liked playing champ, meeting new people, and being able to play outside all day" Fahmia, aged 13.

FROM THE CLERGY

BRIAN LEATHARD

By the time you read this we should have a new Prime Minister. Whether it is Rishi Sunak or Liz Truss will have been decided upon by some 160,000 paid-up members of one political party alone. The televised debates in early summer proved to be bitter and bruising.

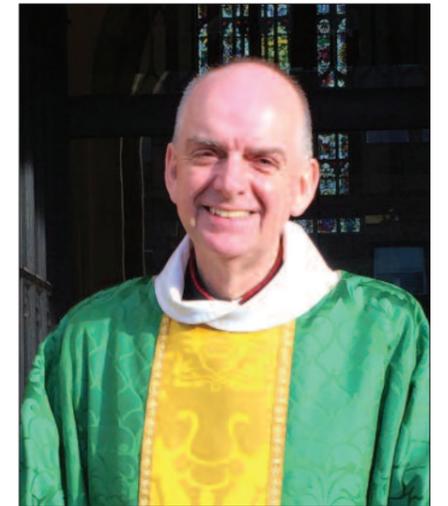
A much smaller number of bishops, about 650 of them, from across the Anglican Communion also gathered this summer in the Lambeth Conference. It looked as if the Conference might have been holed below the water-line before it even began, with several hundred bishops not attending because of their objections to the over-liberal or over-conservative, position the Anglican Communion seemed to be taking, particularly about same-sex relationships.

So perhaps this September is a good time to take seriously the notion of forgiveness. I don't mean forgetting or shelving hurt, but I do mean starting again. Cardinal Francis George, formerly of Chicago once wrote about our contemporary world that 'while

practically everything is permitted, practically nothing is forgiven'.

My experience is that younger people in our communities have high moral ideals- they may not be the same as those of the older generation, but they are clearly present. Prejudice on the basis of colour, gender or sexual orientation is simply not tolerated by younger people, the damage we are doing to the environment as well as to others through abuse is abhorred, not swept under the carpet.

'The atmosphere is heavy with accusation' remarks Timothy Ratcliffe OP. He goes on to argue 'Our world is divided between victims and perpetrators, a single mistake, a moment of madness will stay on record for ever. Social Media forgets nothing. Statues are torn down, schools and roads are renamed' heroes become villains. So how can we start again? How do we learn and practice forgiveness. Well we can, and must, pray daily 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us'. Even in



these old words we pick up the mutuality of forgiveness- we receive it as we offer it. Holding on to old hurts cannot open our arms to receive a new start. Yes, we must take the risk, and dare to put forgiveness into practice. It could be costly, but letting go of the past is the only thing that enables us to embrace a new future. Letting go is not the same as forgetting, but is rather to name and to be freed from the burden of hurt.

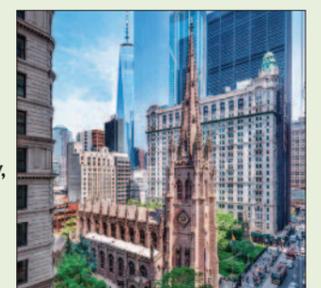
So whether in church or state, after the summer pause, might we now risk letting go of the old in order to greet the new?

Congratulations to Sam

Sam Hole has been accepted onto an amazing new programme ran by Trinity Church on Wall Street in New York. It is called the Trinity Leadership Fellows and is a leadership development programme for a mix of newly ordained Episcopal (which is basically the equivalent of the American Church of England) clergy, fairly early-career clergy and laypeople of faith. It is a two-year programme with a good deal of online teaching and an exciting week of in-person teaching in New York for the next three years! So not to worry, Fr Sam will still very much be a part of our Parish, this is just a very exciting little piece in addition to his current duties. So a big congratulation to him for this incredible opportunity!

More information on the Trinity Leadership Fellows can be found at

<https://trinitywallstreet.org/stories-news/announcing-2022-trinity-leadership-fellows-cohort>)



“Praise the Lord!”: getting the most out of worship

We've all been there. In our usual pew one Sunday morning, coming to a part of the service that we've heard or said hundreds of times before, and suddenly thinking, “what does this actually mean”?

Whether it's saying the Prayers of Penitence, or standing and hearing one of Jesus' more gnomic sayings during the gospel reading, or joining in prayer as bread and wine are consecrated – our Sunday eucharist is filled with words, action and symbolism.

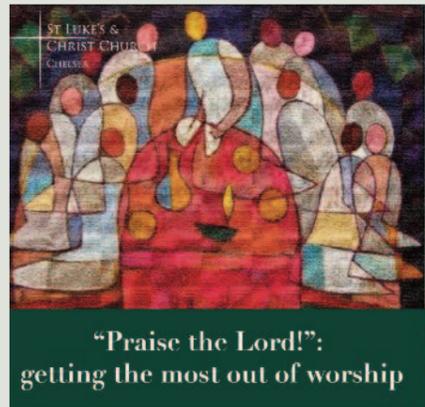
It can be confusing. And so it's hardly surprising that we clergy regularly have congregation members asking us, “I always think it's lovely when X happens during the service, but what does it actually mean?”

In this year's Autumn series we seek to unpack some of the aspects of our Sunday liturgy. We hope to help each of us to enter into it more deeply, and so to be able engage in worship with even more of our hearts, minds, souls and bodies.

We are delighted to welcome four expert speakers to help us reflect on the significance of our Sunday worship. Rámond Mitchell has served as Director of Liturgy & Arts for St George-in-the-East church in London, and has a Masters in Theology with a focus in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

Fr Simon Cuff is a parish priest in north-east London. Until recently he taught at St Mellitus, our local theological college. He has published numerous books, his most recent being *Priesthood for all Believers*.

Paula Gooder is Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral, and a renowned biblical scholar and teacher. Our Bible study group has enjoyed reading many of her recent books together, and we are delighted to welcome her.



3 October
Rámond Mitchell - Liturgy

10 October
Simon Cuff - Eucharist

17 October
Paula Gooder - Bible

24 October
Jeremy Summerly - Music

All sessions will be held in St Luke's Vestry beginning at 7.15pm for 7.30pm and ending by 9.00pm. For catering purposes, please RSVP to parishoffice@chelseaparish.org

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“Praise the Lord!”:
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And last, but not least, Jeremy Summerly is Director of Music at St Luke's, and an expert on the ways that music forms an integral part of our worship.

Over the course of these four sessions, we also want to allow space for you to ask the questions about our Sunday service that have niggled at you – the things about which you've long wanted to ask, “Why do we do it like this?”

All are welcome to our talks, especially if you have not joined us before. Come: enjoy companionship with friends old and new; enjoy a convivial evening over a delicious meal; and drink in all that our speakers have to offer.

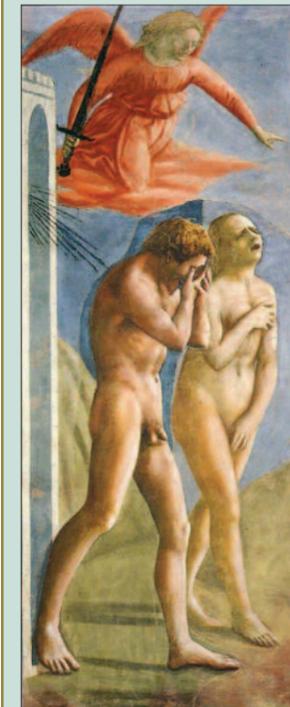
Our Sunday worship is filled with symbolism and meaning. And at best, this means it is a well of living waters with the resources to refresh us at the many stages of our journeys of faith. Sometimes it is good to let the waters of our liturgy simply wash over us; at other times, it is good to be able to drink deeply from all they have to offer, and so to be refreshed by experiencing afresh how our worship calls us to share together as the Body of Christ.

SAM HOLE

“Tell me the old, old story...”: Adam and Eve

In this new series, over the next year we revisit a number of stories from the Old Testament. These are stories of peril, of gore, of romance, and of betrayal. We will likely have learned them as children, but rarely hear them told in our Sunday morning worship. What, we ask, might be the significance of these stories for us as adult Christians? How do they point us to the God revealed to us in Christ?

The story of Adam and Eve begins with humankind being the crown and climax of creation, as human beings are created in God's image. “God created human beings in his own image. In his own image he created them. Male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27). To be in God's likeness then, is not to be solitary individuals, but to be created as inseparable from others. We cannot grow into God's likeness and



Adam and Eve, 1526

reflect the divine image alone; we can only do so in relationship with others. In their very creation Adam and Eve share flesh and bone, revealing the deeply intimate inextricability between human beings. Two uniquely created people, yet one flesh. The story of Adam and Eve shows us that humankind is created and purposed for relationship; relationship with God and relationship with one another. Living this way of life is to live in paradise, without fear and shame (Gen. 2:25). But the story of Adam and Eve also reveals that human beings do not live this fullness of life for which we are made. Presented with a world of goodness and abundance, we reject God as the source of that goodness and a distorted picture takes over with ourselves at the centre. No longer is likeness to God a freely given shared gift, but we seek to greedily grab it for ourselves

(Gen. 3:4). Sadly, we don't have to look too far to see all the ways we continue to assert our own value at the expense of the inherent worth of others. Notice in the story how, after the eating of the apple, Adam and Eve act as separate individuals, pointing fingers, and blaming the other (Gen 3:12-13). The sense of shared life with God and one another is lost, and with it paradise, so that now Adam and Eve hide in fear as isolated individuals.



Lucas Cranach 'The Elder'

But this “original sin” is our sin too. We share in the marring of God's image, of humanity contorted inwardly towards itself, away from God and neighbour. Precisely because we cannot reflect God's image alone, our disfiguration is shared.

But is this image beyond repair? The story tells us that the image of God is always and only ever a divine gift, it is grace, not seized by our own attempts. Here, we look to Jesus Christ, the new creation, the Second Adam, as St Paul describes him, who restores and reveals humanity in all its glory. In Christ, we see a human life that is totally oriented towards God and neighbour, and so reveals humanity as it is created to be. In Christ, we are a shared Body once again in his church. In Christ, the tree of the cross becomes the tree of life, so that our fall is not final and along with the thief and all of fallen humanity, we shall be with him in paradise.

SAMUEL RYLANDS

Hidden Histories

The first in a new series, which shines a light on little-known aspects of our parish history

Did you know that much the Christ Church organ is about 60 years older than the church? It was first built in 1779 for a church in the City of London, St Michael's Queenshithe. That church was demolished in 1876 (its site is underneath the northern carriageway of Upper Thames Street). The organ was then transferred to Christ Church. It was rebuilt in 2009 by the Dutch organ firm, Flentrop. At this time, it was moved from the south-east corner of the church (where a few pipes have been left) to its current location. It is an organ with quite a story!




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Cornwall 'Medieval' Summer Camp 2022



On Saturday 23rd July the 9th Chelsea Scouts & 1st RBK&C Explorers loaded 3 vans from St Luke's Church Hall to travel to Bodmin Scout Campsite in Cornwall. After

dressed as the Lady of the Lake (Chil) King Arthur (Wolf), Merlin (Chef), Queen Guinevere (Snappy) & Morgana (Hazel). For lunch we had a medieval banquet: jacket spuds, chicken drumsticks, chunky cheese and baguettes with peaches, grapes, rhubarb and lemon tea mead drink for afters. Then the youngsters competed against each other with their art and craft making; jousting, duelling and spear-throwing with the winner pulling the sword from the stone in triumph.

unloading and pitching our tents, and decorating the marquee, we did astronomy on the most breath-taking nature reserve, Bodmin Beacon.

Thursday was our day out and we visited Land's End. We wandered around the shops buying souvenirs and treats, had our packed lunch, and visited the very well-known "First & Last House" which is also a shop and tea-room. Then we headed to the beach where everyone swam in the lovely sea, lounged on lilos and played with water pistols and volleyball! Fish & Chips for dinner with dessert back at the campsite.

On Sunday we carried out kit inspection, re-pitched the tents preparing for the competition camp, then headed out to Adrenaline Quarry which is a visitor attraction and adventure park on the site of an old flooded quarry. It offers three rides: The Zip, The Giant Swing and Coasteering. The youngsters had fun in the aqua water inflatables and bravely went on the zip wire.

On Friday we gave out the competition scores, packed up most camping equipment and luckily took down the tents as it rained the next day and our tents were dry! After dinner everyone joined in with Chil's Lady of the Lake Quiz for prizes of the Good Luck Cornish Pixie (or Piskie as they are known) and ended with the group campfire and star gazing.

On Tuesday we went to Tintagel Castle (reportedly where King Arthur was born), followed by a visit to the local beach for a swim. After lunch we went to the Witchcraft & Magic Museum located in a beautiful small old-world village with a river running through it. We all had free time afterwards to shop, explore and eat Cornish cream teas - yummy!!!

A great time was had by all and hundreds of photos have been taken. We learned new skills on an extremely joyful and educational experience. We are looking forward to our next summer camp experience in Jersey or Guernsey next year!

Wednesday was Medieval Day. The Scouts & Explorers made a boulder for the Sword to be drawn from the stone and dressed up as Serfs. The leaders were

Gabriel heads to World Scout Jamborette



Hi, I'm Gabriel, I'm part of the 1st RBK&C Explorers. Next year I'm going to the World Scout Jamborette in the Netherlands where I will meet other scouts from all over the world. I have been in scouting for 6 years now and I've enjoyed every second of it. I like how we're challenged to do things we wouldn't try otherwise, such as leading others, communicating in different ways as a group and helping us develop good values for life. Through each section I have created new skills and challenges for myself that I have had to overcome and I don't think I would be the same today without it as it has played a huge part in my life. I think the jamborette will allow me to develop these much further, as well as allowing me to form new connections with people from both my country and others. It's already allowed me to form friendships with other scouts from outside of my scout group, as well as trying new things such as orienteering and speaking to people I haven't met before. I can't wait for it and hope that I learn and experience so much more through this amazing opportunity.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



"You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

I hope you all had a lovely, resting, and enjoyable summer, full of adventures, fun and smiles. A new school year gives you a chance to begin new and fresh. Have faith in God in order to live a peaceful life, clothe yourself with good things, that God wants us to fill up on His word. We do this by reading our Bible, going to church, praising God, and being grateful for what God has done. Best wishes and may God bless you!

Children aged 3-4 can be accompanied to Sunday School by one parent only please.



Children aged 5-11 should go to Sunday School unaccompanied.

For younger children (babies and children up to 3 years old), we provide a crèche in the vestries of both churches, allowing parents, babies, and toddlers to have time out during the service if needed. If, however, you wish to keep your children of any age in church during the service, they are most welcome.

NEW: Family service at 9.30am on the first Sunday of every month at Christ Church

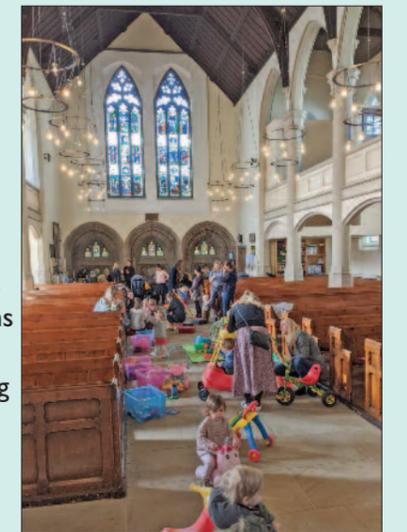


Our Family Service at 9.30am at Christ Church, strictly lasting no more than 40 minutes, is a lovely

service not only for children, but adults too. We introduced it on a trial basis last year. It was very well received by families. As a result, we are now making the Family Service a regular monthly event. We are delighted that the children and adults are involved and participating in the service by reading the Gospel and leading intercessions. If you or your child/ren would like to participate in any of these monthly services, please send me an email. It is an amazing opportunity for the children to learn about God's love and care for us and "clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Everyone is welcome to join!

ABC Parent and Toddler Group

On 8 September, we are happy to restart our weekly ABC sessions for parents, carers, and toddlers. We meet at Christ Church on Thursdays from 10.00am - 11.30am. The weekly sessions will run until 15 December, including during half-term.



Newcomers are very welcome, and no booking is required. Just come on the day and enjoy our lovely toddler group. This is a chance for children to play, learn about God and build friendships, and for parents and carers to enjoy some time together.

Sunday School restarts

Sunday School restarts on 11 September at both churches: at the 10.30am at St. Luke's and at the 11:00am at Christ Church. Children will process out of church after the Collect. At St Luke's, children will go to St Luke's Hall. At Christ Church, they will go to Christ Church School.

Have a wonderful year ahead,
Love, Anna

Meet the Parishioner: Barbara Schwepcke

When Barbara Schwepcke was still a trainee journalist in Munich, she was sent to interview the Dalia Lama. It had a profound effect on her.

She asked the Tibetan spiritual leader to explain how reincarnation works. "He had this wonderful giggle. He looked at me and giggled and said, 'It's very simple.'" He told the young trainee for German newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung* to imagine a lit candle. "He said, 'The flame is beautiful and perfect and hot,'" she recounts. "It illuminates the surroundings. And with that candle you light a second and extinguish the first. The light is the same, it's just a different candle. I thought, 'I understand.'"

She says, "It truly made it possible to overcome loss, which I have experienced, because I always remember that. Whether you want to call it: reincarnation or the immortal soul in Christianity, it's the same thing."

The story is illuminating about Barbara for many reasons. It speaks to her passion for learning, her inquisitive nature and it's just one of her stories about encounters with extraordinary people. It speaks to her deep Christian faith as well as her desire to build bridges with other religions. Now, as the newly appointed churchwarden at St Luke's, she will bring all those qualities to the role.

We meet at her gloriously quirky house, just a stone's throw from St Luke's. What Barbara describes as the "Gothic box", was unusual enough to make an entry in the autobiography of socialite and interior designer Nicky Haslam who described it as a "romantically dotty little folly" and a place he spent extraordinary periods of his youth.

Barbara herself was born in Cologne and raised in Munich but after finishing the German equivalent of A-levels, at 19 she quickly headed abroad, first to the US for her undergraduate degree in international relations – "My thesis advisor, Tony Lake, later became the national security advisor for Bill Clinton. He advised me first! It went downhill from there."

She then came to the London School of Economics for her Master's degree. This urge to travel ran in the blood. "My family has been in insurance for four generations, and it's always an international business. London was always for me, where my father went."

Deciding to follow a career in journalism, she worked for ZDF television during her PhD, then took the traineeship with *Süddeutsche Zeitung* before joining German news weekly Focus on the foreign desk.

It was not a particularly happy time, and she took a sabbatical to write her first book *The Daughters of Asia*, biographical essays on the daughters of famous fathers, who followed in their footsteps. This involved interviewing

Benazir Bhutto, Indira Ghandi's daughter-in-law and Aung San Suu Kyi, whose biography she later wrote.

"Having written long, I found it very difficult to go back to writing short articles," Barbara says. "So I left journalism behind for a brief and rather traumatic period became the second publisher of Prospect magazine."

It was a rollercoaster ride. HMRC sent the bailiffs in just four days into the job over lack of payments from the chairman. Her father bailed the company out and she drew up a plan to professionalise the title.

That plan led to a boardroom battle and she was "unceremoniously ushered out the door" after a year. But she had saved the magazine. "It was a learning experience," she says, adding with a hearty laugh. "Not a pleasant one, but a learning experience all the same."



She left journalism and moved into book publishing at Harvill Press, when it was still independent. One of the first jobs given to her by legendary publisher Christopher MacLehose was to edit a German writer who had been living for decades in England: WG Sebald, Max to those who knew him.

Sadly the collaboration was short. His wily agent played on Barbara's inexperience and Harvill lost the author to a competitor. "I was despatched, my first dispatch, to Norwich to plead with Max. He said, 'You have to keep in mind I've been doing this for 30 years and I've got one more book inside me' – which was rather prophetic as he died soon after – 'and I need the

money."

And that was that. Except not quite. During their meeting, he suggested Barbara snap up the rights to the series of brilliant short biographies by German publishing house Rowohlt.

He said he was sick and tired of having to explain to his new European literature students each year that while Franz Kafka was Czech, he wrote in German. "I want to give them these little paperbacks."

When Harvill said no, it set in motion Barbara creating her own firm, Haus Publishing – named after her mother's maiden name – in 2003. "I was unfortunately Sebald's editor only briefly and lost him for Harvill. But then he was responsible for me setting up my own publishing house a couple of years later. So, in a way, thank you Max." She beams upwards as she's speaking.

While Haus almost went bust in the first year, as many businesses do, "I was rather pig-headed and 20 years later we're still going. We're very small but we publish around 20 books a year." The publisher has focused on history,

biography and travel writing in the more-than two decades since. It also publishes its Haus Curiosities pamphlets of opinion and analysis by well-known authors. "It's our contribution to intelligent debate in this country."

Barbara is now officially publisher-at-large after handing running of the company to a successor. This means she has more time to devote to "the other side of my personality. This was to do with my late truly beloved, who was also a publisher."

He had a fascination with the Middle East and cross-cultural inter-faith work. This led to Barbara creating Gingko, which was registered as a charity in 2014. "We're doing our best to foster understanding between the middle east and the west, not just through education, but the encounter between young people."

This includes starting a fellowship that brings together young theologians from Al Azhar university in Cairo with their peers in divinity schools, starting in the UK and we're expanding into European comparative religion and Middle East studies departments. That is wonderful and great to see how they come together and collaborate. That gives me enormous pleasure."

Barbara used to go to Holy Trinity, but looked to move after her Haus bookshop closed. A meeting with Father Brian brought her to St Luke's. "I've never regretted it. He is a force of nature. In German there is a word for it: *Seelsorger*, which means carer for the soul."

And she wants to make a difference in the parish. "When I was confirmed in the Lutheran church, I had to choose a bible text which was going to be my guide for the future. I chose Luke 12:48, which says, 'To whom much is given, much is expected.' I have been given so much that a lot is expected of me."

She continues, "St Luke's and Christ Church also lives this motto. We live in such an amazingly wealthy and well-to-do parish that we have to look after those who, for no fault of their own, have a tougher time. So there is the food bank, Glass Door, the summer fete, working with the emergency services, I really have the feeling this is a parish church."



Barbara is working on the plan to celebrate 200 years of St Luke's and Christ Church as a parish in 2024, and she is a bundle of ideas, the enthusiasm just pouring out as we talk. Her passion for interfaith dialogue is also clear from project around the anniversary of September 11 called Knead for Peace, bringing together a number of faiths. "We will make bread together and break bread together and talk about reconciliation between the faiths."

The event is being organised by Gingko and interfaith dispute resolution organisation BIMA. "The interfaith work that Gingko is doing has deepened my faith. It has made me more

spiritually engaged," Barbara says. There is no doubt there will be many more of these enriching meetings through her involvement in the parish.

As for her writing, Barbara says, "I found out other people write so much better, so I publish them. It's a good continuation of that passion."

She adds, "I've lived up to the old saying of, 'How do you make a small fortune in publishing? You spend a big one.' I spent a big one but I've never regretted one minute, because it is fantastic to be able to create something lasting and make a contribution to intelligent debate. That's not a bad thing to spend your money on."

NICK CLARK

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St Luke's Choir in Beverley, 28-31 July 2022



The market town of Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire is bookended by two outstanding Gothic buildings: St Mary's Church to the North West and the Minster to the South East. These two beautiful architectural spaces are just three-quarters of a mile apart, which makes Beverley perfect for a choir tour. Over a period of 72

hours, St Luke's Choir sang five services in the Minster and an evening concert in St Mary's. The music list for the Minster services was broad, as ever, whereas the St Mary's concert mainly featured music by Philip Stopford (whose music the choir is currently recording for release on the Naxos label in 2023) in the presence of the composer.

As was to be expected, the Minster congregations grew from Thursday through Sunday, whereas the audience for the St Mary's concert was gratifyingly and unexpectedly large. Legendary Yorkshire hospitality was in evidence throughout the tour and invitations to return to Beverley were plentiful. With 22 singers braving the tour, this was a smaller touring unit than usual, but musical standards were higher than ever. Rupert Jeffcoat excelled himself at both organs and Douglas Hall's tour management was exemplary. The choir is looking forward to a short residency at Wells Cathedral in December.

JEREMY SUMMERLY

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

9.30am - Family Service at Christ Church – Blessing of School Backpacks

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

9.30am - Family Service at Christ Church - Harvest Festival
10.30am St Luke's & 11am Christ Church – Harvest Festival

MONDAYS 3, 10 & 24 OCTOBER, AND TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

7.30pm – Autumn Talks in St Luke's Vestry

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

Glass Door - Sleep Out

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

10.30am - St Luke's Patronal Festival. No service at Christ Church

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

3pm - All Souls' Choral Evensong at St Luke's

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

8pm - All Souls' Requiem at Christ Church

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

9.30am - Family Service at Christ Church

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

10.30am - Remembrance Sunday service at St Luke's

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

6.30pm – Advent Carol Service at St Luke's

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

5.30pm – Nine Lessons & Carols at Christ Church

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

6.30pm – Nine Lessons & Carols at St Luke's

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm - Crib Service at both churches
11.30pm – Midnight Eucharist at St Luke's

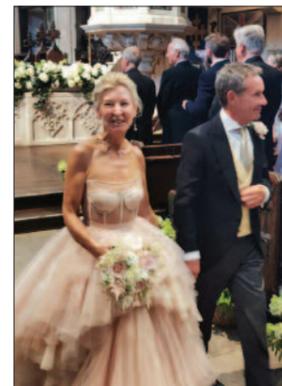
SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

8am - Holy Communion
10.30am – Christmas Eucharist at St Luke's
11am – Christmas Eucharist at Christ Church

FRIDAY 20 – SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

Parish Retreat – Douai Abbey

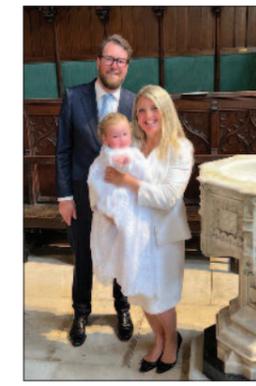
FROM OUR REGISTERS



Catherine Raines & John Marshall's wedding at St Luke's in July



Edward Perez's baptism at Christ Church - with parents Oskar & Titi



Isla Mitchell's baptism at St Luke's - with her parents Jana & Jonathan



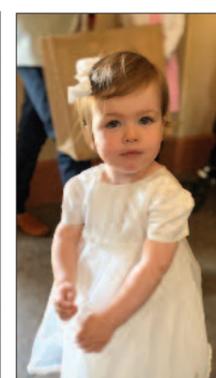
The baptism of Charlotte Goar at Christ Church, with her parents Alexandra & Hamish



Wilbert Hodgson's baptism at St Luke's - with his father Humphrey



Baptism of Margaux Manby at St Luke's



Hayes Shorland's baptism during the service at St Luke's - with his parents and siblings


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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 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

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.

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