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## Sleep Out 2022

I love going to bed. The end of a long day, the airy warmth of the duvet, softness of the pillow, unbroken hours of slumber - what's not to love about it?

Having slept out for most of the Glass Door Annual Sleep Outs, it does indeed feel rather different on Duke of York Square! Even with a warm sleeping bag, a decent pillow and the prospect of this being for one night only, there's no security against the cold, the

wet, the noise and disturbances of the night. What must it feel like knowing that this is for every night, with no escape come the morning? Being homeless comes in many shapes and sizes - sofa surfing, short-term hostels, doorways, night buses, unobserved factory buildings - and that's just the accommodation angle. What about food, health, the loss of friends and family, human dignity, indeed, becoming invisible.

Can you please help Glass Door, our excellent local charity working for homeless people? Can you sleep out on Friday 7 October, either at Duke of York Square or in a church or hall near you, can you sponsor someone to sleep out?



We aim to run our vital nightshelters again this year from December through the winter and expect there to be very high demand - for the warmth and security of a decent sleep, the food and care enwrapping it, as well as the human acceptance and dignity which volunteers and staff provide?

Please do think about this and see how you can support Glass Door's 10th Sleepout. Thank you.

BRIAN LEATHARD

### AUTUMN TALKS 2022

#### "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?"

In this year's Autumn series we explore the contents of our Sunday eucharist, and are delighted to welcome four expert speakers. Come: enjoy a convivial meal, the chance to ask the questions that have always niggled you, and the opportunity to ponder how our worship calls us to be the Body of Christ together.

Monday 3rd October – Rámond Mitchell – Liturgy

Monday 10th October – Simon Cuff – Eucharist

Tuesday 18th October – Paula Gooder – Bible

Monday 24th 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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# Chelsea Academy Goes From Strength to Strength

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself. I am the proud Principal of Chelsea Academy which many of you will know of. Situated by Chelsea Creek, on Lots Road, the Academy is a stunning and award-winning building, now 13 years old. At that time our co-sponsors, RBKC and the London Diocesan Board of Schools recognised the need for a mixed CofE school for local children in the south of RBKC. Since we opened in 2009 the Academy has gone from strength to strength and sits at the heart of the thriving community at Chelsea Harbour.

I started as the principal in 2020, moving from another headship. As the parent of three secondary aged children, I am passionate about a brilliant education for all children. An education that ensures each and every child achieves excellent academic outcomes but also has access to rich life experiences. Our curriculum ensures that we provide a broad education with children studying all subjects including a language, the Arts and technology until 14 years of age. All our students at the Academy have incredible opportunities to visit museums, galleries, theatres, concerts, and exhibitions both nearby, in central London and further afield. Not a week goes by without an external speaker or visitor coming to the Academy to further enrich our offer. We want every student to leave us well rounded and ready to step out into the world as happy, confident, articulate and successful citizens.

We are very proud of our Christian ethos. It is the beating heart of our Academy and frames all that we do here. We are Anchored in Christ - a reference to our location but also allows our community that roots itself in strong Christian values. Our five Academy values: Charity, Joy, Forgiveness, Perseverance and Servant Leadership permeate every aspect of Academy life and guide our young people as they navigate adolescence. Our vision of 'Learning together to flourish' is enabled through our mantra of Work Hard, Be Kind and No Excuses.

Our exam results at both A level and GCSE have been strong in the last two years of public examinations. Our 2022 A Level results saw our highest ever attainment with a third of all grades awarded at A\*-A and almost 60% of all qualifications graded A\* to B. Many of our students are now heading off to 'super selective' universities including Ridwan about to start Dentistry at King's College, Jack and Isabel off to Oxford to study PPE and Classics respectively, Mujda is off to read Medicine at Queen Mary and Samuel is about to start at the Birmingham Conservatoire to study Music. At GCSE we achieved our highest grades ever and were delighted students did so well despite the challenges of the past two years. Our students excelled in many subjects including the all-important English and Maths. A number of students achieved all grade 9s or 8s including Luke, Harry and Daniel.

My teachers are the most committed and talented group of professionals I have worked with in over 25 years and like me, want only the very best for each and every child. The

Academy has particularly strong pastoral structures and systems. Students report they feel safe and happy, educated in the growing number of risks that we all know our teenagers are facing whether online or in real life. Our focus on bespoke support whether a child has additional needs or comes as a higher prior attainer (based on SATs results) means that we can achieve the very best academic outcomes.

As the mother of three girls, I chose a CofE co-educational secondary school close to where we live; I am proud to lead an equally fantastic school, providing an outstanding education to all those who attend Chelsea Academy.

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, please do come and see us. We love having visitors! If you visit our website [www.chelsea-academy.org](http://www.chelsea-academy.org) you can see details of our Open Mornings and annual Open Evening on 29th September.

MARIELLA ARDRON



Where do we turn at a time such as this? The death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, comes at a time when our nation faces a cost-of-living crisis, a new Prime Minister, questions about how we adjust to our new relationship with Europe and the wider world, not to mention coping with all of this as we emerge from a global pandemic. It is precisely at this moment that many would turn to the Queen as the calming and constant presence that has characterised her rule for over 70 years. So, in her death it is not surprising that we, as a nation, might feel a bit lost. Who are we? Where are we going? Will it all be ok?

The Sunday following the Queen's death, the gospel reading spoke of being lost. It spoke of the sheep that wandered off, away from the fold. Perhaps it was too busy and preoccupied with eating grass— its head down, never stopping to look up and reorient itself once in a while. But thankfully, it belonged to a good shepherd, who was willing to risk everything to find it, seek it out, and bring it home.

Jesus tells us God is like this shepherd. That no matter how far we might stray, we can never place ourselves outside the bounds of his searching love. We are never too lost to be brought home again.

At home, Lily and I must be very careful whenever we open the door because Jos will immediately head straight out and start

running in the direction of the park or playground, whilst we're still putting our shoes on! Once we are in the park, he will similarly chase a pigeon, a ball, or almost anything, head down, totally oblivious to his own safety or any idea of where he is.

It is only when he stops, looks up, and turns around, that he suddenly becomes aware he has no idea of how to get back home! It is only when he stops and turns around, that he realises he is lost and needs guidance and reassurance.

Being found involves turning, or repentance. This has become a very heavily loaded word, but repentance (in the Greek, *metanoia*) simply means to “turn around,” to “think again.” Repentance is about recognising that we need to change direction, to reorient ourselves from a path which leads away from what we were made for.

Sometimes this “turning” might be more dramatic, a sharp turn when we suddenly become aware of how lost we are. At other times, it's a moment of simply stopping, lifting our heads up, and recalibrating where we are going. A daily activity that we call prayer.

Indeed, I always found it very inspirational whenever I heard the Queen speak of her faith. Her simple trust in Jesus Christ. Even with her lofty earthly power and status, she held this eternal perspective and counted herself a follower of this



Nazarene peasant. She knew her own need to turn daily to Christ, perhaps even more so because of her responsibility and privilege. She knew her need to be refreshed and guided by the Great Shepherd of the sheep. She counted herself as a member of a greater Kingdom, rendering herself subject to the highest Majesty.

Despite her power, she knew her need, vulnerability, and frailty. A frailty made manifest in her death, a frailty and vulnerability we all share and shall all face. So, we pray that she may come to know and rest in the fullness of Christ's risen life, gathered into his eternal home.

And so, for us, if we are feeling lost, as a society or as individuals, might this be a moment to recalibrate? To think again? If so, might we turn to our Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whom we discover we are not alone, but already found, loved, and brought home.

# “Tell me the old, old story...”: Noah

In 1872, a historian named George Smith sat in the archives of the British Museum. He was working his way through fragments of clay tablets that had been found 20 years previously during an archaeological dig in modern-day Iraq. Yet as Smith slowly translated the cuneiform script on one tablet (pictured), he realised he was reading a story that was very familiar to him from another source.



Here was a story about a great flood caused by the gods because of human wickedness, and survived only by one man who had been divinely warned to build a great boat. Here was a story that was undeniably similar to the tale, found in the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis, of Noah and the Flood.



*A Babylonian tablet telling part of the Epic of Gilgamesh, 7th century BC, now in the British Museum*

And this discovery helps us to understand what the compilers of the Bible were doing as they incorporated their own long-remembered

story of Noah into their telling of the earliest origins of humanity. They undoubtedly knew of the Gilgamesh story. And so the Noah story was important because it spoke of the faithfulness of the one God of Israel, in contrast to the perils of life in a polytheistic universe.

In Gilgamesh, the hero's survival occurs because of a disagreement between two gods – one god warns a lone human, contrary to the intentions of the god

causing the flood. And in Gilgamesh, there is no rainbow, no promise that this event will never repeat itself. Gilgamesh is a story of a lucky escape for humanity from the whims of the gods.

When we read the story of Noah as a deliberately different telling of this ancient flood myth, we encounter a rather more hopeful story than this. For Noah's survival is no mere accident, but part of the deliberate plan of the one God to seek a new beginning for humanity that is going astray. And in God's gift of the rainbow that concludes the story, we are given the promise (absent in Gilgamesh) that God will never again act in this way. Like the stories of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3.1-24) and of Cain and Abel (4.1-16), the story of the Flood (6.1-9.17) is one of human wrongdoing met by God who acts to bring about restoration, through both punishment and mercy.

So let's keep children enjoying their wonderful version of the story of Noah and the flood. Let them draw animals politely queueing to enter the ark, and imagining the terrifically noisy, smelly atmosphere on that boat. But let's also enjoy the story as adults. For in the tale of Noah we, along with all who have read the story before us, encounter God's commitment to recovering the life of the Garden of Eden – a world of a perfect relationship between humanity and God. That's a story that's still ongoing. We are part of it.

SAM HOLE

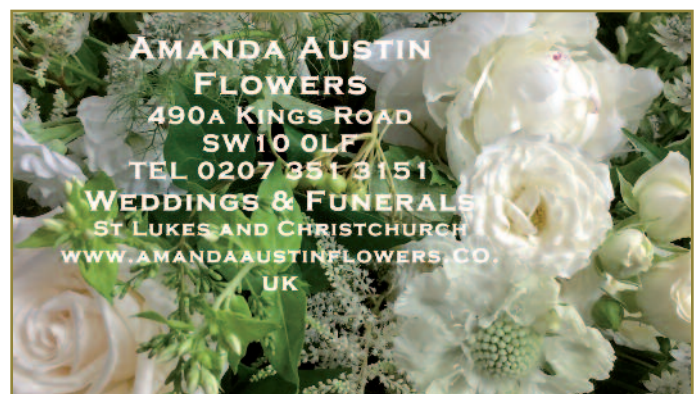


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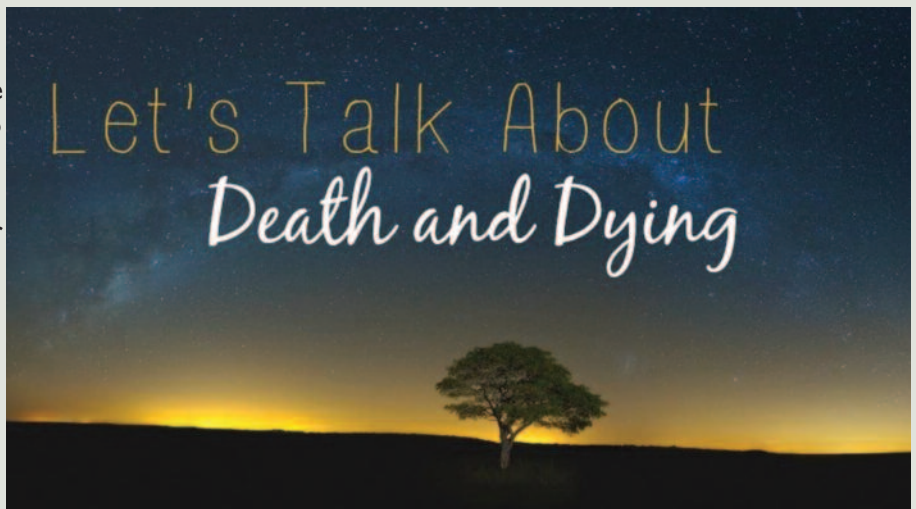
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## Ending Well: Thinking About Death And Dying Monday 7th November at 7pm

Endings are invariably painful. Finishing a job, moving house, the fracture of a relationship, and, above all, dying are endings which seem to eat away at our very sense of self. 'Ending well' almost seems an impossibility. November focuses our thoughts around endings, and particularly, death through marking All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Day and so it is fitting to take the opportunity to think about how we can prepare, think through and make decisions about death and dying so that we, and those we love and care for, can have greater opportunity to end earthly life well. On **Monday 7 November at 7pm in St Luke's Vestry**, we are hosting an evening during which, informally, over refreshments and totally openly, we can have a chance to consider some of the elements in dying well. There will be opportunity to talk with The Revd Tasha Critchlow, Lead Chaplain at the Royal Marsden Hospital, about what end of life care looks and feels like; Philip Smyth, Area Manager of Kenyon's Funeral Directors, will be in conversation about what to do when someone dies and choices to be made. Andrew Cameron, our own parishioner and Trusts solicitor, will speak about wills, legacies and gifts at death. Our own clergy will discuss some of the Christian thinking around death and dying.



Please do think about coming along and speaking frankly, openly and compassionately about a certainty for us all. Hear the wisdom and experience of others, so that whatever our age or health, we can prepare for ending well, both for ourselves and for those around us. We can assure you it won't be a gloomy or scary evening, not at all, but an exploration together with the gift of others' skills, in the context of our common faith in the reality of life eternal. If you are interested in attending, please call **Tracy at the Parish Office 0207 351 7365** or speak to a member of the clergy. If you want to talk about the end of life, funeral arrangements or any other matter concerned with ending well, please don't hesitate to contact any member of our clergy.

BRIAN LEATHARD

## Hidden Histories: Adam and Eve



Eve Statue above the altar

Have you ever pondered the two stone figures at St Luke's that sit on either side of the east end, just below the galleries? These are Adam and Eve, created by the sculptor Stephen Cox in 1997. The two are shown bowing their heads and covering their faces as a result of their disobedience to God. Eve is carved from stone from a quarry in Upper Egypt that has been used since the time of the Pharaohs. Adam is carved from Imperial Prophyry, the world's hardest stone. The choices of stone, we might say, remind us of the qualities of the Genesis story of creation. It is both a long re-told myth from an ancient past, and a story that, while weathered and aged, still has much beauty to offer us.



Adam Statue above the altar

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



*“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30*

We are constantly exploring ways to improve how we can help our children grow in their faith and encounter God's love in Jesus Christ. So, we have made a slight change to the way we record



church attendance for school places since the start of the new term in September.

**Children's church attendance will**

**no longer be registered at the 8am Eucharist or 3pm Choral Evensong at St Luke's.** It is important to stress that children and families are, of course, still most welcome to attend these services.

However, we want to ensure that we are best able to encourage the spiritual growth of the children who worship in our parish. Therefore, we will only be registering child/ren attendance at services where we offer specific provision for children, namely, the main morning services at St Luke's (10.30am) and Christ Church (11am), as well as the Family Eucharist (9.30am).

## **Family service every first Sunday of the month at Christ Church at 9.30am**

We started the new term in September with a family service at Christ Church. During the



service the clergy blessed the children's backpacks as they prepared for the new school year.

With children and adults worshipping together, this first service was very

well received by all parishioners. After the service everyone stayed for the refreshments, providing the opportunity to welcome new people to our community.

## **Next 9.30am Family Eucharist is on 2 October,**



when we celebrate Harvest to give thanks to God for the variety of food we have and everything that helps the food to grow.

Our donations this year will go to our Food Bank. They regularly find themselves particularly short of toiletries, such as new toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sanitary products and shower gel. More traditional Harvest food donations will also be welcomed and passed



on to support those in need in our local community.

Please bring your donations to the 9.30am service or any of our usual Sunday services at 10.30am at St. Luke's or at 11am at Christ church.



Thank you!

Have an amazing and wonderful month and keep God in your heart.

Love, Anna

# YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Our youth group is up and running again this term! For the first time this year, we are opening it up to those in Year 7, so it is a group for all children who are in secondary school. The youth group has grown over the last couple of years and provides a space for young people to hang-out, relax, have fun and explore questions about life and Christian faith in an engaging way. Each week there is food, games, activities and much more!

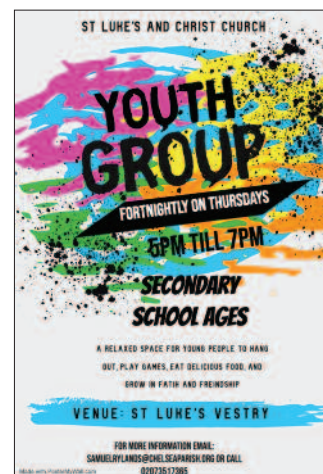
We meet fortnightly on Thursdays during term time in St Luke's vestry, and the remaining dates for the term are:

- 15th and 29th Sept, 13th October, 3rd and 17th November, and 1st and 15th December (Christmas Party!)

Other key dates this term include:

- A Youth Residential trip to Taizé in France (ages 15+) on Friday 21st October to Tuesday 25th.
- An Advent YMIC Event at St Luke's on 20th November, 6-8pm (ages 11+). Details of the event to be announced in due course.

If you would like to know more about our youth provision or for any other questions, please speak with Fr Samuel or email him at: [samuelyrlands@chelseaparish.org](mailto:samuelyrlands@chelseaparish.org)



**This summer the Guides and Rangers had a fantastic opportunity to join together with members from all over the UK and attend Wellies and Wristbands, a festival style event held in the wonderful (sunny!) countryside near the New Forest!**

The adventure started with us meeting up with two other London units at Waterloo and travelling there together. Once there tents were pitched, food was eaten, and we were ready to have fun! By day there were activities such as wall climbing, raft building, fun fair rides like a Ferris wheel, and a few more relaxing ones like hot tubs and a pamper zone. By



night there was live music every night from bands like Channy and (eventually) some sleeping in tents under the stars.



For some of the Guides it was their first camp and they loved it with them trying all new things! A highlight was Ivy saying "I didn't know I could do that!". Some of the Rangers have been to lots of camps but still found something new

to try and do, such as completing their 'Festival Goers' badge, as well as making and strengthening friendships.



We'd all like to say a big thank you to St Luke's & Christ Church, who paid for some of the spaces, ensuring that everyone in the unit had the opportunity to go.

We are now about to start our new term for Brownies (7-10 year old), Guides (10-14 year olds) and Rangers (14-18 year olds). Lots of exciting stuff is planned including, crafts, cooking, earning badges, celebrating Parliament week, designing apps, and we might have time to squeeze in a few games and surprises as well! We do still have some spaces if anyone else would like to join us please see contact details in the Youth and Children's activity section. Or you can message us at: [10thChelseaguides@gmail.com](mailto:10thChelseaguides@gmail.com)

## 9th Chelsea Scouts Jamboree and Jamborette Fundraiser

Eloise, Gabriel and Shannon are all explorers from the 1st RKBC Chelsea.

On the 26th October, during half term we are going to be walking over 12 bridges along the River Thames to raise money to help fund our trip for our jamboree and jamborette trips. The number of 12 bridges is significant as it is a 12-hour flight to South Korea (where Eloise will be travelling to in the Jamboree). Shannon and Gabriel will be travelling to The Netherlands for the Jamborette. For a bit of fun and noticeability we will be walking through London in dinosaur costumes. We will start at Tower Bridge and work our way down to Albert Bridge.



So, if you are able to help sponsor us, our just giving pages can be found below and alternatively you can give to Wolf (the scout leader) who will be in the St Luke's Hall on Monday, Thursday and Friday evening when the scout groups meet or leave a donation at the parish office in a marked envelope.

You can support our just giving pages at:

Eloise - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eloise-george-hilliard-25th-wsj>

Shannon - <https://www.gofundme.com/my-adventure-to-the-scouts-haarlem-jamborette>

Gabriel - <https://gofund.me/0ccf332e>

Many thanks.

ELOISE GEORGE- HILLIARD

# A Personal Reflection On The Arrival Of Ukrainian Refugees

The Russian invasion of Ukraine at the end of February and the enduring war have resulted in the displacement of millions of Ukrainians. From our home in Berlin we saw immediate and daily evidence of this on our journey to school and work. As we travelled through Berlin central train station, we would see so many Ukrainians arriving tired, anxious and struggling with their luggage. At its peak, 10,000 Ukrainians arrived daily at the station, almost all of them women, children and the elderly (plus their pets). The war suddenly seemed much closer and more personal.

The spontaneous generosity and warmth of the welcome by Berlin's population was staggering. Buoyed, up by this I joined the army of volunteers at the station meeting the Ukrainians from the trains and helping them navigate their immediate next step out of the station (free onward travel tickets, helping them with their luggage to the Berlin city welcome tent or simply taking them to the station refugee centre to use the loo or have a hot meal).

Through a local refugee charity we also offered accommodation in our spare room. And in April, Oksana, her 12 year old twin daughters and their two guinea pigs came to stay with us for 6 weeks. We worried it might be challenging but were surprised to find that it wasn't at all.

Luckily, Oksana and her girls slotted easily into family life with us and despite having no common language we had a blast (especially the children). The guinea pigs were great ice breakers, as was the trampoline in the garden. At first we communicated through a mix of Google translate and mime. The twins learnt basic English amazingly quickly and taught our girls some Russian phrases that they now use daily and we muddle along quite nicely now. We managed to enroll the twins in the same school as our children (and they've just had places confirmed for next year), they've now got their German residence passes,

social security payments and a bank account. It was easy for us to focus on these "successes" and the practicalities of what form needed to be filled in next but then suddenly we'd be reminded of the reason they were living with us and the underlying worry and deep sadness they felt – the phone call from Papa in Ukraine, the WhatsApp message from a friend in their city about airstrikes, the Instagram videos from acquaintances showing their bombed out houses. The war feels so close in those moments and the impotence is horrid. Yet hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians are now



rapidly becoming part of the Berlin population (and I hope London's too), and I try to think that every gesture of solidarity towards them – as well as helping people in their moment of need – is a political statement against this war and the Russian aggression. And above all, we have so much love, admiration and respect for Oksana and her children and the resolve and decency they have shown in the face of such adversity. I hope that we'd respond in the same way.

RACHAEL DRAKE

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# Harvest Thanksgiving

'Summer and winter and springtime and harvest / Sun, moon and stars in their courses above / Join with all nature in manifold witness / To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.' So we sing, in the well-known hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness', giving thanks for God's provision.

This year our act of Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 2 October. There will be a Family Service at 9.30am at Christ Church. Our services at 10.30am at St Luke's and 11am at Christ Church will take place as usual, though without Sunday School (as the Family Service replaces Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month).

As ever, we welcome donations of dry and tinned foods at these services. Food donated will be distributed by our Foodbank Club on Tuesdays to those in need locally.



We also gratefully welcome cash donations that will help us over the coming months to top up where

donations run short – send a cheque to the Parish Office payable to 'The PCC of St Luke and Christ Church Chelsea' or contact the Parish Office for bank transfer details.

If you have been considering volunteering for the Foodbank, now is the time to offer your time. Please contact the

Parish Office for further details.

It hardly needs saying that this year the need is greater than ever. Even as we give thanks for what we have received, we are well aware of how many in this community are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you in advance for all your donations and support.



## Congratulations to Fr Samuel

On Thursday 11 August we were joined during the Midweek Eucharist by Melanesian Brother Nelson Bako, an ordained priest who had served in the previous fortnight as part of the Lambeth Conference chaplaincy team. We were also joined by Revd Richard Carter, former Melanesian Brother, and now Associate Vicar at St Martin-in-the-Fields.



During the Eucharist, Fr Samuel made his vows to become a Companion to the Melanesian Brothers. This means both vowing to a life of prayer that shadows the life of the Brothers, and vowing to support the Brothers in their work financially, through prayer and in practical ways. Reflecting on this new commitment, Fr Samuel comments, 'I was very moved by my time with the Brothers. I was struck by their generosity, and continue to look back on my time in Melanesia in early 2020 as a period that was very important for my own spiritual life.'



## The Big Sing for Cancer

Jenny Plant and Victoria Hall Hulme were both diagnosed with cancer just 6 months apart. With a background in singing both Jenny and Victoria decided to arrange a concert to raise money for the Royal Marsden Hospital and Cancer Research at St Luke's. Tragically Victoria passed away on 2 September after a heroic battle. Victoria was so passionate about this concert and raising money that they are determined to make it the best they possibly can for her. The concert begins at 7pm on 11 October at St Luke's Church and features special guest Gareth Malone.

To buy tickets please use the link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-sing-for-cancer-tickets-403881178477>

Alternatively, to make a donation:  
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## Chelsea Funeral Directors Annual Memorial Service



**Wednesday 9 November, St Luke's, 7pm.**

Year by year we are privileged to host Chelsea Funeral Directors' Annual Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving. All those whose funerals have been served by Chelsea Funeral Directors during the previous two years are remembered by name and their loved ones invited. For many this is the first time they have had the opportunity to come back to church since their loved one's death, so it can be a time of emotion and of healing. Please do come and support this important piece of mission and support happening in our parish. You will be welcome and valued for your presence. Thank you.

# FROM OUR REGISTERS



Alessandro Giannella's baptism at St Luke's



Lily Wright with her family at her baptism in Christ Church



Henry Barnes with his parents Camilla and Graham




The baptism of Henry Barnes at Christ Church

## *Congratulations to our Christ Church gardeners*


Earlier in the summer the garden was awarded Best Roses by the Chelsea Gardens Guild. Last month the same award was given by the Brighter Kensington and Chelsea Scheme. Vicky and Bill are shown triumphant – congratulations!





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

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## ST LUKE'S

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Churchwardens: Liz Brutus and Barbara Schwepcke  
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Organist: Rupert Jeffcoat

## CHRIST CHURCH

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**(for any safeguarding issues in the Parish)**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com). They meet at 5pm to 6 pm on Tuesdays.

**Brownies** contact is [10thchelsea.brownies@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelsea.brownies@gmail.com). They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm pm on Tuesdays.

**Guides** for girls 10 years to 14 years and  
**Rangers** 14 years to 18 years  
Their contact is [10thchelseaguides@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## OPEN FOR PRAYER

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

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



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