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## Christmas in a time of crisis

A year ago, it would have been impossible to predict the massive changes that 2022 has witnessed. With war in Ukraine, utility prices escalating, grain and oil shortages forcing up the prices of staple foods worldwide so many people are worried about survival this winter.

In addition, the death of our Queen, the installation of two new prime ministers and the ongoing climatic changes, our world seems so very different to a year ago. And yet some things remain fundamentally secure. For



Christians to tell the story of God becoming human in a Bethlehem stable 2,000 years ago is as important now as it ever was. The way we celebrate has of course developed and changed – with carol services, Christmas trees, Christmas pudding and so many more recent editions. But, rejoicing because of the Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ remains as important as ever.

We believe you are part of that Good News, which says that God is with us in all human life, challenging and uniting us, with him, to make a difference. Hope is renewed, horizons expanded, and love put into action through us.

Thank you for being part of our parish community. Join us again at any of our parish services over Christmas and beyond to go on celebrating the difference which, together, we can make.

*BRIAN LEATHARD*



### Our Church Services:

Sunday 11 December 5.30pm  
Nine Lessons & Carols Service at Christ Church  
Sunday 18 December 6.30pm  
Nine Lessons & Carols Service at St Luke's

Christmas Eve  
4pm Crib Services at both St Luke's & Christ Church  
11.30pm Parish Midnight Eucharist at St Luke's

Christmas Day  
8am Holy Communion at St Luke's  
10.30am Christmas Eucharist at St Luke's  
11.00am Christmas Eucharist at Christ Church

## The Posada returns

It may not have happened since Christmas 2019 ... but it's back! A treasured part of our parish life is the journey of the Posada, which takes place every December.

Posada is an advent tradition originating from Mexico. During this time, figures from the Nativity scene are brought from house to house each evening. The



tradition recalls the long journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and so helps us mark this time of anticipation for the celebrations of Christmas Day.

We have two sets of figures for this purpose, and invite parishioners of all generations to get involved and share the story of the journey to Bethlehem together this Advent. The Posada figures will leave from each church after the morning Eucharist service

on Advent Sunday November 27, returning for the crib services in both churches on Christmas Eve.

During the days in-between, the Posada travels from home to home within the parish. We leave the

co-ordinating of this to you – but some memorable moments of parish life happen when people who would not

normally interact come together over a cup of tea and a mince pie to hand over the Posada. Why not invite the person passing on the Posada round to your house, and have them show you how to set it up?



Watch out for details in the coming weeks on how to sign up to host Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus as they journey towards Bethlehem this Advent!

## Parish Retreat to Douai Abbey

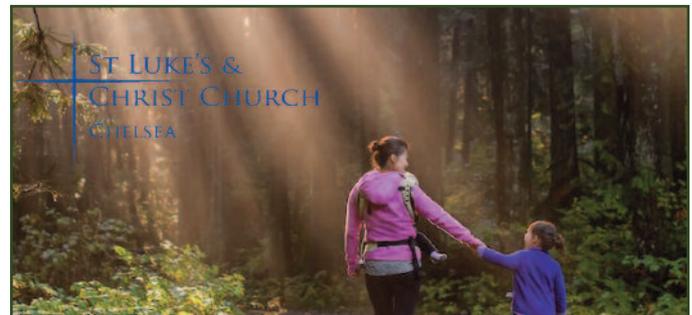
*“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46.10*

Amidst the rush of everyday life, it can be very hard to slow down and be still. But even Jesus knew the importance of getting away from the crowds, spending time in stillness and prayer, to be refreshed.



In January, we are holding our parish retreat at Douai Abbey in Berkshire, from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd.

This is an opportunity to spend time in a living Benedictine monastery, joining in with the life of prayer and worship, alongside guided spiritual reflections, good food, and set within beautiful surrounding countryside. There are limited spaces available, so if you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Samuel.



*“Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”*  
(Isaiah 2.5)

What does it mean to walk in this light – and then, as our baptism liturgy puts it, to ‘shine as a light in the world’? As individuals?

And, particularly, as a parish community, members of the Body of Christ?

We address these questions in a special sermon series this Advent.

The same sermon will be delivered at both the 10.30am at St Luke's and the 11am at Christ Church, with clergy travelling between the two churches.

We never walk alone – so join us as we consider our path.

27 November: Walking together

4 December: Walking for others

11 December: Walking for creation

18 December: Walking for God

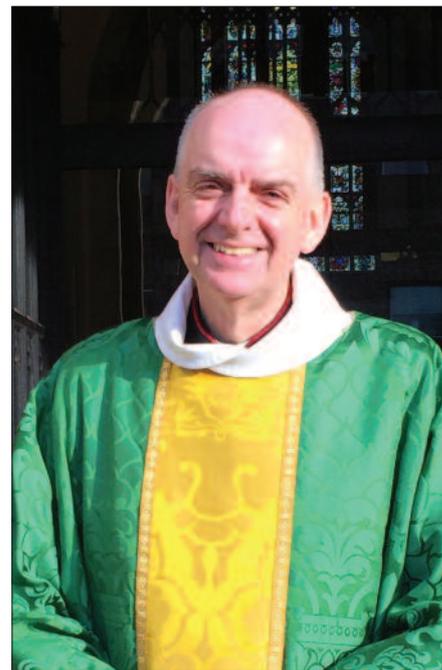
I write this on Diwali - the Hindu Festival of Lights. As you read this it may seem like a long period has intervened since then. I'm sure that for our new Hindu Prime Minister, who took office as leader of his party today, that will certainly be the case! However, there are clear links between the Feast of Diwali and the Feast of Christmas. Both feature the victory of light over darkness, both are multi-layered through various eras and cultures. As Christians, Christmas is key to our celebration of the light of Christ coming into the world. But of course, Christians used an earlier feast in Roman culture, Saturnalia, and layered Christmas on top of it. In the Roman calendar Saturnalia, the winter solstice was 21 December, but in the modern calendar 25 December - hence our Christmas Day, inheriting wreaths, feasting and present-giving in its stride. In ancient north European culture, Yuletide too came at this time of year, a season of December hunting and larder-stocking after the harvest was completed.

The ancients believed that in setting huge bonfires alight at this time of year they were encouraging the sun, which they

observed as getting ever lower in the sky, to start its rise once again and to herald in spring. But let's not get too dismissive about these earlier practices. All religious movements have been adept at reforming ancient habits, re-interpreting and re-positioning them to make sense in their own context. Hinduism and Christianity have long track records of this.

I think that at heart this is about translating eternal truths into current reality. We see this reflected too in society - if we just consider the last 100 years in our own culture, there have been many such reinterpretations - universal franchise, allowing women and men equal voting rights; the introduction of Race Relations Acts to ensure equal rights in law irrespective of ethnicity; marriage of same-sex partners and civil partnerships; and the equal inheritance of succession to the throne of male and female children. These are but a few examples of how we have re-interpreted, or translated into law for our society, things we believe to be true, fair, just and right.

This is never an easy process - it's messy and disputed with



vested interests taking opposing sides until a common view is reached. But perhaps that is exactly the message that Christmas needs to convey- not some romantic idyll, for the birth of Jesus occurred at a time of upheaval, in a land under foreign occupation, in poverty, to a family who became refugees - and yet, we assert, is of universal importance. We can't just wallpaper this on, paste it over the huge cracks in our common life as a community and country in 2022, no. This is truth, as Christians perceive it. It is radical, it will mean decisive speaking and action if we are truly to live it out and thereby truly to celebrate what Christmas means not only for one day a year but for every day.

## “Tell me the old, old story...”: Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

The battle of Jericho was the first battle fought by the Israelites in their conquest of Canaan. Led by Joshua, they attacked the ancient walled city simply by circling it with priests for six days (on reflection, this is actually quite terrifying!). With the blowing of trumpets on the seventh day, the walls came tumbling down! The historical accuracy of this story might cause trouble enough for most archaeologists. Though even more disturbing is the instruction from Joshua to “devote” the city to the Lord by putting to death every living person and animal inside the city walls, sparing only Rahab the prostitute and her family, owing to her having helped the Israelites spy on the city.

Having done so, we are told “the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land” (Joshua 6:27).

So, what do we do with a text like this? Was God really with Joshua? Was this genocidal battle really a victory for God?

History is full of people who have claimed that God is on their side, over and against another group of people. Having survived another assassination attempt on his life, for instance, Adolf Hitler ‘declared’; It was Providence that spared me. This proves I’m on the right track. I feel that this is the confirmation of all my work. [This is] proof that Providence protects me and that we no longer have to fear our enemies.”

There is a dangerously simple leap to claim for ourselves the assurance given to Joshua at the beginning of the story: “Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1.9).



*Joshua at the Battle of Ai - Attended by Death.  
Painted by John Trumbull*

We cannot ignore these scriptural texts, however. To do so is to re-write the story of God and his people in a more palatable way. We must return again and again to these stories to be confronted with the challenging reality of humanity’s response to God. Perhaps in them we might recognise the seeds of vengeance we harbour for God to visit upon our enemies, the seemingly impenetrable walls we build up in our own hearts.

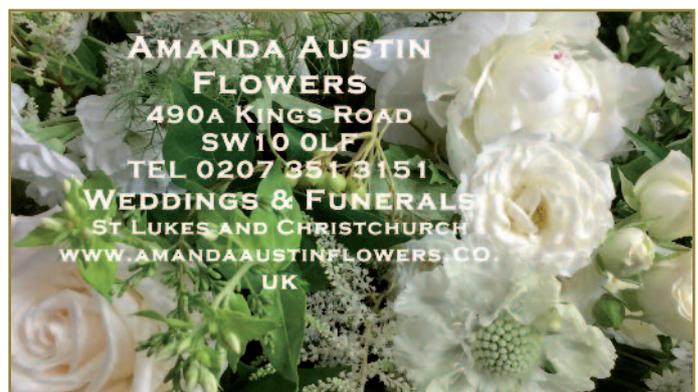
After the fall of Jericho, with God “on their side,” Joshua and the Israelites continue to defeat city after city. In one particularly gruesome account, the King of Ai is impaled and hung up on a pole outside the city – a sign of the Israelites victory (Joshua 8:1-29).

However we read this story, and read it we must, it is always in light of the definitive story of God with us: the story of Jesus Christ. In whose death on a cross, we proclaim victory is found in his being hung outside the city walls, undefended and dying. In this we are told to take courage for God is indeed with us, but not as we might expect.

SAMUEL RYLANDS

  
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# Meet the Parishioner: Ros Holness

**'I've been blessed with the people I've met and the funny things that have happened'**

Ahead of their first appearance on Top of the Pops, Ros Holness' girl group Toto Coelo realised they didn't have costumes, and their record company wasn't going to stump up money to get any. So they went on the UK's premier chart show in bin bags.

Spending an hour with Ros, a parishioner of Christ Church, is a joyful experience peppered with extraordinary stories like this. From her time touring with Toto Coelo, a new wave forerunner of The Spice Girls, to working for her dad Bob Holness – the much-loved presenter of Blockbusters – various meetings with George Michael and so much more.

Ros is a familiar face at Christ Church having attended for more than two decades, starting when her daughter Lily was two years old. "We were looking for a community spirit," she says. "It was fantastic and it always has been."

It became a huge part of their lives. Ros helped at the homeless shelter and ended up being head chef, making a three-course meal every Friday. She became involved with the PCC and helped run the Sunday School.

She now does chalices and readings – "which I love" and is deeply involved in the church's eco initiatives, which followed her role as trustee of charity Young People's Trust for the Environment.

Ros was born in Durban, South Africa. Her parents were both actors who had come from England independently to do a show. They stayed for a few years then returned when their daughter was four years old.

Growing up, Ros was surrounded by music and theatre and at school what excited her most was singing in the choir and acting in plays, including starring as Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz.

She went to Central School of Speech and Drama, at the same time working as an usher at the National Theatre, where she met actors including Sir Ralph Richardson and Sir John Gielgud. "I feel blessed in life with the people I've met and the funny things that have happened."

At an audition after leaving drama school, she met a woman who was setting up a group and asked her to join. And so, in 1981, Toto Coelo was born. With five members, the group "was an early version of The Spice Girls".

They had a hit called I Eat Cannibals – "It was ridiculous" – which reached No. 8 in the charts. "We were trying to be ironic, theatrical and fun. And a little bit girl power-ish, trying to give it some welly," Ros says. "There hadn't been any groups like that."

The song's success meant they were invited on Top of the Pops – each time in bin bags. On their third appearance, they even persuaded presenter John Peel to don a bin liner too! Ros adds, "It was exciting and it was weird. The people we got to meet. We were introduced to George Michael when he was just starting out." Years later, Ros sat next to the

singer in the Royal Box at Live Aid – a friend who ran the local pub happened to be working security on the door and snuck her in after Charles and Diana had left – "and George remembered us. It was just before he went on to duet with Elton John".

Toto Coelo toured for three or four years before the band went their separate ways. "We never made any money. But we loved recording, loved performing. It was an experience."

Keen to stay in the arts, Ros started working backstage, working in wardrobe for Phil Collins and Pink Floyd. "Phil Collins was terribly sweet. I was wardrobe mistress so washing his socks and ironing his trousers."

She later started secretarial work for her dad one day a week – "He was working on Blockbusters and was getting a lot of mail" – and that became full time. Still today, many recall her father with great fondness. "People light up... 'I'll have a P please, Bob.' It used to be taxi drivers a lot."

Later on, her dad got dementia and she and her mum nursed him through 10 years of it. "That was really awful, and really hard." Bob died in 2012, and after that she worked as a PA to various people.

Ros is still engaged in the music scene, though now it's through her daughter Lily, who set up online music mag Last Bus Magazine and runs a live music night at the Troubadour in Earls Court. "Those events are the highlight of my month. Amazing live bands and dancing until two in the morning."

Our time is up, all too quickly, and with regret, I realise there were so many more stories we didn't talk about – others that come out during our conversation include the time Ros hid in a bathroom with Malcolm McLaren to prank an Australian DJ, and how her father was the first actor to play James Bond, in a radio production before the films were made.

"Oh, I was in a film with George Clooney and Laura Dern once," she says almost as an afterthought. She's not joking; I look up Grizzly II: Revenge about a man-eating bear at a pop concert... But that's a whole other story.



NICK CLARK

During the October half-term, as part of the Youth Ministry in Communion Network, we took a group of 10 young people to Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in France. If you have never heard of Taizé before, it is worth looking up! It is a community that was formed by Brother Roger in 1942 during the Second World War. Amidst the destruction and devastation of the war, he had a vision of the church witnessing to unity and peace. So, he began a small Christian community that welcomed both Catholics and



Protestants alike. As Br Roger insisted, “Never resign yourself to the scandal of the separation of Christians, all so readily professing love for their neighbour, yet remaining divided. Make the unity of Christ’s Body your passionate concern.” Today, still sharing this original vision, Taizé is a thriving community that attracts thousands of young



people (aged 15 to 30) every week. When we visited, we were there with 2,000 other young people from nations across Europe, such as France, Germany, Netherlands, and Italy to name a few!

The rhythm of life together at



Taizé consists in prayer and worship three times a day. Unsurprisingly, many of the young people were initially very sceptical about this. But if you ask them now, they will tell you how accessible they found the worship, despite the majority of the readings and songs were in foreign languages. Speaking to them on return, they commented

how they were already missing the daily life at Taizé. As one of the group leaders described it:

*‘To sit in the undistinguished barnlike modern church there in the company of two thousand young persons, in services of worship led by the monks of the community, was a profoundly moving experience.*



*Worship there, three times a day, consists of scripture, silence, and singing. That’s it. It goes very deep. It left its impression.’*

Alongside the worship, everyone present serves the life of the community through responsibilities such as preparing meals, washing up, or even

# Communion – Trip to Taizé



scrubbing the toilets and showers. And if you ever doubted the existence of miracles, just imagine our youth group with gloves on, brushes in hand, scrubbing the cubicles of Taizé!! (Or, for



those of you like Doubting Thomas, see the pictures for proof!). There were also Bible discussion groups led by the Brothers of the community, from which we moved into smaller mixed groups, with young people and leaders from the various other nations and church traditions there.

It was a very moving and transformational experience for all of us, leaders and young people alike. Many of the group have already expressed



their desire to go again next year, and this despite having the intimate experience of a 16-hour

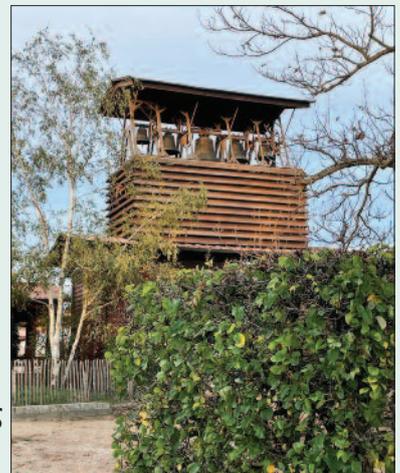
journey each way, together on a small coach! In particular, the young people have mentioned how encouraging it was to be with teenage Christians from so many different backgrounds, all gathering to



worship together. For each of us there, it was a time to be still and discover the depths of God's love in Jesus Christ. Summarising the vision of Taizé, Br Roger wrote:

*'The daily aspiration of my brothers and myself is for every young person to discover Christ, not Christ in isolation, but the "Christ of communion" present in his Body, the Church. There many of the young can find a place to commit their whole lives to the very end. There they have all they need to become creators of trust, of reconciliation, not just among themselves but together with all the generations.'*

SAMUEL RYLANDS



## 9th Chelsea Cubs see St Luke's

The Cub section and some of our Explorers were lucky enough to have a tour on 20 October at St Luke's which the 9th Chelsea Scout Group and 1st RBK&C Explorer Unit are affiliated with.

Father Samuel was our tour guide and started by telling us why the church is called St Luke's. This was at the portrait of St Luke inside the church and Father Sam explained it was from the Bible of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and what deeds Luke had done to become St Luke.

Then we were shown the eagle where readings take place and Father Sam explained to us why it was the eagle. Then he told us about Father Brian reading from the pulpit (which the Cubs went in to see what it felt like).

We then went to the altar where Father Samuel explained what it is used for, some of the Cubs thought it looked like a big coffin!

Next we went into the PIFFER part of the Church which is the Punjabi Military section and the Explorers were allowed to light incense with Father Samuel explaining all about why they have their own section in the church.

Father Samuel then asked us why the font is at the front of the church and after a few silly guesses he explained that it is there to welcome everyone into the church as soon as they walk in (and as well as christenings being



welcomed at the beginning of lives whether they be babies or older people). At this point Father Samuel finished his part of the tour and the Cubs and Explorers thanked him for his time and entertaining information about St. Luke's church he gave.

We then split into two groups; one group going up to the bell tower and the other group drawing part of the large stained glass window behind the altar.

There were two bell ringers and Stephanie, our bell tower guide, explained the process of bell ringing. Her colleague Luke pulled one bell rope to demonstrate how it is done and told the Cubs that the individual ropes had their own tone for each bell to make different sounds. Unfortunately, the Cubs were not allowed to have a go at bell ringing itself.

After both sections had a go at the bell tower and stained glass window drawing it was time to leave and thank Stephanie and her colleague for their guidance.

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**Saturday 10 December 2022**  
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- Father Christmas' Grotto
- Horse & Trap Rides
- Tombolas
- Children's Games
- Face Painting
- Plant Sale
- Festive Christmas Tree Display
- Stalls offering cakes, mince pies, jams and other homemade festive treats
- Band & Choir
- Online Christmas Shop

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# Advent Calendar

**NOVEMBER 30**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**1830**

St Luke's Church Royal  
Brompton Carol Service  
[www.rbhcharity.org/event/  
royal-brompton-carols-by-  
candlelight22](http://www.rbhcharity.org/event/royal-brompton-carols-by-candlelight22)

**DECEMBER 1**

**THURSDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church Henry van  
Straubensee Carol Service  
[henryvanstraubenzeemf.  
org.uk](http://henryvanstraubenzeemf.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 2**

**FRIDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church Battersea  
Dogs & Cats Carol Concert  
[battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 3**

**SATURDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church Operation  
Smile Carol Service  
[operationsmile.org.uk](http://operationsmile.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 5**

**MONDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church Asthma  
UK Carol Service  
[www.asthma.org.uk/  
support-us/  
events/social/](http://www.asthma.org.uk/support-us/events/social/)

**DECEMBER 9**

**FRIDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church  
Battersea Dogs & Cats  
Carol Concert  
[battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 11**

**SUNDAY**  
**1730**

Christ Church  
Nine Lessons & Carols  
Service

**DECEMBER 12**

**MONDAY**  
**1930**

St Luke's Church  
Charlie Waller  
Carol Service  
[cwmt.org.uk](http://cwmt.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 13**

**TUESDAY**  
**1830**

Carols on Chelsea  
Green outdoor

**DECEMBER 13**

**TUESDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church  
Nordoff-Robbins  
Carol Service  
[nordoff-robbins.org.uk](http://nordoff-robbins.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 15**

**THURSDAY**  
**1900**

St Luke's Church  
Alice Martineau Carol  
Service  
[cysticfibrosis.org.uk](http://cysticfibrosis.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**0800**

Holy Communion  
at St Luke's

**1030**

Christmas Eucharist  
at St Luke's

**1100**

Christmas Eucharist  
at Christ Church

**DECEMBER 18**

**SUNDAY**  
**1830**

St Luke's Church  
Nine Lessons & Carols  
Service

**DECEMBER 24**

**SATURDAY**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**1600**

Crib Service in St Luke's &  
in Christ Church

**DECEMBER 24**

**SATURDAY**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**2330**

Parish Midnight Eucharist  
in St Luke's

## Refugees in limbo – what does the future hold?

Advent is a time of preparation – and looking forward. Soon we will celebrate and herald the coming of the Prince of Peace, who as the Christmas narrative reminds us, is born in a borrowed animal stall before the Holy Family's flight to Egypt as refugees. Refugees and the concept of peace have been uppermost in my mind after my recent visit to the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.

It is over five years since the expulsion of Rohingya people from villages in Rakhine State, Myanmar and the influx into the Cox's Bazaar region of Bangladesh. Their numbers have been growing over the years and today there are over a million Rohingya people spread across South-East Bangladesh around Cox's Bazaar. For many Rohingya refugees from Burma, who have made the perilous journey across the border into Bangladesh in order to escape attacks from the Burmese army, life has been tough with little access to education, health services or sanitation. The continued support for this refugee community is very uncertain as funds are running out due to competing demands in Ukraine. It is likely to become a long drawn out and protracted crisis. What does the future hold for the Rohingya children?

In Jamtoli camp, Christian Aid has been working through a partner organisation Dushtha Shastya Kendra (DSK) supporting a health post that serves both refugee and host communities in the area, providing two doctors, a nurse and a pharmacist. Over 104 patients are seen on a daily basis and their conditions range from skin diseases, common coughs

and colds, family planning, ENT consultations, respiratory diseases, and foetal illnesses.



Photo: children in Jamtoli camp  
Photo: Ramani Leathard



Safe drinking water point in Jamtoli camp  
Photo: Ramani Leathard

Christian Aid is inspired by the gospel imperative of bringing Good News to the poor. The King of Kings is born in a cave, the Creator empties himself and is made poor for our sake. This hope of God, who overturns the mighty and the proud, is the focus of the season. It is also very aptly expressed in the Magnificat, Mary's song, which states that the high and mighty fly scattered to the winds, the weak and the poor are raised to the heights, the rich go empty away and the hungry are filled with good things. I entreat you to turn your minds to this God of Hope that we might kindle ourselves and others with a fire that will make us passionate enough to make the whole of God's world a place where people rise out of poverty and live with hope. It is about being united in hope.

In preparing for Christmas, what are we doing? Indulging ourselves or sharing the message that Christ's birth has effect today. That the coming of the Christ child in all humility is an opportunity for people, like you and me, compelled by love at this time to reach out to those who are poor and oppressed and stand alongside those whose aspirations, like the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, have thwarted by poverty, conflict, and uprootedness.

Might you consider a gift to Christian Aid for the Rohingya refugees this Christmas?

RAMANI LEATHARD

# FROM OUR REGISTERS



Allegra Penny & Alex Sykes - September wedding at Christ Church



Henry Bagot's baptism at St Luke's



Louisa Risch & William Light - married at Christ Church in September



The baptism of Emilia and Catherine Milligan at Christ Church



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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

Sydney Street,  
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Churchwardens: Liz Brutus and Barbara Schwepcke  
Director of Music: Jeremy Summerly j.summerly@icloud.com  
Organist: Rupert Jeffcoat

## CHRIST CHURCH

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Organist: Samuel Ali

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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

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

0900	Monday	Morning Prayer at Christ Church
0900	Tuesday-Friday	Morning Prayer at St Luke's
1230	Thursday	Holy Communion at 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, at Christ Church  
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 [10thcheseaguides@gmail.com](mailto:10thcheseaguides@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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