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St Luke's 200: Countdown Year

In preparation for celebrating 200 years of St Luke's Church, Chelsea on St Luke's Day 2024, volunteers in our parish of St Luke's and Christ Church have been working hard on a handful of projects to celebrate our past as well as dream ambitiously for our future. We're excited about what's coming up. This article updates you on what's been achieved since the May 2023 magazine article and what is to come in 2024.

As a recap, the Parish Church Council approved 3 objectives for the bicentenary: to treasure our parish's **built heritage** and raise its environmental standards; to celebrate the **people** of our parish of St Luke's and Christ Church, and to inspire our congregations to **generous giving**.

Environmental Sustainability

The Environmental Sustainability project, led by former churchwarden of St Luke's Church, Barbara Schwepcke, aims to promote awareness for an environmentally sustainable future. By transforming the east side of St Luke's Garden into a beautiful Ecological Corridor, St Luke's plans to support biodiversity in our little Chelsea patch while also including historical scientific links with Sir Hans Sloane through its plant selection.

The Eco Corridor has now been designed – as shown – but is **urgently looking for corporate sponsors** that share this ecological vision for Chelsea.



Heritage

The Heritage project, led by one of Christ Church's churchwardens, Louisa Price, aims to share a people-centred history of Chelsea Parish.

You may have already seen the emerging snippets of our history, published in the last few parish magazines and based on the work of a team of volunteers who have been exploring, cleaning and documenting the contents of our churches. Others have begun looking at related material in libraries, archives and online.

New information boards in the narthex of St Luke's are almost ready and various events are planned for 2024 around our history and Chelsea literary heritage.

Generous Giving

The Generous Giving Campaign, led by Fr Sam Hole, Simon Hills, Tim McKean, Julia McNamara and Jonathan Price, was launched at the beginning of October 2023 with a focus on the financial sustainability of our parish.

As set out more fully in the September magazine, the Generous Giving Campaign encourages us, through a shift towards planned giving, to transform ourselves, inspired by Christ's likeness, by becoming ever more generous givers.



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Five ways to get more involved in St Luke's 200:

1. Volunteer your skills to the 200th Anniversary working group* - from story-telling to brass-cleaning!
2. Flag potential corporate donors you have a connection with (perhaps through your employer) to Fr Brian or Fr Sam.
3. Give as generously as you can afford through the planned Generous Giving campaign.
4. Join in the events planned – Look out for the full events calendar to be published in February 2024.
5. Give thanks for our Parish of St Luke's and Christ Church.

*The 200th Anniversary Working Group includes Father Brian, Father Sam, Janet Gower, Louisa Price, Barbara Schwepcke and Liz Brutus. Or to find out more about our communications and promotion: Simon Nichols.

We Will Remember Them

'Remember, remember...' The children's rhyme for Guy Fawkes and 5 November, of course. But that theme of remembrance flows through many of our events in the opening fortnight of November.

On the feast of All Souls, we remember departed loved ones with two services: There will be a sung eucharist at Christ Church at 8.00pm on Thursday 2 November, and a choral evensong at St Luke's at 3.00pm on Sunday 5 November.



All are very welcome. If you would like loved ones to be remembered by name during the service, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Similarly, the annual Chelsea Funeral Directors service of remembrance takes place in St

Luke's at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8 November.

In secular remembrance events: The Battersea Park fireworks take place on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November. Fireworks begin at about 8.00pm on Saturday and at about 7.00pm on Sunday.

Then, on Sunday 12 November we keep Remembrance Sunday. As ever, the service at Christ Church will begin 5 minutes earlier than usual, at 10.55am, to enable us to keep the 2 minutes' silence. At St Luke's the annual service of matins begins at 10.30am, with silence observed at 11.00am.

So don't forget! Remember, remember... all that's taking place, on the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 12th of November.

SAM HOLE



Be Remembered

The remembrance focus of early November turns our attention to departed loved ones. But it is also an appropriate moment to consider what we would like to happen after our own death – and how we would like to be remembered.

Amidst all that involves, we ask: would you consider leaving a legacy to St Luke's and Christ Church in your will?

In our new Generous Giving campaign, we are encouraging parishioners to give as they are able to the church, recognising thankfully all that we have been given by God.

Alongside regular giving, legacies enable the work of the church. One recent (and particularly generous) legacy has enabled us to begin a new children's choir, helping to introduce a new generation to the joy of the Anglican choral tradition. We have drawn on others to

support our ministry in the congregation and local community, and to ensure that our buildings and worship continue to speak of the beauty and glory of God.

The amount of any legacy will, of course, depend on your means and other commitments. We will be delighted to receive any amount you feel able to offer. And we will gratefully make use of it in our ongoing work of bringing heart and soul to the Chelsea community.



The St Luke's choir have benefited from a recent legacy to the church

SAM HOLE

For my first *From the Clergy*, I would like to take the opportunity to offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your welcome of me and my partner Jimmy to this most wonderful community of St. Luke's and Christ Church. When I am asked by friends and family (or indeed from colleagues across the Church of England) about how my first months have been, I have been able to say with every comfort and confidence that 'I am being very well taken care of', which summarises the charism of our parish and wider community. Whether it has been from the guidance of Frs Brian and Sam, the jovial culture in the Parish Office, the invitations to dinner and tea from parishioners, the plethora of groups (bible study, food-bank, ABCs, Christ Church School, our

choirs, etcetera!) or just the friendly smiles and brief conversations with people in church and on the street, daily I feel gifted with a sense of belonging and less like a slightly awkward guest (as all curates tend to feel at the beginning)... so, thank you!

Well taken care of. These words may seem like a typically polite reply to the aforementioned question, but they reveal a deeper reality, one that reflects the outworking of Christ in our midst; evidence of our communion with Him and our cooperation with the mission of the Holy Spirit. To welcome a stranger and offer them hospitality lies at the heart of our faith; each week we gather around a common table to share a meal in the form of the Eucharist and



death. This is no fair-weather love, neither is it exclusively intellectual or emotional. Ours is a God whose love for His creation saw him become part of it even unto His Cross, a God who commands that we love our enemies even as our neighbours. We share in this love through our action.

Hospitality isn't just within the remit of Christians. Both in scripture and in practice, Jews and Muslims likewise know this most noble virtue and can rightfully be lauded for their execution of it. The descendants of Abraham each can harken back to his own example at the Oak of Mamre, where God in angelic form was hosted by the patriarch and shown warmth and care, a trait we usually expect God to show us rather than the other way around. Welcoming a stranger, even an enemy, might just be the means to meet God in hidden form, should we be willing to dare to see in the divine in each person whom we meet.



Andrei Rublev, *Trinity* c. 1411, tempera, Cathedral of Christ The Savior, Moscow.

listen to the words of Scripture, words that commend us not to just to do good for goodness' sake or because we want to be seen as 'nice' people, but because our God is love. Not just loving or lovely, but true and authentic love. This love gives us the fortitude to welcome newcomers to our midst, to feed the hungry, to declare the forgiveness of sin, and to announce its victory even over

An ABC of the CofE: Church Schools

As I write this, we've just learnt that tomorrow, Thursday 12 October, Christ Church School, our church primary school, will be inspected by SIAMS. A prize if you know the meaning of this acronym! But whatever the grading, we believe that our church schools in London offer amazing education to the capital's children.

But to step back, the Church of England was, for many centuries, the largest provider of education in the land. When in 1944 under the Education Act of RAB Butler, the state took on responsibility for universal education



of the nation's children aged 5-16, it also realised it didn't have enough land, buildings, schools, teachers or administrative staff - indeed enough finance - to do the whole thing

itself. So, a deal was reached. The Church of England, as well as the Roman Catholic Church and a few Methodist and other religious schools, were allowed to become Voluntary Aided. In other words, they were to provide education free for all at the point of use, but in exchange were allowed to continue with their own ethos and with their own staffing, recruitment, admissions and patterns of Religious Education and worship.

Thus, were launched what we have come to know as church schools - some modifying this recently to 'faith' schools. However, there is a substantial difference in purpose here. Church of England schools, often the only school in a parish, were there to educate all the children of the parish, irrespective of any faith commitment. When, in the middle of the 19th century, Roman Catholic emancipation happened, RC schools were established to educate children of the Roman Catholic church only. More recently Islamic and Jewish schools have been



established to educate children from those communities. But Anglican schools do not do that - they are almost always for the children who live in and around the parish.

So, at Christ Church too, our deed informs us to instruct the children of the parish. This we do by offering some foundation places and some community places every year - a mixture, but in each case, if a child lives in our parish, he/she has priority.

The Church of England still educates, through its own schools, about 30% of



England's primary aged children and about 12% of secondary aged children. In the Diocese of London, our 160 schools educate over 65,000 children and young people every day. At the heart of that provision is a verse of scripture where Jesus tells of God's desire to offer 'life in all its fulness' (John 10.10). This offer, the Church of England sees as being realised in its schools through Wisdom, Dignity, Hope and Community. Wisdom that children might learn of themselves, each other, the world and God; Dignity to model what it means that all people are made in the image of God; Hope offering forgiveness, overcoming suffering and bringing new life, and Community in creating loving, hospitable and valued relationships.

These core elements in the Church of England's education strategy are at the heart of allowing children to flourish. And that too is the purpose of our SIAMS Inspection this week. Are we at Christ Church, Chelsea, a school of 210 children in seven classes, or any tiny Church of England school in rural Cornwall, or multi-ethnic community in Bradford enabling all children in our care to flourish and so grow to live 'life in all its fulness'?



BRIAN LEATHARD

Chelsea Academy Continues To Flourish

I am delighted to once again be given this opportunity to write to the St Luke's and Christ Church congregations. As the Principal of Chelsea Academy, I am incredibly privileged to lead a fabulous secondary school, providing a mixed CofE education for local children. Since opening in 2009, the purpose-built Academy has gone from strength to strength. Central to our Academy vision is our commitment to be Anchored in Christ, and given our location by Chelsea Creek, that could not be more fitting. We draw faith from our mission to deliver the best all round education.

I am embarking on my fourth year as the Principal. 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 and 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 students at the Academy have well-planned opportunities to visit museums, galleries, theatres, concerts and exhibitions both nearby, in central London, and further afield. In fact, this year we



are launching our Flourish 8. This will mean that each child will access eight opportunities per year to be further developed - culturally,

creatively and holistically. I take my responsibility very seriously that every student should leave us well rounded and more than ready to step out into the world as happy, confident and articulate citizens.

We are rightly proud of our Christian ethos. It is the beating heart of our Academy and frames all that we do here. 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 mission of Work Hard, Be Kind and No Excuses. Our visits each term to St Luke's are a highlight of the Academy year and our faith binds us together in all that we do at the Academy.

Our exam results at both A Level and GCSE have been strong in the past three years of public examinations. Our 2022 A Level results saw our highest ever attainment with a third of all grades awarded at A* to A and almost 60% of all qualifications graded A* to B.

Year after year, our students head off to 'super selective' universities

including in 2023 - George reading PPE at Oxford and Ishmael reading Computing Science at Cambridge.



This year we believe we have achieved our highest ever GCSE results. We were delighted that students performed so well despite the challenges of the past few years. As an Academy we have invested heavily in staff - both teachers and associate staff, including teaching assistants and a highly-experienced pastoral team. Staff are my most precious resource and the key reason why we continue to deliver an excellent education. Our strong pastoral structures and systems ensure that children are well supported and flourish. Students often report how safe and happy they are during their time at the Academy.

I continue to be incredibly proud to lead this fantastic school, providing an outstanding education to all. We love having visitors so do get in touch if you are considering this school for your child, or simply wish to come and have a look.

MARIELLA ARDRON

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YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Since beginning of the new school term children and youth are enjoyed some lovely activities and we have plenty to be thankful for. Here are few pictures of them.



ABC toddlers group meets every Thursday 10-11.30am.



Children enjoying the Sunday school sessions.



Children in Sunday School observing Remembrance Sunday.



Father Brian during the Harvest family service talks about God's love for us.



Some of the toys are timeless, many generations of children play over and over with them!



Sunday school started at both churches.



We had plenty of donations for the Harvest festival in support of the Food bank at St Luke's Church! Thank you!



Youth group is back at SL vestry - games, chats, prayers and food.

Remembrance Day



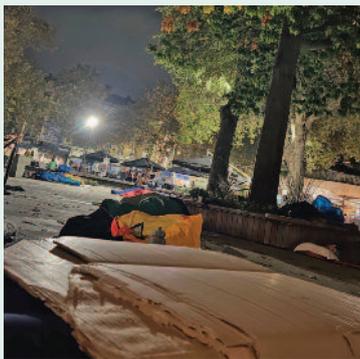
On 12 November we will remember all who have given their lives in the service of other, all who have suffered and are suffering through war. We ask God's help to guide us into the ways of justice and peace. Please come and join us in our Services to celebrate and pray together with a 2-minute silence and to remember all the soldiers who died in all wars, to make the world a better place for us.

Let's be thankful to God for all the love He gives us!
Love, Anna

2023 Glass Door Sleep Out

For this year's Glass Door Sleep Out, a small group of us (Alicia, Eloise, Harriet and I) returned to Duke of York Square to spend a night sleeping there, giving up our beds for the night to raise much-needed funds for Glass Door's winter shelter network and year-round caseworker support.

The Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) published its latest rough sleeping report in June which found there were over 10,000 people



sleeping rough in London between the beginning of April 2022 and the end of March 2023 with 61% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time. This figure represents a 21% increase in rough sleeping in London from the previous year. This

report shows the vital need for the work that Glass Door does and that is why we need your support. The Sleep Out is key to Glass Door raising the money needed to ensure that more people experiencing

homelessness are able to access meals, shelter and support through Glass Door's networks of church-based night shelters through the winter months (including the Friday night shelter at the Hall of Remembrance). Glass Door provides safe shelter, food and advice to people affected by homelessness. Their open-access network of emergency winter shelters and support services welcome everyone as their guest, providing some much-needed stability before helping them make the necessary steps to move beyond homelessness through working with their caseworker support team.

This year, we were fortunate that it was really very warm for the time of year (not to mention dry) on the night of the Sleep Out. There were perhaps 150 or so people who slept out in the square, as well as others who took part 'remotely', from other church grounds, for instance. For us, it was just one night, and come the morning we were able to return to a warm and safe home.

If you would like to sponsor us and support Glass Door's work to tackle homelessness in West London, our page is still accepting donations; please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SLCCSleepOut2023>. Many thanks.

JANE ELLARD

You may no longer believe in Santa Claus....but you can believe in the St Nicholas Fair.

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Of course, they are one and the same, Santa Claus being a pet name for St Nicholas. He was a Bishop of Myra (now in southern Turkey) in the fourth century and his reputation as a worker of wonders was much boosted by his biographer, a mere 500 years after his death! As a healer, feeder and carer, Nicholas' reputation was strong, but it was particularly in regard to his love for children that his saintly fame really took flight. Saving girls from slavery, boys from being pickled alive and other extraordinary feats enhance his place as the giver of gifts supremo. His Feast Day is 6th December, so we are celebrating a day of fun and gifting around St Nicholas on Saturday 2nd December 2023, 12.00pm - 3.00pm Christ Church, both in church and school.

Come and show your belief in St Nicholas, eat and drink, have fun with family and friends and you may also just bump into Santa Claus!

BRIAN LEATHARD

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Hidden Treasures

Michaelmas occupies an interesting spot in the calendar. Proximate to the autumn equinox just some days before, this festival rests upon one of the high points of the year which corresponds with the ancient agricultural rhythm to which the early Church utilised for the placement of its major holidays. St. Michael's iconography (whose symbols include the scales and sword to battle evil) hints at the balancing time of year where light and darkness are equal, the days retreating until the sun's light begins to climb once more at the winter solstice (another high point), or in the Christian calendar, Christmas. Between these great feasts however lies another (rather sombre) commemoration:

Allhallowtide, the three days of prayer, thanksgiving, and contemplation of the dead. Falling at the end of October and at the start of November, this feast invites us to think not only of those amongst us whom we love and see no more, but also the dead part of the year when the harvest is over and the trees around us start to shed their leaves and plants retreat into the earth.

Fittingly then for this November issue of the Hidden Treasure-Trail, my journey led me to the sprawling Brompton Cemetery, one of the 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries built within London during the Victorian period to ease the pressure off small parish graveyards. This is a hidden treasure made up of many smaller hidden treasures, particularly in the form of the many extravagant tombs and family vaults that flank the central avenue and are dotted across the site. Like its sister site at Highgate, the Brompton boasts of notable figures whose extraordinary lives now find their

bodily rest under the soil of London, including suffragette Emmeline Pankurst and Dr John Snow whose discovery of cholera's ability to spread in infected water saved many lives. There is also the Egyptian-esque tomb of Hannah Courtoy, which according to local legend also serves as a time machine! Crowning the cemetery is the great domed chapel which is flanked by two colonnades; walking through them gives the visitor a sweeping overview of the busy central cluster with its many obelisks, crosses, and angels. This cemetery is a beautiful testimony to the love of those who are departed and is well worth a visit to enjoy the stillness and melancholic atmosphere that resides there, especially at this time of year.



Tomb of Hannah Courtoy: Photographer: Jones, Maggie in Martin, Ann. (2016). 7 Secrets Of Brompton Cemetery. (Online).. londonist.com. Last Updated: 11 November 2016.

November, the beginning of the dead time of the year together with Allhallowtide, invites us as Christians to participate in one our most ancient practices: the dutiful commemoration of the dead. Although this may seem macabre and more in line with our Victorian ancestor's theatrical habits, it is worth remembering that each year since the the Great War, November also

sees us perform this task on Remembrance Sunday. Like the French and Belgian fields that saw poppies grow amidst such a sorrowful place of death, so too is the Brompton Cemetery teeming with life; it is home to a rich variety of trees, plants, and wildflowers, together with insects and all manner of wildlife. This juxtaposition echos the greatest promise of our Faith: that God turns death into new life.

BAXTER MCROLSTON

Foodbank: Harvest thanks, and a party

Every Tuesday at 12.00pm we open the doors of the vestry for the St Luke's Community Foodbank. This season and from a super Harvest Festival, we have received a real boost from local donations. A huge thank you to our local parishioners and local suppliers for the continued support to keep us going, especially at this challenging time for many in our local community.

On Tuesday 14 November just before we open, we will be having a little celebration. Not only will we be marking our 3rd birthday, since opening in November 2020 but it is also HM the King's birthday. So, an excuse for a party we think. Yes, there will be some red, white and blue bunting. Yes, there will be drinks. Yes, there most certainly be cake. So, anyone wishing to pop by the vestry just before 12.00pm on 14 November, would be most



St Luke's Community Foodbank Volunteers

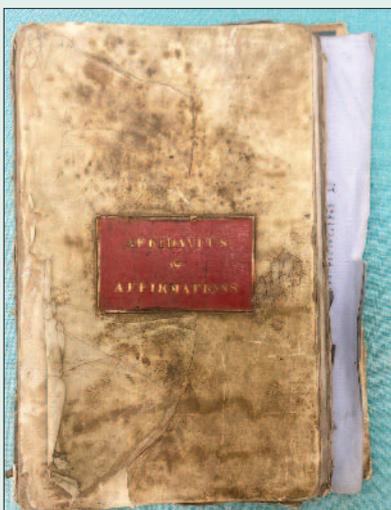
welcome to join us. We may even have some special guests to welcome to our little event.

CLLR LLOYD NORTH
Volunteer

Hidden Histories – Bygone Spelling Blunders In The Parish

Everyone, at some point, has made spelling errors in their working lives. But the stakes are a lot higher when your job is the creation of official records like the many held by our churches.

This battered book of bound documents marked 'Affidavits and Affirmations' contains sworn

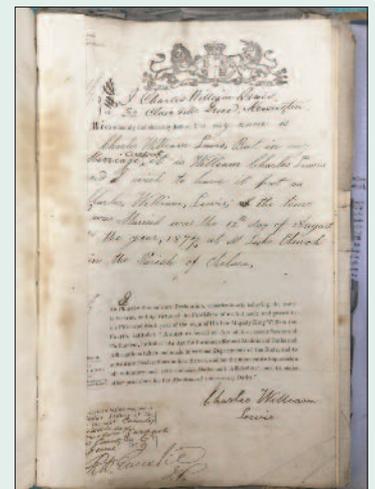


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correcting errors in our parish registers. Accidents do happen, but you have to feel sorry for the hapless parish clerk who likely faced the wrath of disgruntled parishioners when it was found they, or their loved ones had been buried,

On 19 June 1823, Jane Bradley discovered her daughter, who had been baptised at St Luke's was recorded in the church's register as a 'male child' by the name of John.

Another clerical error in the burial register forced Thomas Chamberlain to recall the gruesome death of one Jane Blunt. He had to swear he had witnessed her death in January 1831 'from being burnt through her clothes taking fire' and that he had also performed her burial in the north ground on the north side of St Luke's. The affidavit was to confirm it was indeed Jane he had buried, as it was a 'James Blunt' entered into the register.



JOCELYN DAVIDSON ARNOTT AND LOUISA PRICE

Giving Thanks For Diana Burlton

At the end of September, we were greatly saddened by the death of Diana Burlton, a long-standing parishioner at St Luke's. We offer here some edited memories from the tributes given at her funeral on 4 October, which was also her birthday.

As children, we remember tea parties in Markham Square. Filled with warmth and laughter, endless cups of tea were served from a huge silver tea pot which brewed to perfection. At Christmas time, my aunt Diana entered the room with the very essence of excitement and read each present label with a captivating expression.

Diana took much pleasure from the colours and textures of plants and flowers. She delighted in showing visitors her enormous magnolia or camellia in bloom, adding to the drama by turning on her garden lights to display them in all their blossoming glory! Many a lunch and tea party were hosted within the beautiful surroundings of the square garden, seated on the bench dedicated to her beloved Roy.

There is so much more to say and to remember, dear Diana. We shall all miss you horribly, but we can be so grateful for your presence with us for so long and the way that your joyful spirit touched so many.

EMMA ROY-CHAUDHURI

Diana had a beautiful singing voice. She loved opera and is reputed to have camped out all night (with Roy providing sleeping bags) in the hope of hearing Maria Callas in Tosca at Covent Garden.



Diana could not be kept away from the tennis courts of Hurlingham and more recently from the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club - a game which she took to in later life with spectacular determination.

And then there was cricket, which Roy and Diana loved to watch. This July, would you believe it, Diana's TV broke down in the middle of the critical last Ashes Test at the Oval. Across the garden she came to treat Liza and me in our TV room to a highly charged ball-by-ball commentary on the great victory.

And that was the last we saw of her. What a finale.

NICHOLAS TARLING

Diana: Since 1965, your radiant smile, wonderful kindness and unique joie de vivre have been at the heart of our daily lives in Markham Square. You welcomed new neighbours into the square and managed to create lasting friendships, making sure the new neighbours immediately met all the others. The children loved seeing you and with no hesitation invited you to their birthday parties, school matches and end of year plays!

When I last saw you at the hospital, you looked at me with your sharp blue eyes and wonderful smile and said: "If I go, please thank everyone for their love..." Well, the reality is that we are the ones who need to thank you, for your love and friendship which we will always cherish.

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Clementine Bouverat's Baptism at St Luke's



James Harvey & Emily Butler's Wedding at St Luke's in August



Sylvie Pilkington's baptism at Christ Church - with parents Davina & Fred



Sonia Hernandez Sedmakova with parents Lucia & Roberto at her baptism in Christ Church



The baptism of Jude Rawlings at St Luke's - with parents Courtney & Lauren

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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-Thursday	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

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 is for 11+ on every other Thursday. For more information contact Madymcdaniel@chelseaparish.org

Youth Events for 13+ please contact please contact Anna Stamenova for more details: 020 7351 7365, annastamenova@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 for 4 – 7 years old contact is 10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com. They meet at 5pm to 6 pm on Tuesdays.

Brownies for 7 – 10 years old contact is 10thchelseabrownies@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 10thchelseabrownies@gmail.com.
They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

Squirrels are the newest and youngest part of the Scout movement for 4 to 6 year olds, it gives them a taste of what it means to be a scout, preparing them for the move to becoming a Beaver when they turn 6, they meet from 4.15pm-5.15pm on Thursdays.

Beavers are for boys and girls aged 6 to 8. They meet from 5.15pm until 6.45pm 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 Squirrels, 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.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

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

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