



# HPC Junior Church Newsletter: October 2017



## Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 13th October 6.30pm:** 'Welcoming the Stranger', the launch event for our application to become Community Sponsors for a refugee family. Children are very welcome: there will be music, refugee stories, reading, food and refreshment. Entrance is free with a ticket via Eventbrite or email [community.sponsor@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:community.sponsor@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk)
- **Saturday 14th October: Westminster Abbey National Pilgrimage.** Westminster Abbey welcomes pilgrims to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor. Jeremy will be leading a pilgrimage to the Abbey, leaving Church at around 8.45. There are activities for children at the Abbey through the day. Details on the [Abbey website](#).

And don't forget the weekly Monday drop-in group for parents, carers and toddlers @9am in the crypt and Holy Hamsters @ 10am in the church every term-time Thursday.

## **Send a Cow Appeal: Well done Junior Church!**

Junior Church raised an incredible **£880** for the Send a Cow Harvest Appeal. And the good news is that the Government is going to double it! So we'll be sending a total of **£1760** to Send a Cow. That's enough to equip 58 families with the seeds, tools and training they need to lift them out of poverty for good.

Thank you and well done to our crèche children for toddling around the churchyard, to all the young people for baking and donating their toys and clothes, and to the grown-ups for their support.

You can find out more information about this amazing charity at [www.sendacow.org](http://www.sendacow.org).

## ★ **Junior Church Helpers Needed**

Junior church relies on parent volunteers to lead or help out with groups on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help with crèche please contact Naomi Davey: [ncdavey@gmail.com](mailto:ncdavey@gmail.com). For other groups please contact Vanessa Fitzpatrick: [yellowrose64@icloud.com](mailto:yellowrose64@icloud.com)

## **Christmas Shoeboxes**

It's that time of year again to put together shoeboxes of gifts for Samaritan's Purse. Look out for leaflets or posters at church or check out <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. The deadline for your shoeboxes is Sunday 5 November. For more details contact Helen Evans: [hm.evans@4newsquare.com](mailto:hm.evans@4newsquare.com).

## **Parents- come and sing or play your instrument!**

If you can read music and are confident singing in parts unaccompanied in a small group (likely to be around 6-8 singers), why not join in a small ad hoc choir of junior church parents? We are planning to sing carols at the community choir concert in church on the evening of Friday 8 December and at

crèche on Sunday 17 December. We will have one or two short rehearsals in advance. You can participate in either or both events as you wish. For more details contact Helen Evans [hm.evans@4newsquare.com](mailto:hm.evans@4newsquare.com).

We are also looking for any instrumentalists for 17 December 2017. If you can read music and play a carol or two on an instrument to a level where you are happy performing in crèche, please contact Helen.



### **The children's concert on Sat 7 Oct**

Look out for future children's concerts- the Magnard Ensemble were a great hit with the children. They demonstrated how their instruments worked with the aid of hosepipes and rubber gloves and kept the families laughing as well as listening to some fantastic music. Thanks to all those who came and supported the event.