

# February 2020

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\* *from Parish Pump*



Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Toddler Group
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.15-1.15pm	“Inside Out” Prayer Group for Women
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting in church
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Rosary Prayer
	10.00am	Holy Hamsters
	6.30pm	Evensong sung by the Junior Choir
	7.45pm	Community Choir

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 2 before Lent**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Eucharist
4.30pm	Choral Evensong
7.00pm	Youth Group Meeting

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> half term – no toddler group

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> No “Inside Out” prayer group

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Bible Coffee Club in the Crypt Room – 1 Corinthians
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Literary Hour: Virtue and Vice
	3.00pm	Service at Spring Grove

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Half term – no Holy Hamsters


	8.30am	Rosary Prayer
	9.15pm	Compline
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Sidwell Memorial Recital – see page 22
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Bible Breakfast Club in the Gregory Room – 1 Corinthians

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Next before Lent**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Eucharist followed by Traidcraft Big Brew event – see page 16
3.00pm	Tea Service at Henderson Court
4.30pm	Choral Evensong

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Toddler Group
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	12.15-1.15pm	“Inside Out” Prayer Group for Women

**Ash Wednesday – 26th**

	10.15 / 10/30	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
	7.30pm	Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Rosary Prayer	
	10.00am	Holy Hamsters	
	6.30pm	Evensong sung by the Junior Choir	
	7.45pm	Community Choir	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Junior Choir open rehearsal	
	4.00pm	Evensong sung by the Junior Choir – see Peter Foggitt’s “Musical Notes” for more information	

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Lent 1**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Eucharist
4.30pm	Choral Evensong
9.30pm	Compline

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Due to the present financial situation,  
the light at the end of the tunnel will  
be turned off at weekends

## The Curate writes

Dry January has become very popular recently. The concept is simple: if you over-indulged at Christmas, then the driest, coldest (and this year, wettest?) month of the year is the ideal time to refrain from strong drink. Much as I appreciate this idea's detoxifying benefits, the truth is that for Christians, we're still celebrating. The long feast of Christmas and Epiphany runs all the way from 25 December until Candlemas on 2 February. Light has come into our darkness, Christ is born, and the healing and hope of God is with us in Jesus. This is a cause for rejoicing in each day and each moment, whether we're in the mood for a party or would prefer to hunker down and wait for more Vitamin D.

When Candlemas, another way to bless the light and be blessed by it, is over, we begin to look towards spring, and towards Lent too. In Victoria, BC, where I grew up, there could be flowers as early as February. Sometimes they appeared weeks before the first blossoms sprung into action elsewhere in the province. With child-like delight, we watched eagerly for these signs. Even in winter, we know that new growth is on the way, and that the Light of the World is with us in the midst of these shorter days.

As we look ahead to Ash Wednesday on 26 February and explore what Lent might mean for each of us this year, I'm also looking into the criminal justice system this month and what liberation and rehabilitation can look like. I'll be on placement with the interfaith chaplaincy team at HMP Bronzefield, working alongside Revd Marcel McCarron. At Bronzefield, Islamist extremists are in the same place as those on minor drug offenses. The majority of women who are in prison in the UK are there because of abusive relationships with men. Family backgrounds are often fragmented and destructive. Education levels are low. For many, the toughest prison is their own internal lack of self-worth and self-rejection. Love can transform that, and it must, for each woman's flourishing as a person made in the image of God. I'll be preaching about this placement on 9 February at Evensong.

February is also LGBT History Month. It's been over 50 years since the government's decriminalisation of homosexuality, and it's been 30 years since LGBT people began to embrace the word 'queer' and reclaim this slur as our own word which carries a sense of true pride and dignity. London's pride march in July is huge. And yet, homophobic hate crime has been on the rise,

and there are still many Christians within and beyond the Church of England who would reject gay people and their loving relationships for distorted theological and social reasons. We have the opportunity as a parish to be a beacon of authentic hope and to strive for genuine liberation.

There is much ahead of us politically, too. As the outcomes of Brexit appear – whatever shape that might take, and whatever your view – we can hope and trust that the One who sustains all creation is not distant and remote, but as close as our heartbeats and as holy as our own breath. It's not for nothing that 'Don't be afraid' is such a vital and frequent phrase across the First and Second Testaments of our Bible. Whatever this month brings, we can trust in that.

*Ayla Lepine*

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## February

**January 31<sup>st</sup>** had been marked in my calendar for a long time. It was going to be an important day. One I'd worked, prayed and worried about for many months. What would happen? Could anything go wrong? You know how it is. In the end it was fine. I needn't have worried. *The Knitted Bible* was ready on time.

Seriously, I'm so grateful to everyone who has got it this far: the vicar for driving up to Lancaster to fetch it (and for saying yes in the first place) and everyone who volunteered time to set it up, look after it and help pack it away ready for the next church group to collect it. Having done a few nativities and a Noah's Ark I can appreciate the amount of work that has gone into this exhibition. And the vision to offer it to churches around the country.

I find February a bit of a relief – the final trappings of Christmas have been put away (well, unless you keep your decorations up till Candlemas; some churches do keep the crib up); the evenings are a little lighter, the snowdrops are out (have you had a wander round the churchyard, particularly behind the War Memorial, and the ABG – we have lots) and it's not quite Lent so we can have some breathing space. Not an empty month of course: *The Friends of the Music have their AGM on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>* and the *Sidwell Memorial Recital on 21<sup>st</sup>*,

featuring Malachy Frame. There's a *concert on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>* and a *Literary Hour intriguingly entitled "Virtue and Vice" on 15<sup>th</sup>*. Bible Book Club this month is on 1 Corinthians – and then it takes a break for Lent, starting up again in April with Daniel.<sup>1</sup> Which leaves us free to attend Lent Groups - News of them elsewhere. And don't miss the launch of the *Sunday School Lent project* – The Generation Game! – which ties in nicely with the report on CARIS Camden. And there's an update from Rosemary Loyd about CARIS Haringey too.

We celebrate *Big Brew Fortnight on 23<sup>rd</sup>* - Sue Kwok brings us up to date with Traidcraft in her article further on in this issue.

*Ash Wednesday falls on 26<sup>th</sup>* – please bring last year's palm crosses back in good time for us to turn them into ash for the services. It's a painstaking process involving cooking, burning and sieving, which can't, I once discovered, be done anywhere near a smoke detector! And then we all get busy again. But until 26<sup>th</sup> I'm advocating a S-L-O-W February, a take-it-easy month, a preparation for the biggest season of preparation of all – Lent.

*Judy East*

### **Prayer of Teilhard de Chardin**

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress  
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—  
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;  
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,  
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

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<sup>1</sup> No Knit and Natter this month – we'll have done enough knitting and nattering during the Knitted Bible – but will start again in March.

Don't try to force them on,  
as though you could be today what time  
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)  
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
in suspense and incomplete.

*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ*  
*from **Hearts on Fire***

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## **Christian Unity**

*A sermon preached on the Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

When we travel abroad, or even away from home in this country, we expect and even hope, to find that people do things differently; we don't want to be served Yorkshire Pudding in Rome. In my experience at least, globalisation has not taken us to quite that extreme, although every town of any size in France has an Irish pub. I've never, however, seen any Guinness being drunk in them.

These are flippant examples of multiculturalism, but some comparisons between our secular reaction to the strange or foreign may give us some help in thinking about and praying for Christian Unity - to which this week is devoted.

The first thing to say is that when we pray for Unity we shouldn't be praying for Uniformity; we are praying that we may respect differences and value them. We are praying that we should understand and accept the integrity of



other believers, as we hope to be understood by them. It's emphatically not about conversion.

Similarly, moving to the secular sphere, the challenge is how to accept and incorporate the different ways that people choose to live and to see how our own traditions may grow and improve.

"Our own traditions" is, of course, rather a give-away. Why should I think that my background and upbringing belong, or are any more linked, to the country in which I live than those of someone whose family arrived here rather more recently?

Equally, while tradition is that which is intended to give the feeling of ancient stability and security, it is in fact the traditions that adapt to circumstances that are alive and meaningful; it is those that make real an essential binding characteristic that holds a club, society or even nation together, despite ephemeral change. The traditional respect for our monarchy, for example, although in many ways quaint and expressed in antics that outsiders and not a few locals would rightly regard as ridiculous, is nevertheless a powerful bond in our society. Despite its troubles (or possibly because of some of them - both sympathy and envy can work in quite perverse ways), and despite those bumpy rides, that tradition of respect has endured. The apparent *nature* of that respect has changed enormously even in my lifetime, but its underlying essence, the way in which we value our constitutional monarchy - and the particular monarch has not changed radically. It is a case of a tradition that has indeed been passed down the generations but has adapted to fit the current circumstances.

These are two ways in which the secular sense of ownership and fondness for tradition may help us to come to terms with multiple denominations in Christianity. Most obviously, the Christian church does not belong to its members, and certainly not to any group of members; it's not ours to say any practice or belief is right, to the exclusion of any other.

We do, of course, believe in Christian tradition, in the sense that we try to follow Christ and we profess to believe in an *apostolic* church, i.e. one in

authority that has been passed down, ultimately from Christ to the apostles and from them onwards. But the understanding of what following Christ means, and the nature of the authority he passed on, are complicated and changing, and there seems to me to be little reason to think it should only mean one thing to the exclusion of other interpretations.

But if secular experience can help a little in explaining, and perhaps improving, our attitudes to other denominations there remains considerable distance between secular and religious experience. We are mostly tolerant, even welcoming, of foreign customs - culinary ones especially. But when it comes to other denominations, and even, perhaps especially, difference within churches, there can be an almost visceral fear or, perhaps worse, a total indifference towards, different traditions and beliefs.

I shouldn't overstate this phenomenon; after all this is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Someone, at the top, some leaders, must at some point have thought things weren't quite right and needed prayer to be put right. In a small but significant way Churches Together in Hampstead manage to do things together while respecting differences, and, most importantly, managing to proclaim the Gospel in what we *do* – not always proclaiming it very loudly, but with I believe a quiet significance. But ecumenical projects like these are comparatively uncommon and outside the experience of most Christians in this country. Some Anglican Churches in Hampstead feel unable to sit at the same table as Catholics and Unitarians (it does not, I may say, bother our Catholic neighbours at Holly Pace, who are equally a mainstay of the Baptists' Contact club). But these initiatives have not, in my memory, really grasped the communal imagination or roused the corporate enthusiasm of this congregation, which is unfortunate.

Unfortunate, but to some extent understandable; religion arouses strong emotion. Faith should, I believe, be questioning and testing, but more usually it prefers to wallow in certainties which it knows cannot be assailed by reason; it's belief not knowledge and doesn't need to worry about logic. But the more certain it is, the more easily it is threatened – not so much by atheistic empiricism, but by equally securely held certainties of other churches and sects (and especially, of course, the differing beliefs of those within the sect -

as the Anglican Church demonstrates with such depressing consistency and regularity).

This is understandable but it's not tolerable; it's not tolerable because it damages the Gospel. Praying for unity matters because it entails understanding how others believe and express their belief and it means respecting difference because the way others believe, and act, can only help our own belief to grow and our own understanding and active outreach to be more effective. Diversity and difference are a source of strength.

So these apparent threats should be welcomed; they give us the opportunity to investigate our own integrity and to question the identity which we fear may be diluted or just swamped. That questioning can only be healthy; it asks what really matters, what is the essence of being Christian. As with our attitude to our monarchy, we will find that despite its battering - and battering as much from within as without, our faith in the Gospel grows. The peripheral becomes apparent as such; the silliness and shallowness of the critics strengthens the essential belief. But to see that requires openness to the new and different, and a confident imagination to see what they mean for us. It is for trust in that openness and imagination that we need to pray for God's help in this week of prayer for Unity. Amen.

*Andrew Penny*

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## **Evelyn Underhill Memorial**

Hampstead Parish Church, Additional Burial Ground

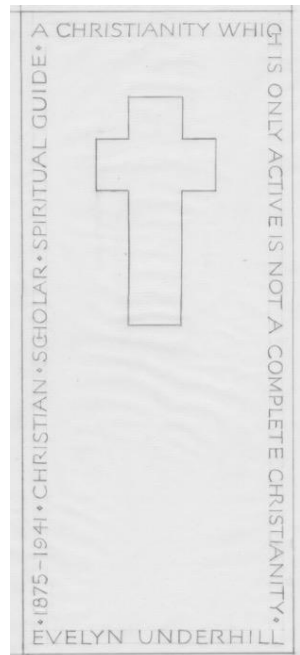
Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) was a prominent theologian and novelist, the first woman to be allowed to give spiritual retreats at Canterbury Cathedral, among the first women to be a Fellow of King's College London, and an expert on medieval Church history and liturgy. The December 2019 symposium on Underhill at Hampstead Parish Church brought 50 people together to learn about her from speakers including The Revd Professor Jane Shaw (Principal of Harris Manchester College, Oxford, Professor of the History of

Religion, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Oxford) and Professor Ann Loades (Hon. Professorial Fellow of St. Chad's College and Professor Emerita in Divinity at the University of Durham, and Hon. Professor of Divinity at St Andrews University).

She and her husband H. Stuart Moore are buried in the Additional Burial Ground of Hampstead Parish Church. The inscription reads: 'Here lies H. Stuart Moore FSA who died 24th May 1951 aged 81 years and his wife Evelyn who died 15th June 1941 aged 65 years (daughter of Sir Arthur Underhill)'. The inscription does not include Evelyn Underhill's own name, nor does it make any reference to her work. People regularly come to visit her grave, and many are surprised by what they find, as it makes such scant mention of her or her life's work.

There is a vision to add a new ledger stone, incorporated into the existing memorial, which would feature Evelyn Underhill's name, the words 'Christian, Scholar, Spiritual Guide' and a quotation from her writing: 'A Christianity which is only active is not a complete Christianity.' The designer is the prestigious London-based artist and lettercutter Lois Anderson.

We are now fundraising for this addition to Underhill's memorial, which we hope will be completed by summer 2020, in time for her Commemoration in the Church of England's Calendar on her birthday, 15 June. £1300 has already been raised. To complete the project, £5700 is needed. If you would like more information, or to make a contribution towards the cost of this project, please email Ayla: [ayla@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ayla@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk)



## -CARIS Camden Report



HOMELESS PROJECT

CARIS now has two projects:

**C4WS** Homeless Project which runs the cold weather shelter and many ancillary activities and CARIS Camden



Families (**CCF**) which runs after school and homework clubs in Camden's temporary accommodation hostels at Belmont in Chalk Farm and England's Lane.<sup>2</sup>

**CCF** is the smaller project; less well funded and in need of more but growing and facing challenges and opportunities. For most of the year 2019, it's first Project Manager and driving force, Becky Walker was on maternity leave, but the project was lucky to find Jackie Warner, a very experienced manager of children's activities. She brought added professionalism and her own dedication to the two clubs and the associated trips in half term and the fortnight of activities in the Summer holidays (including a successful trip to the London Eye, for which we are very grateful to HPC, and the Junior church).

Fortunately, Becky was able to find additional funding from the Two Magpies Fund which is now paying Jackie's salary enabling Becky to lead the project and concentrate on developing the its work, notably into family welfare. One of the unintended but welcome side effects of the clubs, particularly in Belmont, is the opportunity it has given for parents (mostly single mothers) to meet and share their concerns. Becky has been able to provide some welfare advice and intends to expand this activity. Some of the mothers have also attended the C4WS Jobs Club to get themselves ready for the employment market.

One challenge facing the project is the closure of the England's Lane Hostel. Camden's lease has expired and the hostel will be replaced with a purpose built hostel, but that new hostel, which will not be ready for two years is not intended to have any communal space (essential for an on site club). Becky will be working on ways in which we may continue to provide an afterschool

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<sup>2</sup> See page 18 for ways of supporting CARIS Families

homework club, which has proved so successful and valuable at England's Lane.

With two full time staff CCF can no longer fit into C4WS' office in St Pancras Church House (in Lancing St just beside Euston) and has moved to an office in the London Irish Centre in leafy Camden Square.

**C4WS** has just passed the half way point in its shelter season and I packed a van with the mattresses, duvets sheets etc on Wednesday, sending the on their way to St George's Bloomsbury where the guests sleep in the spacious grandeur of the church itself appreciating the underfloor heating quite as much as the Hawksmoor's architecture.

We at HPC retained our place as the best church for food (thank you to Rebecca Dodson and all her helpers) and I hope one of the warmest welcomes (metaphorically at least; the super quick heaters only last two hours which can be a problem in the exposed Crypt Room on a very cold night). As in previous years it was a genuinely communal effort with lots of members of the congregation across the generations involved as well as several neighbours. A huge thank you to you all.

It was a little disappointing that there were so few guests on the Saturdays following Christmas (only 6 guests each night). This was in part because a group of guests chose to return to the Islington shelter after staying at Crisis over Christmas (we don't know quite why; the Islington shelter runs on the same peripatetic principles as C4WS). In part too, because while Crisis is open many of our referral agencies close over Christmas so there are fewer guests coming through. C4WS only takes referrals from other agencies such as New Horizons (for young guests) the Red Cross, and several churches. We have this filter because being staffed mainly by volunteers without much training we are not able to take on guests with serious addiction problems or who are violent.

Being restricted to 16 guests both because that is the capacity of the smallest church in the rota (and about as many as HPC can manage) we have turned to providing other services such as a Jobs Club and a Sunday club (somewhere to go with hot drink and a washing machine in the Francis Crick Centre). The main development, however, in the past year has been an increasing concern for ex-guests now in accommodation. After a period of homelessness, many guests find it hard to manage a job and their money and risk slipping back into

homelessness again. We have a mentoring scheme in place for those that want it and who are likely to benefit from a friendly chat and moral support once a week.

Often a guest needs more time than is possible in the shelter itself, and provided the time needed is finite (e.g. to build a deposit for a renting a room or waiting for papers to come) our hosting scheme “Home from Home” may come into play; hosts with a spare room take on guests for a period maybe just a few weeks, not more than three months, providing bed and board and usually moral support and understanding. It can be a great experience for both host and guest. If you have a spare room and are interested please ask me about it - both you as host and the guests you may receive will be carefully vetted and matched.

*Andrew Penny  
Trustee, CARIS Camden.*



**CARIS Haringey**

Christian Action and Response in Society

## **Recent News**

*‘What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived, it is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead ...’ Nelson Mandela*

So began the Annual Report from the Director of CARIS Haringey at the charity’s AGM in December (2019).

This small charity is committed to expressing its Christian beliefs through social action, and its services are available to families of all faiths and none, focussing in particular on the problems of homelessness. In a borough where gentrification has drastically reduced the number of social housing lettings (1: 29 people are without their own home and 3,000 families including 5,000+ children live in temporary accommodation), the past seven years have seen a leap in the numbers of rough sleepers and of acute psychiatric admissions to hospitals in the area.

Operating out of St. Philip Church - in the midst of the borough of Haringey -



the CARIS staff team (consisting of 6 paid members and 54 volunteers) strive to reduce homelessness and to promote better housing conditions, to influence social policy affecting homeless people, and to work with individuals towards healthier lives with more independence

and access to mainstream services. Most referrals are received from social services, doctors, health visitors and local schools. There has been an increase in the number of self-referrals, and CARIS staff work closely with partner organisations to visit and identify difficulties with clients' accommodation. The main problems seen have been those of overcrowding, properties in very poor states of disrepair, and health and safety issues (e.g. mice, rat and cockroach infestations, condensation, and mould on walls).

Despite many challenging situations during the past year, the atmosphere at the recent AGM was more upbeat than in previous times. A number of grants had been received to secure the continuation of the work; 30 clients had been assisted to make applications to the Home Office for change to their conditions of leave and so grant them access to public funds and free school meals; 276 families had received appropriate advocacy and sign-posting to specialist immigration, financial and debt advisors. Regular language and cooking classes have continued to be run, as well as a series of new workshops (on child development, teenage years, parenting, food safety and hygiene). University and college lecturers, musicians and sports people regularly contribute their time and expertise towards CARIS projects, which include the Summer Play Scheme.

A huge amount of goodwill and generosity enables this charity to continue to provide a community of friendship and expertise whilst new legislation and political uncertainties frequently 'upset the apple cart' for a while.

A highlight of 2019 was a Reception at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the work of UK faith and belief groups in their work of promoting community



cohesion. Staff member Jane Young had the honour of representing CARIS and meeting Her Majesty the Queen at this event.

Thank you to the many parishioners who support CARIS through donations of food, nappies, children's toys and clothes. Also to Chris Weatherhead, Sheena Ginnings and John Barker for help in transporting the goods to Haringey.

*Rosemary Loyd*

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## **Big Brew Day**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**



A brand-new decade is upon us – and what better way to ring in the 2020s than coming to our Big Brew the annual festival of Fairtrade when we raise money to send to **Traidcraft Exchange**, the charitable arm of Traidcraft. Since its foundation, Traidcraft Exchange has helped thousands of people in some of the world's poorest communities to get a fairer deal from the hard work they already do, helping them to

leave poverty behind for good. In recent years **Traidcraft plc**, the trading arm of the Traidcraft organisation, has suffered heavy financial losses and, as a result, it has had to downsize. This has, inevitably, had an effect on many of the people who produce the goods it sells. Traidcraft Exchange have been actively working to identify those most at risk and provide the support they need. This year's appeal will raise funds for this work to continue.

The money we raised last year went towards helping people like Mercy, who is taking part in the SAWA project in Kenya. She's joining with the other women in her community to form a cooperative so they can organise the sale of the vegetables they grow on the foothills of Mount Kenya. By selling together, they can negotiate better prices, and arrange for buyers to collect from their group, saving transport costs and creating regular demand for their produce.

Thanks to the cooperative, Mercy will be able to increase her income significantly – and she’s got big plans. Mercy says, *“So far, I was able to add an extension to my house but it is not finished. I would like to continue renovating my home. Get somewhere to store water. And I would also like to install drip irrigation on my farm. It would make things much easier for me.”*

This year’s Big Brew theme is coffee – a humble but mighty little bean with enormous potential to transform the lives of smallholder farming families worldwide, and there will be a chance to taste some of the new Traidcraft coffee from Peru, Malawi and Ethiopia.

Please come and join us down in the Crypt Room after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. As well as being an opportunity to chat with old friends, and meet some new ones, there will be plenty to do. While you are enjoying a cup of Fairtrade coffee or tea you can:

- buy homemade cakes and biscuits from the cake stall, *many made with Traidcraft ingredients.*
- visit the Traidcraft stall
- enter the raffle for a selection of Traidcraft goods.
- guess the weight of the cake
- play the Traidcraft Game
- guess the number of tea bags in the caddy
- sample some of the new Traidcraft coffee.
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**Please give generously to help some of the poorest people in the world.**

*Thank you*

*Sue Kwok*

## Looking ahead.....

**“Nice to see you, to see you nice” - HPC does The Generation Game!**

Junior Church cordially invite as many other members of the congregation as possible to attend “The Generation Game” and lunch on **Sunday 15 March** after the Eucharist (12.30pm) in the Moreland Hall, Hampstead Parochial School (Holly Bush Vale, off Heath Street by the Everyman cinema)

The event is being organised to raise funds in aid of Junior Church’s **Lent Project**. For the second year we are supporting CARIS Camden Families, which organises “enrichment activities” for children (and their parents) living in temporary hostel accommodation in the Camden area. These families do not have enough funds to go on a day out that many of us would take for granted, like a trip to the London Eye. Last year we raised over £1,000 through the Treasure Hunt, plant sale and other activities and CARIS was thrilled to receive this money. Children who went on the trips sent home-made bookmarks to Junior Church.

The only rule for the Generation Game will be that teams must have members from at least two age groups. There will be quiz and music rounds, and other fun all-age activities inspired by the long-running TV show. We will all share a lunch together. There’s no need to organise a team - you can just come along and we will do the work!

This article is going out at the same time as Candlemas - the celebration of Simeon and Anna meeting the baby Jesus. It seems a fitting moment to encourage everyone to jumble up the age groups and for the families in Junior Church to get to know the rest of the congregation better (and vice versa).

We can’t promise a (real) conveyor belt, a dinner service, a fondue set or Bruce Forsyth, but we can promise great fun. Please support this activity, put the date in your diary, and look out for posters and flyers with more information in due course. We will be selling tickets in advance (to help us plan the catering) but you can also buy tickets on the day.

Tickets will be £10 for adults, £5m for children (or £25 for a family of 4, £30 for a family of 5 and so on).

If you are able to assist with catering, serving food or the activities, please look out for us at church or drop us an email.

Jessica Mathur and Helen Evans

([jessicamathur@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamathur@gmail.com) or [hm.evans@4newsquare.com](mailto:hm.evans@4newsquare.com))

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## Musical Notes for February



I'm very grateful to Aidan Coburn and Geoffrey Webber, who have chosen much of the music for various services this month.

The Junior Choir programme continues apace: on the last Saturday of February, an open rehearsal is followed by full Evensong, with music by Bruckner, Rutter, and Stanford's setting of the Evening Canticles in G major—the solos in which will be sung by members of the Junior Choir—and in the first half of the month, other cornerstones of the repertoire are given an outing, Franck's *Panis angelicus* chief amongst them.

Candlemas is the end of Christmas, and yet it also feels rather like a beginning: in this column a year ago, I wrote about the twenty-fourth Psalm heralding the arrival of the infant King of Glory; I have chosen the final movement of Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* as the anthem at Evensong this year, setting as it does sections of the first lesson, from the prophet Haggai, who, like the Psalmist, is concerned for the re-establishing of the Temple's good fortune. The peace of Jerusalem is a theme for the following Sunday, too, as Amos prophesies destruction, and the choir sings Stanford's setting of Habbakuk, *For lo, I raise up*.

For the Transfiguration, we have Robin Holloway's *Splendour of the Father's Glory*, as well as Tallis's *O nata lux*, and to mark the start of Lent, Monteverdi's florid four-voice Mass of 1650/1651, last heard here almost two years ago.

There are a few pieces less well-known: Brahms's setting of the Mass was rediscovered in 1983, and displays the composer's mastery of counterpoint. On the first Sunday of the month, an all-Vaughan Williams Evensong highlights varying compositional attitudes: the canticles were written 'for parish choirs', the anthem is from a larger cantata in what is probably Vaughan Williams's

best-known style (broad, expansive, rather patriotic-sounding), while the introit is far more harmonically dense and complex, as befits John Skelton's mystical and effusive text.

*Peter Foggitt*

## **Music list for February**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> –The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas**

#### **10.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

Missa in F *Jugendmesse* Haydn Hob. XXII: 1

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum *Eccard*

#### **4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Prayer to the Father of Heaven *Vaughan Williams*

Responses *Tomkins* Psalm 122

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Vaughan Williams*

Antiphon: Lumen ad revelationem *plainsong*

O man greatly beloved

*(Dona Nobis Pacem: VI) Vaughan Williams*

### **Thursday 6 *The Martyrs of Japan***

#### **6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Responses *plainsong* Psalm 50.1–6

Magnificat *plainsong*

Nunc dimittis *Stanford* in D

Panis angelicus *Franck*

### **Sunday 9 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent *Septuagesima***

#### **10.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

Missa Ave maris stella *Victoria*

Vain, delusive world, adieu! *Anon.*

#### **4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Turn thy face from my sins *Attwood*

Responses *Radcliffe* Psalm 4

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Wood* in F (Coll. Reg.)

For lo, I raise up *Stanford*

**Thursday 13** *Cyril & Methodius; Valentine (vigil)*

**6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Responses *plainsong* Psalm 115.1–8

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Morley fauxbourdons VIII.i*

The Lord bless you and keep you *Rutter*

**Sunday 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent** *Sexagesima*

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

Missa canonica *Brahms*

Geistliches Lied *Brahms*

**4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Blessing and glory *Boyce*

Responses *Ebdon* Psalm 13

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Sheppard* Second service

O where shall wisdom be found? *Boyce*

**Sunday 23 Sunday next before Lent** *Quinquagesima*

**10.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

Communion Service in D *Bairstow*

O nata lux de lumine *Tallis*

**4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Splendour of the Father's glory *Holloway*

Responses *Clucas* Psalm 18.1–20

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Walmisley* in d

For he shall give his angels charge over thee *Mendelssohn*

**Wednesday 26** *Ash Wednesday*

**7.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Ashing**

Messe a quattro voce di Cappella *Monteverdi*

Miserere mei, Deus *Allegrì*

**Saturday 29** *George Herbert, Priest, Poet*

**3.00 p.m. Open rehearsal**

**4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Locus iste *Bruckner* / Responses *plainsong*

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis *Stanford* in G

The Lord bless you and keep you *Rutter*



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December 4th **Kathy Nicholson** *Alto*

December 18th **Christmas**

January 15th **Italy with Rain**  
*A selection of Welsh Literature*

February 5th **Vicky Yuan-Labarra** *flute*

February 19th **Virtue and Vice**

March 4th **David Richard** *piano*

March 18th **Glitter and Ash**  
*A Lent Meditation on Darkness and Light*

April 15th **A Literary Hour**

May 6th **Mine Dogantan-Dack** *piano*

Lunchtime events begin at 1.00 pm and last 45 minutes to 1 hour  
Entrance is free but there is a retiring collection. Tea and coffee are available after the performance.

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## Readings for February at the Parish Eucharist

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent

Isaiah 58.1-9a

1 Corinthians 2.1-12

Matthew 5.13-20

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-end

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-end

2 Peter 1.16-end

Matthew 17.1-9

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – Lent 1

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 2 4.1-11



**Doris gave me this some years ago for the magazine but coming across it I thought it well worth repeating.**

Androcles acquired a lion – a sentimental story;  
Bellerophon had Pegasus to carry him to glory,  
Hannibal kept elephants to aid his fighting arm;  
And Isis looked to scorpions to guard her against harm;  
Llewellyn trusted good Gelert, but wasn't really certain;  
Cleopatra chose an asp to share her final curtain.  
But trite as all these legends are, they're none of them so hackneyed  
As that of Robert Bruce and his obstinate arachnid.

*("My six year old Godson asked me to tell him some stories about animals.  
This "pome" was the result" – Doris Asher)*

**"The flowers today have been given in memory of....."** how often have you seen those words on the pewsheet and wondered if you could do it? A typical week's flowers cost around ,40. If you would like to make an offering towards the week's flowers please contact Marilyn Brooks [brooksmarilyns@hotmail.com](mailto:brooksmarilyns@hotmail.com)

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Music for special services can also be sponsored - Ash Wednesday for instance. On these occasions a note would be put in the pew sheet, unless you preferred it to be anonymous, indicating that sponsorship had been received in memory of a particular person or commemorating a special event. Offers for music can be made to the Friends of the Music c/o Maurits Dolmans [dolmans@gmail.com](mailto:dolmans@gmail.com) or to the Parish Office 020 7794 5808, [vestry@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:vestry@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk)

## **Church of England appoints National Environment Officer**

Jo Chamberlain has been appointed as the National Environment Officer for the Church of England, taking forward the strategy developed by the Environment Working Group. This is a new post reflecting the Archbishops' Council's focus on the environment as a theological and mission priority.

Jo joins the Mission and Public Affairs team from Christian Aid and the Diocese of Sheffield where she volunteers as their Environment Adviser. She will work closely with the Environment Consultant, David Shreeve, and link with the Cathedrals and Church Buildings team where Open and Sustainable Churches Officer, Catherine Ross, forms the third part of a new environment staff 'hub'.

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## **Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea**

The Bible Society has announced that "We're absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!"

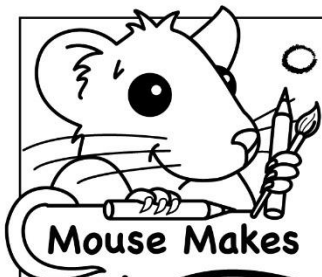
The Psalm 23 Garden will offer visitors the chance "to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed".

The Bible Society said: "This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

"We hope you'll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families."

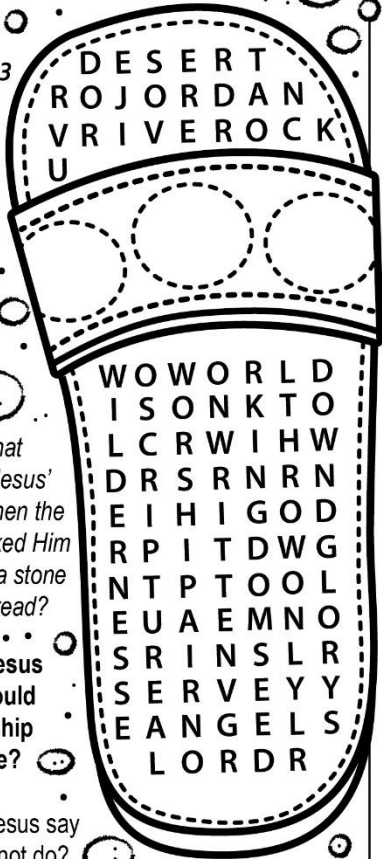
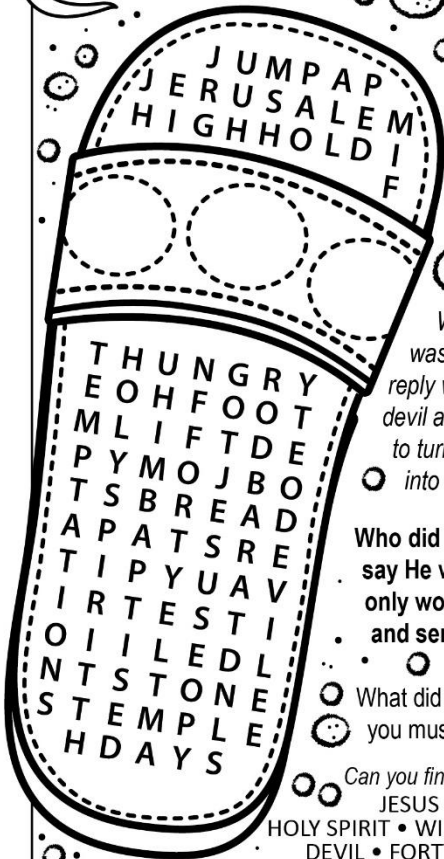
The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will "join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let's get gardening!"

*You can follow the project on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us on the road to Chelsea.*



After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty days** where he was tempted by the devil.

**READ** the story in **Luke 4:1-13**



What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

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- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
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- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
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