

THE CLARION

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September 2023

From the Vicar New Term, new Blessings, new Challenges

When I was young, the approach of September and a new term was, I am glad to say, a time of some excitement. I loved the prospect of new teachers, new classes, and new things to join in. Not to mention the joy of acquiring new kit: new notebooks, pens, textbooks, new uniform, new shoes.

It is not just about a new academic year. It is that lovely combination of starting something new, while coming back to the familiar. In church we are not approaching a new year (for that we must wait until Advent) but a new kind of season after a good summer break from the usual routines. I hope you have found it a time of refreshment, as I did, and are as ready to come back as I am.

This autumn will be a busy one. Our Sunday School resumes on 17 September for accompanied pre-schoolers and primary aged children. We are keen to grow our leadership team and move to three or even four sessions a month, in time accommodating older children too. There is an article about it elsewhere in this issue.

Our Come and Sing Choir will start singing again on the first Sunday of each month as well, and we look forward to a new cohort of Choral Scholars, beginning on Sunday 1 October, singing with the Come and Singers for Harvest Festival and Creation Sunday. The music here at St Mary's is a blessing to all of us. John Ward, our Director of Music, will be glad to hear from you if you want to join in.

Our building will be renewed and refreshed this autumn, with some long awaited repairs to stonework, gas inlets and lighting in church.

Importantly, having committed to addressing our carbon footprint, we will seek permission to start work at the west end of the church, insulating the office and children's room, and improving the entrance to keep the church warm in the wintertime.

We hope to make the building more accessible by making the church's entrance step free from the road, and repositioning two pews to elsewhere in the Church, to open up the space at the back of the Church.



We are so grateful to have received a couple of generous grants that will help pay for this work. Do ask for more information about what we have in mind; there will be a chance for comment or questions in the next few weeks.

We will run a study/discussion group looking at the issues raised by the CofE's proposal for prayers of blessing for Same Sex Couples. We also hope to re-establish the pre-COVID pattern of regular Sunday discussions about the interface between our Christian faith and our daily life and work. More information about this will come soon.

We will also run a new Stewardship Campaign. Our church's ministry and building are expensive and, just like yours, our costs have risen in the past year. We are grateful to be blessed with a building that generates much of what is needed through lettings and so forth; and also with some extremely

generous donations. Many of us are not aware that regular giving is part of our Christian response to God's generosity, as well as our responsibility as membership of the church. Our campaign this year will, we hope, help people to understand what we need not just to pay our bills, but to enable us to grow as a church.

If you have any questions or comments about what we are hoping to achieve this autumn term do please speak to me or one of the Churchwardens.
Jenny Welsh, Vicar
Image: www.edubuzz.org



Sunday Help Wanted

Did you know that on any given Sunday there could be up to 11 people actively involved in the running of the 10.30am Eucharist, not including the paid staff? Readers, intercessors, sidespeople, coffee servers, and so forth. On some Sundays that number might more than double if the volunteer choir or Sunday School are in session: a sizeable proportion of the congregation, even when some people occasionally have to take on two or more roles.

We need more people to help with these important parts of the service. If you have ever thought, 'I could do that', why not offer to join one of the teams. It is a great way to become more involved and contribute to the life of our church.

Readers We are always glad when new people offer to read in church; the more voices (and the more varied) the better.

Intercessors lead the prayers on behalf of the congregation, for the world, for people who suffer, for the whole people of God. Some people compose biddings afresh each time, while others use ready made biddings from the CofE's Common Worship material. Training and guidance is always available.

Hospitality. We have a small team of people who work in pairs to make the coffee and tea, lay out the biscuits, serve and clean up afterwards. Occasionally there is wine and cold drinks, with nibbles instead. We provide everything you need: no need to go shopping before you come to church.

Sunday School Leaders. The Sunday School for Primary and Preschool children runs twice a month in term time. The leaders (who have DBS checks and Safeguarding training in line with our Safeguarding policy) prepare and run the sessions, in teams of two. They do not need to be parents, but should enjoy engaging with small children, be ready to sing action songs, and share the familiar stories from the Bible. Speak with Rosie Meckiff Mengel for more information.

Sidespeople welcome people at the door, make sure they have what they need to join in the service and help them to find a place to sit. This is particularly important for newcomers, and people with children or using wheelchairs. They take the collection and organise people to present the bread

and wine at the altar. They help to tidy up at the end of the service. Crucially, they are trained in our Health and Safety procedures, so they keep us safe in the event of an emergency.

Come and Sing Choir sings once a month, augmented by choral scholars or professional singers, providing a real boost to

our worship and encouraging the rest of us to sing well, too. Anyone who likes to sing in company is welcome. There is no audition. Rehearsals take place at 9.30 before the service, and music is sent out in the week prior via email. Speak with John Ward, the Director of Music for more information.

Please think about whether you might join any of our Sunday teams, and speak to me or one of the other members about what they do. The more people joining in, the better. Young people will be particularly welcomed.

Jenny Welsh, Vicar





Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 1 October. We will welcome any harvest gifts on the day, including fresh fruit and vegetables that do not need refrigeration.

We give any collected gifts to the three charities that provide food for local people: Dads House, Glass Door Homeless Charity and St Cuthbert's Centre. Any food collected will be distributed as is most appropriate: St Cuthbert's Centre welcomes large or catering sized items for mass catering; Glass Door serves up to 26 people each night in each of their night shelters; Dads House needs foodstuffs, toiletries and household items.

Here are particular things that will be helpful:

- Instant coffee, tea and hot chocolate
- Sugar
- Ketchup
- Rice
- Pasta
- Canned tomatoes, chickpeas, beans, vegetable soups, sweetcorn
- Jams and spreads
- Cereals
- Toiletries, and feminine hygiene products
- Household cleaning products
- Biscuits and other snacks

Do please bring in your harvest gifts for the service on Sunday 1 October. They will be presented with our offerings of bread, wine and money.

The food bank boxes are always available in church for any other donations during the week.

Jenny Welsh, Vicar

Thank you from Beacon House

Naomi from *Evolve Housing and Support*, writes: 'There were always people here, staff would ring me all the time and come and see me when they could'.

Ajani came to Beacon House – a service that we run in Kensington and Chelsea – at the close of 2021 after a protracted period of sofa-surfing. Despite severe, sometimes disabling pain due to Patella alta, he has used his time at Beacon to find an accountancy apprenticeship and is well on his way to gaining his qualification. Working closely with our team, he is now looking ahead to finding a place of his own and moving on to a totally independent life.



Stories like Ajani's confound the unconscious attitudes that many people have about homelessness even now, in 2023. Everyone's experience of homelessness is unique, and with the right support anybody can move from it. Young people might come to Beacon House or Burton-White House (another local service in the diocese) from unstable homes, care settings, other countries, or directly from the streets. Whatever their circumstances, we will be there for them.

Our research shows that 80% of people who stay with us have experienced severe trauma in childhood or adolescence. These experiences can cause mental health difficulties that any one of us would struggle to bear, particularly if we have been repeatedly let down by those meant to care for us. The only way to address these issues is through caring, person-centred support, tailored individually to each person.

Some young people, known at Evolve & Housing Support (our organisation) as 'customers', must adjust to a huge change while with us. Taking enormous risks, E. fled their home country fearing persecution. Here, with the help of their support

worker, they have enrolled in a local theatre programme and embraced a freedom and self-expression that they could never have imagined before. E. is now considering whether to become an actor or enrol for university.

Dee, Aladine and our wonderful teams in Kensington and Chelsea understand how trauma can be the catalyst for personal struggles for the young people staying in their services. They aim to create a place of understanding, safety, and opportunity. Change does not happen overnight, but over time and with the right support, young people impacted by homelessness can acquire the skills they need to transition to independence, just like Ajani and E.

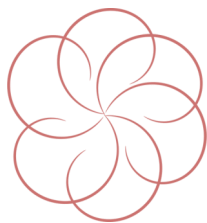
Supporting people's mental health is central to our work; good wellbeing and a sense of purpose is vital for anybody who wants to move forward with their life. Without the support of like-minded organisations in our community, including St Mary The Boltons, we cannot make this a reality for the people staying with us. This is why we are so grateful to remain one of St Mary's chosen charities in 2023 and beyond. This donation will help us ensure the team have resources to host activities for customers to get involved and engaged so we can reduce isolation, and to kit out communal spaces with items that make Evolve feel like home.

On behalf of all our staff and everyone staying at Beacon House, thank you very much to all the parish for your continued generous support of our work, and your incredible donation of £1409.06. Without you, we could not be there for the young people that need us in the borough.

For more information about our work, search [Evolve Housing + Support](#).

Naomi Langan

Evolve Housing / Beacon House



Autumn Fair

Saturday 23 September, 12 - 4pm

The Annual Autumn Fair is now fast approaching, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you for what promises to be an enjoyable day raising funds for our charitable pot, in support of this year's nominated charities: USPG, Paul's Cancer Support Centre; Beacon House (Evolve Housing); Learn to Love to Read; and Lyra in Africa.

We are in need of donations of good quality Books / Toys / Bric-a-Brac (no clothes, shoes or electronics please), Bottles for the Tombola - any bottles ie perfume, shampoo, soft drinks, wine/ beer/ spirits, sauces are very welcome.

Any donations can be **dropped at Church on Sunday 17 September at the service or between 9.30am - 3pm Tuesday to Friday in the week before the fair;** please leave in the office or in the back pews.

Set Up 3 - 4.30pm, Friday 22 September

It would be great to have some help putting up the tents, 3 - 4.30pm on Friday afternoon. This saves us loads of time in the morning.

Set Up 9am - 12noon, Saturday 23

September Setting up the tables & stalls, bringing all the donations out from the Church and making it all look nice, hanging bunting, putting out tables & chairs, jam jar flowers etc; any help at this time would be really appreciated.

At the Fair 12noon - 4pm Help with the kids' area, book stall, Bric-a-Brac – any help giving those running the stalls a break.

After the Fair 4 - 5pm Help with the packing up.

Raffle Tickets will be £1 per ticket, sold in books of 5. Buy your raffle tickets in Church in advance, and avoid any queues at the Fair! Great array of wonderful prizes including a Luxury Fortnum & Mason Food & Wine Hamper / Dinner for 2 at a local restaurant / Wines from Lea & Sandeman and many more fantastic prizes for all ages!

ST MARY THE BOLTONS AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 12 - 4PM

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, GARDENS & CHURCH HALL

ALL WELCOME

FREE ENTRY

- ◆ Food & Drink
- ◆ Raffle & Bottle Tombola
- ◆ Live Entertainment
- ◆ Cakes & Home Produce
- ◆ Teas & Coffees
- ◆ Children's Crafts, Activities & Games
- ◆ Books & Bric-a-Brac
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Auction at 3pm
- ◆ And much more!



Raising funds for our Charitable Pot in support of:

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Tickets on sale soon: speak with Jenny or Jane in the Parish Office – keep an eye out in the pew sheet or emails for details. Winning numbers will be drawn at the Fair at 3.30pm - but we will

contact you if you are not at the Fair and you can collect your prize from Church.
Calvin and Caroline Jackson



The Glass Door Sleep Out 2023

On the evening of Friday 6 October, the Vicar and I will be participating in Glass Door's annual fundraising Sleep Out, helping to raise money for the charity's work with homeless people. Glass Door do this through winter night shelter circuits, a drop-in centre, and caseworkers who support guests and help them to access available support. Unfortunately we seem to be seeing more and more people sleeping rough or in short term accommodation (sofa surfing, riding the night bus). So the need is not diminishing.

I will only be sleeping out for one night, whilst for so many others there is no choice. Please sponsor me, using the links below, or talk to me in Church.

If anyone feels like joining us, please let either Jenny or me know, and you can register to sleep out using the link below. If sleeping out in the churchyard does not appeal, you could join the Sleep Out in Duke of York Square, or indeed, be imaginative about sleeping somewhere you would not normally: a garden, the back of your car, or even a sofa.

Adults and accompanied young people over the age of 11 are welcome to join in at church; other children might be encouraged by their parents to take part at home, perhaps a sleepover in someone's garden might work.

You can register to join in, and set up an online giving page here <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-2023>

And don't forget to seek sponsorship from your neighbours, friends, and wider family, letting them know how important Glass Door's work is in our part of London.

If you would like to know more about the Sleep Out and how you can take part, speak with Dave or Jenny, or look at the Glass Door website <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk>

If you do not want to sleep out, please sponsor those who will. You can sponsor Dave Ireton here <https://tinyurl.com/DaveIretonSleepOut2023> and the Vicar here <https://tinyurl.com/JennyWelshSleepOut2023> (or using the QR codes below)

Dave:



Jenny:



Dave Ireton, Verger
Image: Glass Door Homeless Charity

Something to Celebrate

I recently had something to celebrate at the end of a 10.30am service one Sunday in the middle of June. I had been coming to St Mary's for 60 years. I felt at home and welcomed when I first came and have continued to do so. St Mary's is a good place to worship.

So many memories. I could fill a *Clarion* with them. I will share a few.

When I first came there was no hall attached to the church. Coffee after the morning service was served at the Vicarage, in Gilston Road, after the 9.0am Parish Communion and before Mattins at 11am. Coffee after 6.30pm Evensong was served in one of the rooms at our old Church House in Redcliffe Gardens. I well remember scampering off after Evensong to put the kettle on and get the cups out. A surprising number of parishioners would walk along to chat over coffee, even on dark winter evenings.

In those days we had a curate who lived in a tiny flat in the old Church House. He had a small living room, small bedroom, a minute kitchen that housed the bath under a cover that also acted as his only kitchen equipment storage and preparation area. No bathroom as such. The loo was outside the



The Under 30's group hanging onto the scaffolding for the new church hall - Photo from Sheila Gibbs

door of the flat. I don't think many priests would relish that kind of accommodation these days.

Our priests were also the chaplains to the Royal Marsden Hospital before the National Health Service provided it with its own full-time chaplain.

There was a Mother's Union, a Young Wives' Group, the Parish Players, and a Whist Drive among other activities at St Mary's. Jumble sales took place quite frequently and were lively affairs. The annual summer garden party took place in the lovely garden of Mr and Mrs Douglas Fairbanks in the Boltons, thanks to their generosity.

I joined the Under 30's Group, going to my first meeting in September 1963. This was a very active group and held a parish dance for a number of years in Fulham Town Hall with music provided by Robb Storme and the Whispers. We had many speakers visit the group, including well known names of the day such as Bamber Gascoigne and Bishop Joost de Blank (known as the 'scourge of apartheid'). Theatre visits and parties were enjoyed. Quite a lot of meetings were open to all parishioners, especially when we had guest speakers.

I remember a splendid production in church of *Everyman* by the Parish Players. Also memorable was a production of *Noye's Fludde*, together with St Luke's, Redcliffe Gardens. 150 children took part.

A particularly memorable year was 1966, with the building of the new Church House, attached to the church, complete with verger's flat, loos and a kitchen. It is difficult to imagine now how we managed without it. The kitchen has been expanded since then, making things like parish lunches easier.

In 1968 I married one of the churchwardens, with the other warden being best man. Where was the wedding? St Mary's, of course. The reception was held in the newly built church hall – very easy for the guests, no need for cars! My son, Simon, was born in 1972 with the baptism taking place during the Parish Communion – at St Mary's.

Over the years I have been involved in many aspects of the life of the parish, including time as a

churchwarden. I have served on many committees, I will not list them or you may think I am a committee addict. Far from it.

St Mary's has had a number of pilgrimages over the years, and I have been able to participate in all of them, including Iona, Provence, Russia, Durham, Spain and most recently Waldsassen in Germany. They were all different and wonderful learning opportunities and time for reflection, fellowship and fun.

Thinking about the various events and activities in my 60 years at St Mary's, I realise that although there has always been an emphasis on worship, reflection and continuing learning, there have also been lots of times of enjoyment and celebration, and I seem to have raised my glass many times during the years.

So, thank you St Mary's, to all the clergy over the years who have sustained the life of the parish, to all the parishioners, living and dead, who have given me so much friendship and support, I raise my glass.

Sheila Gibbs

Our Sunday School

Our Sunday school, Little Lambs, was reinstated late last year just in time for the nativity play. Prior to this there had been a break of a few years, as the previous cohort of little lambs were no longer little. Since then it has been growing, with more and more of the younger congregants of St Mary's joining in.

Little Lambs runs on the first and third Sunday of every month, during term time only. The initial focus was to keep the children around preschool age engaged and involved with the church, but everyone is welcome. We often have a group of between ten to fifteen children, with ages spanning anywhere from a few months to 8 or 9 years old.

Typically, we start off in the main service where Jenny will send us out with a blessing before the first reading. Then we have a warm-up game followed by a bible story and a craft relating to the story. We have made peg dolls and coats for the

story of Joseph, paper plate Noah's arks, flag bunting for the tower of Babel and many others. Examples of these are often on display in the children's room at the back of the church.

All the children are very engaged, with the older children creating the most beautiful crafts and the younger ones sticking and cutting and colouring. There is usually an activity for the babies and young toddlers too, building a tower of Babel out of blocks or a sensory water activity for Jonah and the Whale, for example.

Sunday school starts again on **17 September** and will then run on the first and third Sunday of the month into the new school year.



At the moment Little Lambs is led by Rosie and Candice with some very helpful assistance from Joan; however we hope to increase the number of sessions as well as the number of volunteers. We would love to have others join us; it is a very rewarding experience to spend the morning with a room full of youthful energy and you will be back in church in time for communion.

Please feel free to attend a session and see if it is something you would like to join. If you are interested, please talk to myself (07898970379) or Rosie and we will tell you all about it.

Candice Lee

Image: South Transept window, St Mary The Boltons

My Spirit Rejoices: Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Dr Paula Gooder and Dr Rowan Williams
at St Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday 26 September,
6.30 – 8pm. Admission free, All are welcome.



Dr Rowan Williams and Dr Paula Gooder will consider contrasting

aspects of Mary's story in the Bible and the church, her place in our faith, and why she still matters so much.

Mary the mother of Jesus is a polarising figure. Is she Queen of Heaven, the New Eve, an ordinary person called to do extraordinary things, the ultimate good girl, a feminist foremother, or is her story altogether more complex?

She is also the subject of countless paintings, poems and works of music, sometimes overlaying our sense of her presence in the Bible.

The evening will include live music performed by members of the St Paul's Cathedral Consort, and plenty of time for questions and answers.

For more information and to reserve free places, visit <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/mary>.

Image from St Paul's Cathedral

St Martin-in-the-Fields Autumn Lecture Series

This year's St Martin-in-the-Fields Autumn Lecture Series, inspired by the celebrated words of Martin Luther during the Reformation in 1521, investigates those things in which we believe deeply – and for which we would be prepared to make a costly stand. We hear from those who have lived for the things they believed in, as they offer insight, prophecy, challenge, controversy, hope, warning, courage and vision. These are people who have inspired and empowered, but have also faced opposition and sometimes attack. Through these compelling and diverse voices, it asks the question, 'And where do you stand?' What are the things that

hold your life together, lie at the very core of all you are – for which you would be ready to offer your life?

Wednesday 6 September, 7.00 - 8.30pm (with Embrace the Middle East) Here I Stand:

Reconciliation Archbishop Justin Welby, Su McClellan and Daniel Munayer

Monday 18 September, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: On the Front Line in Ukraine Fr Vitaliy Novak (CEO Depaul Ukraine), Lindsey Hilsum, Emma Graham-Harrison and Mike Wooldridge

Monday 25 September, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: Martyrdom Tom Holland and Richard Carter

Monday 16 October, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: Films that Give Voice to the Voiceless Ken Loach

Monday 23 October, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: Politics on the Edge Rory Stewart

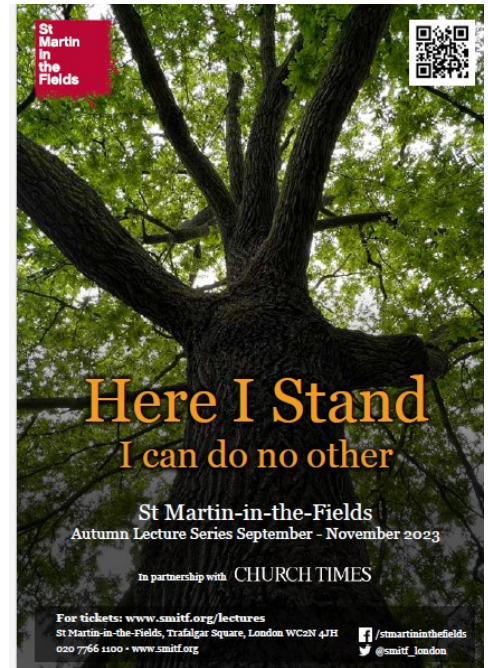
Monday 30 October, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: With God Sam Wells

Monday 6 November, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: Death and Dying Professor Catherine Sleeman, Rachel Clarke and Cariad Lloyd

Monday 13 November, 7.00 - 8.30pm Here I Stand: My Name is Why? Lemn Sissay

Monday 20 November, 7.00 - 8.30pm (With Christian Aid) Here I stand: Women's Advancement and Role in Tackling Climate Change Amina J Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the UN

For more information and details about tickets, please visit www.smitf.org/lectures.



Silent Prayer in Church

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on the second Wednesday of each month, 11am to 12 noon.

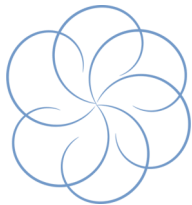
The next dates are:

13 September

11 October

8 November

A group of people gather to sit together in silence for some 40 minutes. No spoken prayers are said, just the tinkle of a bell at the beginning, end, and half-way through. Being silent for a little while is an invitation to listen to what is happening inside. In our liturgies we are used to address God in praise and song, but listening to the inner 'still small voice' may take some more attention. Doing it with other people forms a creative power that can be felt and can be powerful. Letting go of the need to be busy even for a little time is not only relaxing, but will eventually lead us to the truth of our selves that seems to be the big task of all our lives. There is no need to join anything, book or apologise; just come if and when you can.



Services and Events

Sunday 3 September Trinity 13

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
Readings Romans 12.9-end
Matthew 16.21-end

Friday 8 September

10am - 1pm Second Half Club resumes
10am coffee; 10.45am Pilates;
12noon Chair Exercises

Saturday 9 September

6pm Choral Evensong for the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin (as well as the belated celebration of the birthday of John Ward, the Director of Music)

Sunday 10 September Trinity 14

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
with baptism of Nicholas Smith
Readings Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20
12.15pm Autumn Fair organisation meeting
(in hall)
12.30pm Baptism of George Wellwood and
blessing of Civil Marriage of James
and Clare Wellwood

Wednesday 13 September

11am Silent Prayer

Friday 15 September

10am Second Half Club

Sunday 17 September Trinity 15

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
with Little Lambs Sunday School
Readings Genesis 50.15-21
Matthew 18.21-35

Monday 18 September

12 noon Funeral of Boo Simpson

Wednesday 20 September

11.30 Nursing Home Service, St Teresa's
Care Home, Roland Gardens
7pm PCC (in hall)

Friday 22 September

10am Second Half Club

Saturday 23 September

12 - 4pm Autumn Fair

Sunday 24 September Trinity 16

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Holy Eucharist
Readings Jonah 3.10 - 4. 11
Mathew 20. 1-16

Friday 29 September

10am Second Half Club

Saturday 30 September

2.30pm Memorial for Lindsay Smallbone

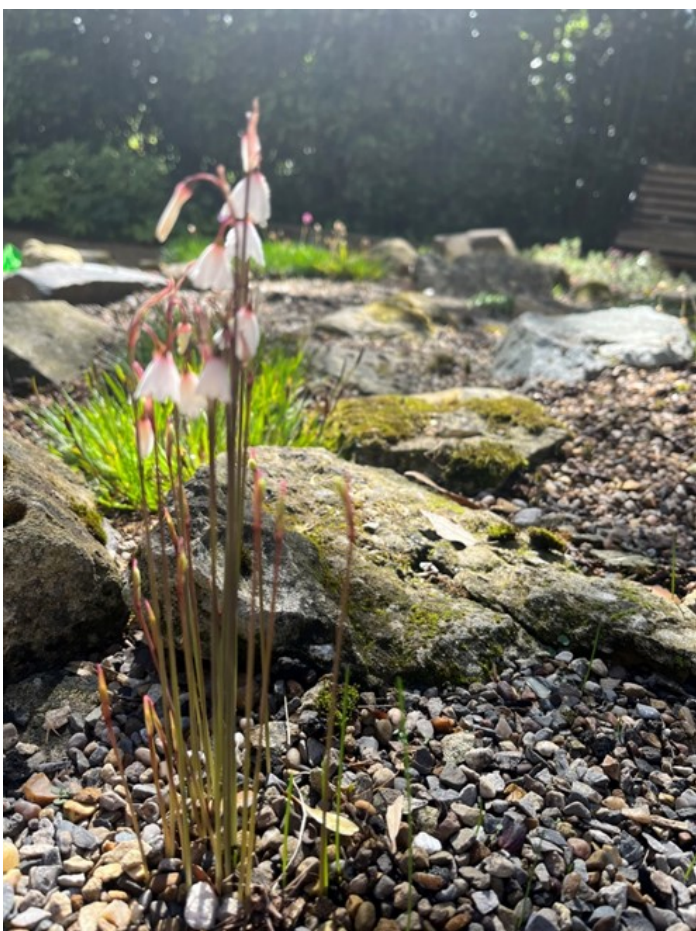
Sunday 1 October

Harvest Thanksgiving and Climate Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Family Eucharist
with procession of harvest gifts
Little Lambs Sunday School for
preschool children
(Older children stay in church)

12noon Parish Bring and Share Lunch



Acis autumnale, St Mary's Garden

Photo: Edwina Sassoon

Year's Mind September

Elizabeth Richardson

Hilda O'Connor

Joy MacManaway

Vera Gregory

Hugh Beach

Pamela Bryceson

Mary Goodens

Ken Howard RA

Edward Lidderdale

Allan Campbell

Kevin Kendrick

Kathryn Carr

Michael Quin

Kenneth D'Elkar

Hans Schleger

Alexander Pringle

John Christie

Claud Hawker

Angela Lambert

Heather Lakin



Finance and giving Please give generously to support the parish mission and ministry. In 2023 we will need to raise more than £6500 every week just to maintain our current level of activities, as well as maintaining our buildings. The church benefits from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme for small donations of cash or using the contactless devices, but if you prefer to make a regular donation please consider joining our Stewardship scheme by giving via Standing Order. Please ask for gift aid form. Our bank details are: Account name: PCC of St Mary with St Peter & St Jude
Account number: 80692190
Sort code: 20-80-14
Alternatively, you can donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/SMTBDonate>, or using the QR code.



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Safeguarding at St Mary's

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Rosie Meckiff Mengel may be contacted at 07905 245652. Alternatively, speak to Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224 Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550 Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 1111.

Children's Champion

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: children@stmarytheboltons.org.uk.



There is a Hearing Loop in operation at St Mary The Boltons

Contributions for the October Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 25 September please.

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