

THE CLARION

The Magazine of The Parish of St Mary The Boltons

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September 2017

From the Vicar

The summer hiatus has been a blessing of rest and refreshment for many of us. It has also been a time for planning and plotting out the course of the coming months, and so I personally am glad that people are beginning to return and hope we are all ready for the challenge of beginning again.

My first three months here at St Mary's have been all about learning: learning how we do things here; learning where things are kept; learning people's names, and how they fit into the life of the church; learning to say 'St Mary's', without adding 'Abbots' every time. And they have been about thinking about what we need to do here next, and considering how we are going to grow together, in a new sort of configuration after the long interregnum. I hope in the next few months to address that particular question in the *Clarion*, with a different focus each month. I would be glad of any feedback so that we can all play our parts in the ministry here at St Mary's.

Our first duty as Christians is to worship God, which we do with joy and gladness here in Church. The pattern of our Sunday worship is well established, of course, enhanced by the contributions of so many volunteers who make sure people are welcomed, readings are read, intercessions are said, and bread and wine are shared. We would welcome more people to join in those ministries – perhaps you have wondered whether you might be able to read a lesson, or lead the prayers – so have a word with me or one of the people who already do these things. We would be glad to help you join those rotas.

Our music is one of the best things about the church, in my view, and we are blessed by the leadership of John Ward, our Director of Music. We are keen not only to enhance the congregational singing on a Sunday morning, but also to have more choral music too, both from the voluntary Come and Sing choir, and from the regular professional singers who have enriched our worship in the past. The professional music costs money and we are looking at ways to build up funds for this purpose this autumn. The professional choir will sing at our Patronal Festival on Sunday 10 September.

On weekdays, we say Morning and Evening Prayer together each day (8.30am and 5.30pm) in the Chancel, behind the sanctuary. This traditional way of beginning and ending the day has become an important part of my own discipleship over the course of years, and I commend it to you too. We all hope that others may join us as we pray for our parish and our world. This month, we have now restored the weekly Holy Communion service on Tuesdays at 1.00pm, and hope that people living and working locally will find it a convenient time in their lunch hour to come along.

Those of you who are part of our intercessory prayer ministry will know that for a while St Mary's has held a monthly Healing Eucharist, when we pray for all those on our prayer list by name, and when the ministry of laying on of hands and anointing is also offered. This will now take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm. We find that people value this sacrament, either for themselves or for those for whom they are praying. Perhaps it is

something that you would find helpful too, if you have not experienced it yet.

Many people find a more contemplative form of worship more congenial than the usual very wordy Anglican liturgy, which is why we also offer Silent Prayer once a month, on the second Wednesday, at 11am. This is just what it says: 40 minutes, sitting in silence, in company, with perhaps a sentence or two of scripture or spiritual writing to help set the scene. What is wonderful about this, apart from not depending on the Vicar to run it, is that each time it happens, people come in who otherwise don't normally come to church much at all, attracted by the stillness and quiet, as well as the fellowship. I recommend it!

Our worship really is the most important thing we do as Christians. It is where we offer our thanks to God, where we make our petitions for the world and the Church, and where we are fed, and sustained for the work of being faithful in our daily lives. Our hope is that our worship here at St Mary's will be a sign for us of what God is doing here.

Jenny Welsh



It's that time of year again

September is the month when we ask members of the congregation to suggest charities we could support with our 2018 fundraising. This year we have made it even easier for you to do this. Just write the name of the charity – and its address if known – on a piece of paper and put the paper in the Charity Suggestions box at the back of church. The Charity Committee will do the rest.

For 2018 the Committee is charged with selecting one overseas charity to receive one

third of both the 2018 and 2019 Charitable Pots. A further third will mainly be shared by two charities who will receive smaller, one-year-only awards. Ideally one of these charities should be local and the other overseas. The remaining third of the 2018 Pot will support Family Friends for a second year.



Each charity or one of its projects should be small enough for our funds to make a difference; it should support people on the margins of society and those who encounter social injustice. UK projects should be as close to the Parish as possible and benefit people in the Kensington Episcopal area. Please ask Anthony Williams or any member of the Charity Committee if you need more guidance.

If you made an unsuccessful nomination in the past, do not be discouraged. Our framework for giving means that each year we rotate the projects we support and there is always an opportunity for a previously unsuccessful charity to be selected this time.

We need all suggestions for the 2018 Charitable Pot to be made by Sunday 8 October. The final decision on which charities we will support is scheduled to be made by the PCC at its November meeting. Please understand that while we are not able to support all charities for which we receive nominations, the Committee values and appreciates every suggestion that is made. The

members of the Charity Committee are Katrina Quinton, Katrin Roskelly, Edwina Sassoon, Caroline Jackson and Anthony Williams.

Anthony Williams

on behalf of the Charity Committee

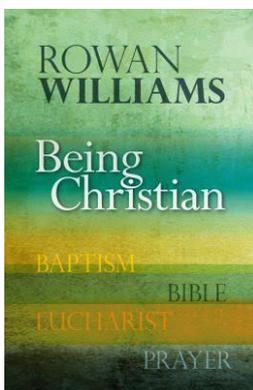


Opportunities for Study and Fellowship

A new term and a new season begin this month. We are also beginning a new round of opportunities for study and fellowship together, after the blessed hiatus of the summer holidays. There will be two new groups beginning this autumn, which we hope will be of interest.

First, the Vicar will facilitate a Book Group, on Monday mornings at 10.45am, at the Vicarage, 24 Fawcett Street SW10 9EZ.

We begin by reading Rowan William's *Being Christian* (SPCK Publishing, 2014).



This excellent little book explores the meaning and practice of four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist and prayer. It is an invitation to everyone to think through the essentials of the faith and how to live it.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings, or if it is not convenient, to read the book in parallel with us, and perhaps engage in conversations about it over coffee at church! If

you want to join the group, do let the Vicar know.

In October, a short (6 sessions) Bible Study course will begin on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30pm, at the Vicarage. Philip Welsh will facilitate the discussions, based on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Further information will be available nearer the time. We would also be glad to offer an inquirers' course, particularly aimed at new members, anyone who is thinking about being confirmed, and those who may feel a refresher course in the basics of the Christian faith would be helpful. If you or someone you know (adult or youngster) might be interested, please contact the Vicar as soon as possible; candidates for confirmation would be prepared to be presented on 10 December at All Saints Fulham.

Jenny Welsh



Harvest Thanksgiving, Sunday, 1st October, 10.30am.

Each year at this time, clergy on their holidays find themselves looking at the countryside and thinking, about how quickly Harvest Festival is rushing towards them. Your Vicar is no exception, and it's always with a sense of thanksgiving, in her case. Our harvest service will be on Sunday 1st October. As usual here at St Mary's, we will make our collection of foodstuffs for the Glass Door Homeless Charity. We will be glad to receive any gifts of tins, packets, dried food etc. during the course of September, but we will also make a collection at the service itself, and present it as part of our offering that day. Do start putting something aside from your weekly shop now, so that our offering can be all the greater.

The church will be decorated on Saturday 30 September and we are hoping that lots of people will volunteer to help – a particularly good opportunity for our children and families to get involved – and stay for High Tea afterwards. More information about that will be in the pew sheets over the course of September; keep an eye out for that. The Sunday School leaders will be looking for children to take part in the service, too. In particular, I hope we might be able to produce our own bread for the All Age Eucharist on Sunday.

Finally, the music will be supported by the Come and Sing Choir. Speak to John Ward as soon as possible if you like to sing and want to join the Choir that day. Other roles will be taken by youngsters and more mature people alike.

We will also have our first Sunday lunch of the autumn directly afterwards, hosted by Leo Fraser Mackenzie and Bill Gallagher. It will be a very family friendly meal, which we hope everyone will come to. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church nearer the time. A donation of £5 per adult and £2 per child is invited on the day. Please also invite your friends and neighbours to this day of thanksgiving for all God's good gifts to us.

Jenny Welsh



Music at St Mary's

The first weekend in September marks five years since my appointment as Director of Music here at St Mary The Boltons. Autumn 2017 will see the continuation of many of the special traditions I inherited from previous custodians of the music, not least my immediate predecessor Graham Caldbeck. The season is

framed by two services led by professional choir: September's patronal festival and December's much-loved carol service. In November, we will again be inviting an instrumental soloist to play our annual Remembrance meditation. Throughout the autumn, every second week or so, we will be joined by a professional singer. This latter feature of the liturgical calendar is a more recent innovation but already a much cherished one, which has largely been made possible by the generosity of a number of anonymous donors. The All-age worship services on the first Sundays of October, November and December will all be 'Come and Sing' choir weeks, another more recent innovation that has added another facet to the musical expression of our worship here at St Mary The Boltons. One thing that enhances our worship every week of course, and which could be easy to overlook here, is our very committed congregational singing; this enables us to have a very rich and varied diet of hymnody throughout the seasons. Thank you all for your part in that.

You can support the music at St Mary's in a number of ways: by your continued prayers, by kind words of encouragement (always so appreciated), and by 'coming and singing'. If you enjoy singing and would like to join the Come and Sing group, speak to me about how to do that. You might also wish to consider sponsoring the music on a particular Sunday, perhaps to celebrate a particular anniversary or commemorate a particular intention, or to make an anonymous contribution. If you wish to discuss this possibility, please speak to the Vicar or one of the wardens.

John Ward



www.google.co.uk, yellow pages.au

The London Diocesan Synod

The July Session of the London Diocesan Synod was held at St Mellitus College, on 18 July 2017. The Synod is composed of three Houses, with representatives of bishops, clergy and laity, who work together to take forward the mission and ministry of the Church. The object of their meetings is to discuss matters of concern to the diocese of London and each Deanery has a proportional number of elected members.



The meetings begin with a short act of worship, and there is a full agenda, which includes the opportunity to meet and talk with other representatives. Mission and Finance Statistics and Operations are regular items and there is always the opportunity for a question and answer session. The agenda also provides an insight into recent developments and new ways to bring people to the church. At the July Session we looked to Capital Vision 2020 – Creative Arts.

The object of this program was to examine and promote an interactive engagement between Christianity and creativity via the arts. God as creator has been celebrated through art and music for centuries, and this was an up to date, hands on approach that was as refreshing as it was original. The Archdeacon of Hackney opened by giving an update to the Synod on current progress, highlighting a number of case studies from around the Diocese.

Through film and discussion, art was presented as a bridge, giving access to passion and purpose through sound, music, dance, poetry and theatre. It was an opportunity to experience and also assess the impact the performers had made, and to consider how they might play a continuing role in deepening

and enriching interaction between Christianity and the Creative Arts.

If you are interested visit:

www.london.anglican.org/engage-creative
or email:

creativesnetwork@london.anglican.org

Ann Mulcare



How to read the Bible

Some sceptical Anglicans

Honest to God was a little book written by **John A.T. Robinson** (1919-1983), then Bishop of Woolwich, criticising traditional Christian theology. His book, which has remained almost continually in print, proposes abandoning the notion of God 'out there', existing somewhere as a cosmic superno, just as we have already abandoned the idea of God 'up there', the notion of an old man in the sky. After endorsing the assertion that God is the 'ground of all being', Robinson wrote: 'For it is in [Jesus] making himself nothing, in his utter self-surrender to others in love, that he discloses and lays bare the ground of man's being as love ... For assertions about God are in the last analysis assertions about love'.

Harmless as it sounds, this book aroused a storm of controversy on its publication by SCM Press in 1963. It led to criticism of Robinson in the Church Assembly by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey. There were calls for Robinson to resign or be deposed. Ramsey's pamphlet *Image Old and New*, rushed out as a response, did not entirely dismiss what had been said, and Robinson helped to defuse matters by bringing out a book of New Testament commentary that was notably conservative (*Can we trust the New Testament?*, Mowbrays, 1977).

John Harwood Hick (1922–2012) was a theologian and philosopher of religion who taught in the United States for the larger part of his career. In the book, which he edited, *The Myth of God Incarnate* (SCM Press, 1977), Hick proposed a reinterpretation of traditional Christology, particularly the doctrine of the Incarnation. Hick contended 'that the historical Jesus of Nazareth did not teach or apparently believe that he was God, or God the Son, Second Person of a Holy Trinity, incarnate, or the son of God in a unique sense'. For that reason, and perhaps for the sake of religious pluralism and peace, Hick proposed a metaphorical approach to incarnation. Jesus was not literally God in the flesh (incarnate), but was metaphorically speaking, the presence of God. 'Jesus was so open to divine inspiration, so responsive to the divine spirit, so obedient to God's will, that God was able to act on earth in and through him'. This, he believed, is the true Christian doctrine of the incarnation. Hick believed that a metaphorical view of the incarnation avoids the need for faulty Christian paradoxes such as the duality of Christ (fully God and fully human) and even the Trinity (God is simultaneously one and three).



Don Cupitt (1934-), an Anglican priest and Fellow of Emmanuel College Cambridge, came to public notice in 1984 with his BBC television

series *The Sea of Faith*. (The title 'Sea of Faith' is taken from Matthew Arnold's nostalgic mid-19th century poem 'Dover Beach', in which the poet regrets that belief in a supernatural world is slowly slipping away; the 'sea of faith' is withdrawing, like the ebbing tide.) He sometimes describes himself as a Christian non-realist, by which he means that he follows certain spiritual practices and attempts to live by ethical standards traditionally associated with Christianity, but without believing in the actual existence of the underlying metaphysical entities (such as 'Christ' and 'God'). He goes on to argue that many people still hold on to their religious beliefs purely out of 'ethnic loyalty', and that, despite people's best efforts, religion will continue to dissolve. This is most depressing.

Angela Tilby (1950-) is well known as a religious broadcaster, Vicar of St Bene't's Church Cambridge, Vice-Principal of Westcott House and now Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Oxford. In the May/June 2017 issue of *Theology* (p. 236) she reviewed Robert Reiss' book *Sceptical Christianity* (Jessica Kingsley Publishers 2016), which proposes that the arguments raised by its authors have never been properly concluded, and that the church should now endorse a bracingly sceptical account of the faith. Tilby disagrees, arguing that the author does not reflect on why the movement failed. She says 'It did not win hearts and minds. Instead, it created its own backlash, which is still with us, in the rather bland, theologically vacuous position that the Church of England has embraced today'. She goes on: 'There may be merit in the robust dismissal of virgin birth, the bodily resurrection and the believer's hope of life after death, but this represents little more than sanctified stoicism. It may be true that such stoicism was once the real creed of the Church of England, but that church is now passing away'.

If the cap fits, put it on. It may be that 'sanctified stoicism' does not do justice to what we (mostly) believe, but perhaps a 'rather bland, theologically vacuous position' fills our bill more accurately than we like to admit? I will propose at the end of this series a more positive set of rules for reading the bible today.

Hugh Beach



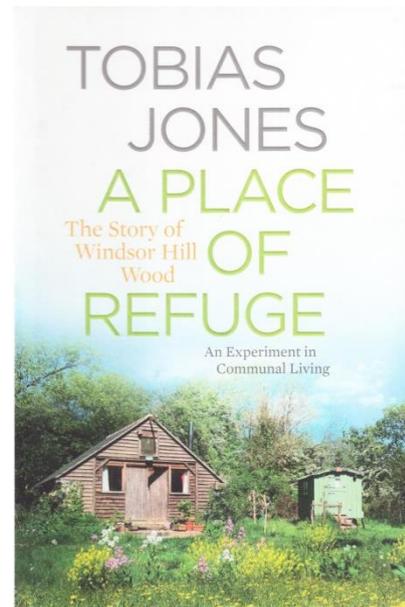
Changes at Windsor Hill Wood

A little while back I reported on a visit I had made to this Somerset retreat where Tobias Jones, a committed Christian, and his family had established a residential sanctuary for people who needed help at difficult times in their lives. What they were doing made a deep impression on me. I made my second visit, on a wet Saturday in July (not ideal for such an outdoor place), to join 50 of the retreat's supporters say good-bye to the Jones' and welcome a new family, the Thompson's, who have taken over the baton. It meant a three hour drive each way but I was glad I made the journey.

Tobias and his wife Fran had run the sanctuary for eight years, sharing their home with the residents who came to stay, some for a couple of weeks, others for much longer. Tobias, always known as Toby, was the linchpin. He had not appreciated or realised how much the demands on his time and the increasing burden he carried in helping so many people, had affected him. Last year, compassion fatigue made itself known; the carer needed caring himself. Thankfully there were already steps being made to turn a totally informal place into one with external support and convert Windsor Hill Wood (WHW) into a charity. The residential help that WHW had been providing had to be suspended to enable Toby to recover his strength. My visit was an

occasion to celebrate the re-opening of the sanctuary with a new family who are following in Toby and Fran's footsteps and will again provide a residential place of healing.

The Jones family have given a huge part of their lives to this mission and the time had come for them to put themselves first. After the meadows and mud of Somerset, Toby and Fran's two daughters yearned for their mother's chic Italian city as much as their mother yearns for them to speak, and feel, Italian. They are also entering an age in which it is possibly not right for them to be surrounded by some of the slightly manipulative teenagers referred to WHW by rehabs and psychiatric units. As for little Leo, their son, he just reckons that living in a country that has won the World Cup four times will be beneficial to his footballing career.



I have been enormously humbled by what Toby has done, putting his very practical Christianity before his career and often his family and himself. God has, however, very definitely been with him. He says that there was never a dull day, with strangers constantly rolling up, bringing blessings and issues. Sometimes they themselves do not even know why they came, or how they heard of the place. Yet time and

time again, when WHW urgently needed a forester or a seamstress, a benefactor or a car mechanic, they have punctually shown up. It is mysterious, miraculous even, and reassures one that there is a generosity to fate (or providence) the wider one opens one's doors.

If you would like to find out more, Toby has written a very good book about WHW called *A Place of Refuge*, published by Quercus. It is a very honest account that does not shirk from revealing the problems and difficulties encountered. The *Observer* has also published an article by Toby in which he explains why the changes in their lives were needed. It can be found at

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/25/windsor-hill-wood-tobias-jones-a-wrench-to-leave-woodland-utopia> As both WHW and the Jones family move into the next stage of their lives, they deserve our prayers.

Anthony Williams



Volunteer opportunities with the Friends of Brompton Cemetery

As many of you will be aware, Brompton Cemetery is a large, Victorian, garden cemetery located in West Kensington. The cemetery is on a 39.5 acre site bounded to the north by Old Brompton Road and to the south by Fulham Road. It is Listed Grade I in Heritage England's Register of Parks and Gardens, and is a designated Conservation Area. It has a long historical link with The Boltons and with St Mary's. In recent years many members of the congregation have become Friends of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery has recently received a major grant from the Heritage and Big Lottery Funds, which, with matched funding, provides an

investment of more than £6m. Now the magnificent Anglican Chapel is being restored with better facilities. Landscaping will be greatly improved. New buildings at the north end of the Cemetery will provide a café, public toilets, and two public rooms for events and activities.

As most activities around the Cemetery will depend on volunteer support, there will be many volunteering opportunities for people with a wide range of interests and experience. These will include staffing events in the Chapel, many with an Arts flavour; managing and stewarding a wide range of activities in the new public rooms in the Meeting Place at North Lodge; gardening (more than one hundred thousand bulbs to be planted by the Friends over the next two years); research; writing; art; music; photography and working with other local groups with interests in the Cemetery.

Further details and registration forms for volunteers are available on fobromptoncemetery@gmail.com or contact Halima Khanom/Ann Mulcare on 020 7352 1060.

Regular updates of our progress in all these areas will be on the Friends of Brompton Cemetery website at www.brompton-cemetery.org.uk

Ann Mulcare



Reverend David Rymer

We have heard with sadness of the recent death of Revd David Rymer, who was the Vicar of St Jude's from 1979 to 1988. We send our condolences to Frances and their family. David's funeral was held on Friday 1st September in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Philip Bedford Smith

more space, the exhibition is shaped in the form of a winding and bending tunnel. There is also a bigger space for lectures and films.

The museum hosts exhibitions and events and also private parties. It has a small café and the most wonderful big garden, which is more like a botanical jungle and is worth a visit on its own. The museum is open Tuesdays to Sundays (closed Mondays), 10am – 6pm and has varying charges for individuals, families, concessions etc. There is also a small but well stocked shop, full of memorabilia. Try it, you will be surprised by its scope and by your memories of old times.
<http://www.museumofbrands.com/visitus/#visit-info-1>

Verena Tschudin



Westminster Abbey, St Edward the Confessor National Pilgrimage Saturday 14 October 2017 from 9.30am

The annual pilgrimage day takes place in the Octave of Edwardtide, and offers a unique opportunity to visit the Abbey along with other pilgrims to experience its beauty and space in a prayerful atmosphere. Most importantly, all our pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray at the Shrine of St Edward - the only shrine in this country which still contains the body of the saint.

All our pilgrims are offered a prayer tour which takes them into every part of the Abbey, its precincts and gardens - so you will see the stunning Lady Chapel, the Royal Tombs, Poets' Corner, the Chapter House, the Museum and the College Garden which now has a special herb garden where you can sit on a Camomile bench and take in the fragrant scents of the herbs and flowers. Activities for children will be offered in the Education Centre and around the

Abbey and its precincts. School groups are very welcome.

During the course of the day priests will be on duty for individual spiritual counselling and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition there will be regular opportunities to renew Baptism Promises and to participate in Healing Liturgies with the Laying on of Hands and Anointing, a lecture will be given on the life of St Edward, and walking pilgrims will be welcomed with a foot washing rite.



Timing:

9.30am Abbey opens for Pilgrims
11.30am Festival Eucharist Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester
3.00pm Evensong with Procession

Booking

You are welcome to any part or all of the day, you may come as an individual or as part of a group - all are welcome and there is no cost. It is not necessary for individuals to book but it would help in the planning of the day to know about larger groups. Booking is necessary for school groups.

For Further Information and Bookings:
tiggy.sawbridge@westminster-abbey.org
020 7654 4805



Silent Prayer

The Silent Prayer meetings start again now. All meetings are in church on Wednesdays, 11am to 12md.

Future dates are:

13 September

11 October

8 November

6 December

These meetings are designed to give an opportunity to join with others for silent prayer and meditation. The space behind the altar is a perfect setting, having a quiet air of spirituality, silence and serenity. We begin with a short reading, then two sessions of twenty minutes in which we sit quietly in prayer or meditation with a short break between. If you are practised in meditation or simply wish to join others for the first time, you are welcome.



Year's Mind September

Elizabeth Richardson

Joy Macmanaway

Hilda O'Connor

Vera Gregory

Pamela Bryceson

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

Readings for September 2017

Sunday 3 Sep., 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Jeremiah 15.15-21
Romans 12. 9-end
Matthew 16. 21-end

Sunday 10 Sep., 13th Sunday after Trinity Patronal Festival

10.30am Isaiah 61.10-end
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 1.44-55

Sunday 17 Sep., 14th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Genesis 50.15-21
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18. 21-35

Sunday 24 Sep., 15th Sunday a. Trinity

10.30am Jonah 3.10-end of 4
Philippians 1.21-end
Matthew 20. 1-16

Sunday 1 Oct., 16th Sunday a. Trinity

10.30am Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21. 23-32

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist, 10.30am Sung Eucharist

The meeting room at the back of the church is available for people with pre-school children. There is a baby changing facility in the wheelchair accessible toilet in the hall.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Usually Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm, except Public Holidays.



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(call Parish Office)

Safeguarding Officer

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is at present vacant. The role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The person 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 the Parish Office. The Vicar and Wardens are working to fill the role soon.

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 111

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: katie.fowkes@talktalk.net / 07810 831505

Contributions for the October Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 25 September 2017.

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