

THE CLARION

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To Promote Social Justice...

Social justice can be a bit of a slippery term. What is just is so easily reduced to what is fair; and determining what is fair so often becomes about seeking compromise without losing one's own advantage (and sometimes even by stealth). We teach our children that things need to be fair and that is right and good, but what they learn from an early age is how to recognize when things are not fair, at least for them.

Justice in the context of our faith is a different and a far more challenging thing. We believe in a God who is just, who 'will come to judge the living and the dead' as we say in the Creed. We believe that God has a concern for his creation and for our activity in it as his creatures and that the consequences for how we treat our fellow creatures (human and otherwise) are real. We need simply to look at the latest discussions about the climate emergency, about the refugee crisis, the running of our prison system, the treatment of people who are on the edge of our society because of their culture, background, class, sexuality, age (and the list goes on) to see how that is true.

We also believe in a God who does not have any interest in what is fair. The parables of Jesus make this clear, and to my mind this is the most challenging thing of all. The Prodigal Son exercises our sense of fairness as we fret about whether he deserves to be welcomed home while his long-suffering brother talks of the years he has spent slaving for his indulgent father without so much as a

roast dinner to show for it. We are infuriated by the unfairness of the owner of the vineyard who employed all sorts of ne'er-do-wells and paid them the same as those hard working chaps who did an honest day's work. For Jesus, fairness is trumped by the sheer unfairness of the generosity of God, shown to the good and the bad, the worthy and the unworthy alike. God's justice is not fair, but it is gracious. And thank God for that.

The other great story Jesus tells is of the Great



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Works_of_mercy#/media/File:Pierre_Montallier

Judgement where the peoples are divided (for punishment or for reward) according to how they have treated the vulnerable people in their midst, whether they have fed people who are hungry, refreshed those who are thirsty, visited those who are sick or in prison, or sheltered the homeless. The King in the story says that insofar as the people have

done these things, they have done it to him and the consequences for failing to see the face of God himself in those vulnerable people are grave indeed. Again we need simply to read the news of how refugees, strangers, LGBT people, prisoners and more, see what that looks like.

Here at St Mary's one of our aims is to engage openly and without prejudice to promote social justice in our community and the world. How we do that is an ongoing discussion, and I hope that you will join us in that; I would be interested in your comments.

Jenny Welsh

An Experience of Social Justice

Back in 2008 I made the choice to go from Finland to Athens and within a month I had found my first nanny job. I went on to have five other nanny and tutor roles over the next six years and became part of the local community.

I soon found that what is 'social justice' in the UK and other western European countries often does not exist further east. Life for less well-off people was and is hard and dangerous and not too much has changed even now.

However, the Anglican Church in Athens I attended (which had strong ties to the British Embassy), tried very hard to reach out and aid poor, displaced or minority-groups people, along with the Salvation Army and sometimes the Orthodox Church. One outreach was for refugees and asylum seekers and other homeless and street people who were fed from a daily food truck where the lucky 400-500 would receive a small tray of basic foods like bread, cheese, lentils and milk.

The Anglican Church also tried hard to meet the needs of the detained refugees who were kept in old army camps outside the city, housed in old container units, cramped and uninsulated. Some of them committed suicide, and sadly one person was found to be a 14-year old boy who had been assumed to be adult.

We organized a special needs drive, and sent two (police) van loads of blankets, towels, clothes, shoes, toiletries and snacks to one such camp, and prayed that the guards would not pick through and steal the best items for themselves.



Photo of Yve with two stray dogs who lived with her. The brown one went to Canada via charity 'Cause for Paws'

I tried to help some of the refugees myself too; some things need to be done as part of an organization or group, but occasionally it is better to help on a one-to-one basis. Whether I can help physically or emotionally does not matter to me, and I try to be led by the Spirit.

I am always happy to think about Gertrude, a slight senior lady who was living in a park near me. Originally from Poland, she had lived a 'hedonistic' life in Greece for about 25 years, and now her partner had died she was alone and with nothing. Via my two Polish-Greek teen students, I discovered that she had a long-lost son in Canada, not that far from where I used to live in Ontario. After some internet research and phone calls, I made contact with the son, Artur, and after a few weeks he arrived in Greece and escorted his mother back to Poland, to a government flat and a small pension. The local Greek people were amazed.

Life in Greece was hard, sometimes dangerous or crazy, but also amazing!

Yve Shepherd Thorn





The Summer Fair that was

As we set up the Fair, moving boxes of books, bric-à-brac, prizes for the football et al., a couple of young ladies were walking past and asked what the event was. When I said it was the Summer Fair they were thrilled and excited and said what a brilliant thing to do and asked who organised it. When I said it was the church, one asked 'Which Church?!' I pointed out St Mary's as we walked past and explained that we did it every year and that the money we raise would go to the charities the church was supporting. They were off to a yoga class, but seemed keen to return and one was on the phone to her husband as I waved goodbye. I did see her later in the afternoon and she seemed to be having a good time, so we know that the Fair does help St Mary's reach its aim of reaching out to the community!

All the work in the lead up to the fair and the planning that Clair and her crew had put into its organisation reaped its rewards as the Fair rose from jumble of boxes and heaps of stuff that had accumulated in the church in the preceding weeks. The gazebos rose up, the tables and chairs appeared, tables were covered with cloths and flowers, the strawberries were hulled, the scones were prepared. The cake stall displayed fresh cakes and bread, jams and preserves, the goal was built and the keepers warmed up; the coconut stands stood up (eventually), the balloons were blown up and twisted into extraordinary shapes; the barbeque fired up and the burgers

and sausages sizzled; the TLC team prepared the Pimms and wines and beers chilled along with the ice creams.

The music played, the people thronged, headbands were created and worn, games were played, tattoos were hennaed onto hands, feet and arms, the Collingham students stuck on tattoos and named the bear and hooked-the-duck. Children from Solidarity Sports hurtled around with gales of laughter, The Hope Foundation and Teach a Man to Fish educated us all about the work they do, Richard Pinner made us all laugh with his magic and his dragon and books and raffle tickets were sold. Things that other people didn't want became essential things for others to own from the bric-à-brac and people kept coming. They ate, they drank, they had afternoon tea, the auction raised more money and cheers, loads of prizes were drawn in the raffle and then it was done... but nobody wanted to leave!

Clearing up was swiftly done, the rain held off, many things disappeared back into the loft on Sunday morning and Monday saw the sound system returned, the left overs recycled to charity shops and food banks and all before we knew what amount would be added to the charitable pot.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed so much to make the day such a happy one for so many people and thank you to you all for making it possible.

Katrina Quinton



Garden News: A Time to Celebrate

Regular readers will know that for many months a project has been underway to renew the garden on the south side of church. The scaffolding and other construction materials and access required for the installation of the mobile telecom mast in the church tower caused more damage than the volunteers who previously cared for the garden were able to put right. Those who have visited more recently will have seen first hand the beautiful new garden that has emerged from the chaos of the old. The project has achieved far more than the work we were initially considering, and has only been possible thanks to the keen interest of many parties. It was designed for us by Non Morris, of Fraser and Morris, following an introduction from Edwina Sassoon, built by HG Landscapes Ltd, and financed by generous donations from friends and neighbours. The true beauty of the garden will emerge over months, even years, as the planting matures under the care of our new professional garden maintenance team from Forbes and Allen Horticulture.



The successful completion of the project is a significant milestone in the life of the garden and indeed for the parish as the garden is open to everyone. This is a significant benefit not

only for to local residents, but for visiting workers and casual visitors seeking rest. Cycle couriers even use the benches for rest. All who seek peace and quiet are welcome.



We will mark the completion of the project at our Patronal Festival on 8 September when there will be a Sung Festival Eucharist and Blessing of the Garden by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, The Ven Stephan Welch. After the service there will be a reception and buffet lunch. We hope that the event will be well attended, by parishioners, people who have contributed to the project, journalists from the gardening press, as well as garden users. Please reserve the date in your diary and come with all your family.

Leo Fraser-Mackenzie



Summer Fair Pictures

Provided by Bill Gallagher







The Second Half Club?

Was this really for me I thought? The Second Half Club? But having hit the half century some time ago I thought that I might as well have a look on a Friday to see if it was something that I could enjoy.

Sitting in the pews were people helping with phones and computers or sitting and chatting over a cup of tea or coffee while gradually the floor of the south transept was covered with mats as Pilates fans arrived. Men and women and a mix of the flexible and the less so! The Pilates class was great – various ailments being taken into account by the delightful teacher – and the hour flew by and you felt you had actually done some exercise. The chair-based yoga session came hot on the heels as we rolled up our mats, led by the most glamorous young woman with stratospherically high heels being exchanged for trainers. The music was lovely and you could see how every muscle was moved and stretched while sitting down and one day I hope I will a) make the time and b) have the energy to try that too.

Friendly goodbye's were waved by some, and others stayed for coffee, and after the Chair Exercise session a sandwich lunch was on offer, which would give you a chance to get to know your class mates. I haven't quite managed that yet, but I have got back to the Pilates class, which I feel is an achievement and despite the fact that my stomach muscles (who

knew I had them?) let me know for the next day or two that they had done some work, it was really rather enjoyable. It is lovely being with friends from church and also meeting people who are not part of the congregation but who, like me, appreciate having somewhere to go and the opportunity to do some exercise without being surrounded by super fit gym-bunnies who not only have the outfits but the bodies to go with it!

So I would encourage you to give it a go on a Friday – whether it is sorting out your gadgets or reminding your body that it can move or just having a cup of coffee and a pastry and a conversation – and take comfort that if it is the Second Half Club for those over 50, it could mean we are all going to live to be 100!

Katrina Quinton



Second Half Club

St Mary The Boltons
Kensington, London SW10 9TB

EVERY FRIDAY!

Start Enjoying the Second Half of Your Life with Others
We welcome anyone over the Age 50

 Summer Term 2019:  May 3rd – July 19th <small>There will be No Classes on Friday, May 31st 2019 – Half term</small>	
10:00-11:00 am	Digital Clinic Build Your Computer Confidence One on one advice for all levels Bring Your Own Device (mobile phone iPhone/Android), iPad, Laptop, Tablet etc) Delivered FREE by Barclays 
11:00-12:00pm	Pilates (£1) Delivered by Open Age *
12:00-1:00pm	Chair Exercise Class (£1) Delivered by Open Age * Build flexibility, balance, & strength
LUNCH	Generously provided by Pret a Manger
1:15- 2:15 pm	Game Time Free
Refreshments offered throughout the day Contact: vicar@stmarytheboltons.org.uk 020 7835 1440	

The last sessions of the Summer Term are 5, 12 and 19 July and we hope to be running sessions in the Autumn, dates to be confirmed.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 15 September
10.30am

CHORAL EUCHARIST
FOLLOWED BY
THE BLESSING OF
THE NEW GARDEN
ON THE OCCASION OF OUR
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Preacher and President
The Venerable Stephan Welch,
Archdeacon of Middlesex

Everyone is welcome



Macmillan Cancer Care

St Mary's will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Wednesday 18 September from 10.00am. The coffee morning will be preceded by a special service of Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

Sign-up sheets for people able to make a cake and for the names of people to remember in the prayers will be in church in early September.

Fiona Parsons

Sing to Live, Live to Sing at St Mary's

Wednesdays 12.30noon – 2.30pm from 29 May till the end of term.

Did you know singing can help to improve breathing, relieve stress, develop core muscles and improve posture, as well as boosting confidence, encouraging a feeling of belonging, and improving overall mood?

Sing to Live, Live to Sing is a relaxed, fun, free singing programme initiated by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council's Arts Service in partnership with Public Health.

This term they will be coming to St Mary 's Wednesdays, beginning 29 May, before they move to their permanent venue in the autumn. Singing is a fantastic tool to support our health and wellbeing, so whether you are a first time singer or a dab-hand, come along and give Sing to Live a go!

Workshops take place weekly during term time and are run by experienced singing teachers. Open to all RBKC residents aged 18+. Register by going to www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/culture/sing-live-live-sing or ask for a form at your first workshop.

Please note, in order to gather information to support our funding we ask new participants to complete a health and wellbeing questionnaire. All singers are also invited to complete a short follow up survey at the end of each term.

Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/singtolive

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July and August Services, Events and Readings

Tuesday 2 July

1pm Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing, and anointing

Wednesday 3 July

12.30 – 2.30pm Sing to live, live to sing

Friday 5 July

10am – 2pm Second Half Club

10am Digital Eagles

11am Pilates (bring your own mat)

12noon Chair based exercise

1pm Lunch

Sunday 7 July Trinity 3

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist with Come and Sing Choir

Readings: Isaiah 66.10-14
Galatians 6.7-16
Luke 10.1-11,16-20

12.30pm Baptism of Rupert Cox

Monday 8 July

2.30 – 3.30pm An afternoon of Music by Opera Holland Park

Tuesday 9 July

1pm Holy Eucharist

7pm PCC in church

Wednesday 10 July

11am Silent Prayer

12.30 – 2.30pm Sing to live, live to sing

7pm Presentation on Youth Ministry, Old Deer Park, Richmond

Friday 12 July

10am – 2pm Second Half Club (see above for details)

Sunday 14 July Trinity 4

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

President and preacher at both services, Revd Dr Neil Evans

Parish Lunch (last before the Summer holidays)

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14
Colossians 1.1-14
Luke 10.25-37

Tuesday 16 July

1pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 17 July

12.30 – 2.30pm Sing to live, live to sing

Friday 19 July

10am – 2pm Second Half Club (Final session this term)

(see above for details)

Sunday 21 July Trinity 5

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

President Revd Peter Woolton

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

President and preacher Revd David Armstrong

Readings: Genesis 18.1-10a
Colossians 1.15-28
Luke 10.38-42

Wednesday 24 July

12.30pm – 2.30pm Sing to live, live to sing
(Final session this terms)

Friday 26 July

12 noon Wedding of Tom Henshaw and Alice Jenkins

Saturday 27 July

12 noon Burial of Ashes of Heather Allen

Sunday 28 July Trinity 6

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Genesis 18.20-32
 Colossians 2.6-15
 Luke 11.1-13

Tuesday 30 July

1pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 4 August Trinity 7

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23
 Colossians 3.1-11
 Luke 12.13-21

Tuesday 6 August Feast of the Transfiguration

1pm Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing, and anointing

Sunday 11 August Trinity 8

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Genesis 15.1-6
 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16
 Luke 12.32-40

12.30pm Baptism of Adonis Welsh

Tuesday 13 August

1pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 14 August

11am Silent Prayer

Sunday 18 August Trinity 9

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Jeremiah 23.23-29
 Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2
 Luke 12.49-56

Tuesday 21 August

1pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 25 August Trinity 10

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30 Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Isaiah 58.9b-14
 Hebrews 12.18-29
 Luke 13.10-17

Monday 26 August

Bank Holiday – Church closed

Tuesday 27 August

1pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 1 September Trinity 11

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Readings: Proverbs 25.6-7
 Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16
 Luke 14.1,7-14

Tuesday 3 September

1pm Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing and anointing
 7pm Standing Committee Vicarage

Sunday 8 September Trinity 12

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist
 Preacher Revd Philip Welsh
 Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14.25-33

**Silent Prayer in Church**

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

10 July
 14 August
 11 September

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

*Joy rises in me, like a summer's
morn.*
(Samuel Taylor Coleridge,
Coleridge's Poetical Works)



Year's Mind July and August

Alison Harbottle
Mary Harrington
Roy Redgrave
Julia Pringle
Lorraine Seely
Robert Hawker
Dorothy Patrick
Derek Wood
Jean-Paul Mahieu
Julian Ridsdale
Rosemary Everett
John Harris
Hazel Bosworth
Enid Ingle
Poppy Readman
David Messerlian
Keith Doran
Yelena Green
Thomas Harrington
Richard Bond
Vernon Parkinson
Olga O'Grady
Wilga Smart
Joanna Simon
Caroline Redgrave

Geoffrey Bellman
Roland Arthur Sutcliffe
Margaret Lake
Alec Skempton
Christa Soell
Nancy Smith
Molosh Gregovich
Zia Ahmad
Joachim-Albrecht von Bethman-Hollweg
Clarissa Lada-Grodzicki
Adele King
Charlotte Aitken
Minnie Warwick
Robert Jackson
Genevieve Maw
Murat Akiner
Peter Canadine
Margarite Farrell
Anne Garten
Annette Worsley-Taylor
David Brown
Bryan Peers
Norah Bowen
Betty Greenland



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30am

Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

except Public Holidays. The weekday Eucharist is on Tuesdays at 1pm in the chancel.

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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, Kelly Webb may be contacted at 07971 552 014.

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.

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

Contributions for the September Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 20 June 2019.

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