

7 MAY 2017

Welcome to our services today. If you are here for the first time, we hope you will soon feel at home. Please take a moment to fill out one of the yellow 'welcome cards' and hand it to one of the service leaders and do stay for refreshments served after the morning service.

Children: During the morning service there are groups for children of all ages. Please see the screens for more details of where each group is meeting.

TODAY'S EVENTS

- 9:45am** **Prayer** – in church before the service, all welcome
- 10:00am** **Morning Worship: 'The God Particle': God and Science**
Leading: Rod Paterson Speaking: John Lawrence
Reading: Psalm 139: 1-18
- 6:30pm** **Communion**
Leading & Speaking: Rod Paterson
Reading: Acts 2: 42 - end

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon 8th** 9:30am
 & 11am Sunflowers
- Tues 9th** 10:00am Your Kingdom Come (meeting in church)
 8:00pm Music Group Practice
- Thurs 11th** 6:00pm HA School Choir Rehearsal
- Fri 12th** 1:30pm Mums Together
- Sat 13th** 7:00pm Frog
- Sun 14th** 10:00am Communion
 3:45pm familyfun@345 (church hall)
 6:30pm Evening Prayer
 7:00pm HAY

The full calendar including church bookings is available at www.holyapostles.org.uk

Homegroups: We have a number of homegroups that run during the week. A list of current homegroups, and when they meet is on the display at the back of church. If you are interested in joining a homegroup please contact John Lawrence.

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Sunday Club Infants and Juniors are now meeting back in the church hall. Please collect infant children from the hall after the service.

HOLY APOSTLES FACEBOOK GROUP

Please do join our Facebook group. We use this to publicise events and share news. The photos montages that were shown at the APCM last Sunday are also on there.

<https://tinyurl.com/mmd58st>



GRAVETALK

Monday 8th May, 7:30pm at Kings Coffee House in Charlton Kings. This is a free event offering a relaxed space to talk about death, dying and funerals. Refreshments provided.

CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE

Saturday 10th June, 10am till 12pm in the church hall. If you would like to book a table please speak to Emma Foulkes:

Emma@foulkes1.plus.com

All proceeds go to Sunflowers.

FOOD FOR FAMILYFUN@345

The next familyfun@345 is on Sunday 14th May. If you are able to help by providing food, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

FAIR TRADE STALL

The Fair Trade Stall is having a closing down sale. We are keen to clear as much of our remaining stock as possible as all proceeds will go to church causes. Please buy from us today and then look for Fair Trade products in your supermarket.

WOMENS BREAKFAST – ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be a womens breakfast in the church hall café on Saturday 10th June. Please put the date in your diary, more details to follow.

SPRING HARVEST 2018

Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 8th April.

Nearly 60 of the HA Church family had an awesome holiday together this year, why not join us next year? A 5 night holiday in self-catering apartment for a family of 4 is £916.

For details email:

beanie.farrimond@holypostles.org.uk

CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT HOLY APOSTLES

Thank you to all those who performed, directed and assisted in any way with The Mark Drama and The God Particle. Both productions were a huge success and an inspiration to all who attended.

UPDATE FROM GARRY ION IN UGANDA

Dear Rod and friends at Holy Apostles,

Sorry it's been a while; I haven't been deported but successfully renewed my Uganda work permit a couple of weeks ago. So it is business as usual, for now! Thank you so much for your prayers on the matter, the process had its twists and turns but was renewed in record time- three weeks from start to finish, instead of the previous three months last time.

Easter found me at my former home, Kiwoko Hospital. It was nice to be amongst new and old friends as we fellowshiped together. It was triple celebrations as we said farewell to Dr Rory Wilson- Medical director, his wife Denise and son Gideon who's seventh birthday we also celebrated. The Wilson's return to Northam Ireland after serving at the hospital for seven years. I will really miss their friendship and Irish hospitality.

Back on the road, I spent the rest of last week in northern Uganda, helping a couple of schools to put up fences. It is sad to see tall chain-link- barbed wire fences go up, but with the huge influx of refugees from South Sudan, both they and local Ugandan communities feel vulnerable.

In South Sudan, the famine has so far not affected the displaced South Sudan communities I serve (most now refugees in Uganda), though conditions remain very uncertain. Further north, again in South Sudan, aid agencies are struggling to reach those affected by the famine. They are cut off due to fighting between government and opposition soldiers. Several aid workers have been killed. The South Sudan embassy here in Kampala is no longer issuing visas, so even if I wanted to, I can't travel into South Sudan. It's a very sad situation. Next week I drive back to northern Uganda to meet with more school communities as they plan for the future. I would appreciate your prayers as I go.

Sorry this is short but thank you for your tremendous support.

Garry

HA COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The café will be opening mid-May and we are looking for more volunteers who can commit to a half day each week to serve drinks and cakes on; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For more information please speak to Sara Paterson sarapaterson@live.com or Amy churchoffice@holyapostles.org.uk

BIBLE READING

PSALM 139: 1-18

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL FINALE

Today!

7 May, 7.30pm The London Community Gospel Choir, Trinity