

**14 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**    **Communion: Living the Christian Life Together**  
Leading: Rod Paterson    Speaking: Martin Turner  
Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
- 3:45pm**    **familyfun@345** in the Church Hall
- 6:30pm**    **Evening Prayer**  
Leading & Speaking: Rod Paterson

### CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon 15th**    9:15am  
                  & 11am    Sunflowers  
                  7:30pm    PCC Meeting
- Tues 16th**    10:00am    Your Kingdom Come (meeting in church)
- Wed 17th**    2:30pm    Meeting Point (church hall)
- Fri 19th**    1:30pm    Mums Together
- Sun 21st**    10:00am    All Age Worship  
                  6:30pm    Healing Prayer with Communion  
                  7:00pm    HAY

The full calendar including church bookings is available at [www.holyapostles.org.uk](http://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

## HOLY APOSTLES FACEBOOK GROUP

Please do join our Facebook group. We use this to publicise events and share news.



<https://tinyurl.com/mmd58st>

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## ADVANCE NOTICE OF TWO EVENTS

On Saturday 10th June there will be two great events in the church hall.....

### 8:30 till 10:00am Women's Breakfast

Please put the date in your diary, further details to follow.

### 10:00am till midday – Children's Nearly New Sale

All proceeds go to Sunflowers. If you would like to book a table, please speak to Emma Foulkes:  
[Emma@foulkes1.plus.com](mailto:Emma@foulkes1.plus.com)

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## MEETING POINT

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 2:30PM

Pam Makin will be talking about her favourite women in the Bible – followed by tea. Meeting in the back room of the church hall. All welcome.

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## HELP FOR SUNFLOWERS ON 22ND MAY

If anyone is able to help as a one off to help serve refreshments from 11:15am to 12:15pm please speak to Beanie or Miriam.

## HOLY APOSTLES SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2:00pm - 5:00PM

A great day out for all the family including inflatables, refreshments and raffle. It's not too late to donate a raffle prize, provide sponsorship for the event or buy raffle tickets. Please contact Sophie Fraenkel for more information:  
[Sophie.fraenkel@gmail.com](mailto:Sophie.fraenkel@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto:beanie.farrimond@holypostles.org.uk)

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## 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. Donations from the Mark Drama amounted to £935.70. Mark Drama have received £808.70 of this and are so grateful and encouraged by the gift. The Christian Arts Festival received a donation of £127.

# 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](mailto:sarapaterson@live.com) or Amy [churchoffice@holyapostles.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@holyapostles.org.uk)

# BIBLE READING

## Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.<sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.<sup>8</sup> This is why it] says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?<sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

### General Election June 2017

*As Christians, we are called to be good news to society and we cannot do that without engaging in public life. Here are some resources that might help:*

Letter from the Archbishops:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter\\_text.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter_text.pdf)

Guidance document from the electoral commission:

[http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/105946/sp-hustings-rp-npc-ca.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/105946/sp-hustings-rp-npc-ca.pdf)

Another 'how to' paper published by evangelical alliance:

<http://www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk/uploads/PDFs/show%20up/How-to-organise-election-hustings.pdf>

**These links are available to click on the HA Facebook page**

