

We have had a **thank you** following our recent donation to the Church in Sudan. *"Thank you for the love you have shown us in this time of difficulty. God bless all those who have given and those who are praying for us". Archbishop Ezekiel of Khartoum.*



*Worshipping, Working & Growing Together*

**Personal Prayer** continues every Thursday in October from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Just drop in.

**Children's Society Christmas Cards** are available to order from June Mallinson who writes, *"Please make your selection by sending me the pack number and name, stating how many packs you need. Email me: [junemallinson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:junemallinson@yahoo.co.uk) I will order and deliver them to you when they arrive. Thank You."*

**Take Time Together** is a five-week introductory Zoom course 'to discover the power of Christian mindfulness meditation.' It starts on Wednesday 4 Nov, 7.00pm - 8.30 pm. Register by contacting Judith: 0114 231 3518 or email: [judithjessop@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:judithjessop@tiscali.co.uk)

In 2021, the UK will host the UN climate change talks, COP26. Get involved, with an **online interfaith workshop series** starting on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Register at [www.faithfortheclimate.org/events](http://www.faithfortheclimate.org/events)

**Prayer field** The grass has been cut and the flowers placed in a net around the yew tree for October. We will then remove the net in preparation for the Remembrance Day field of poppies. The best of the knitted flowers will potentially go towards making a banner. Many thanks to all the knitters and crochet people who made @ 1800 flowers.

**Prayer requests** can be submitted via email to the church office at [prayer@eldwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayer@eldwickchurch.org.uk) Requests are forwarded anonymously to the prayer team.

**We are on Facebook** @TheEldwickChurch & **Twitter** @EldwickChurch.

**Remember to check out our website.**  
[TEC Website](#)

**Sunday 18 October 2020**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*This week:*

**Thursday:** 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Private Prayer

**Sunday:** 10.30 am Morning Worship\*

\* Attendance by arrangement. Contact the office for more information

**We pray for Susan Robinson** and those in her pastoral group: Sue Bailey, Jackie & Richard Burrows, Helen, Tim, Thomas & Samuel Newman, Colin & Barbara Newman and Andy Miller.

**We ask God's healing for** Mollie Brumfitt, Katie Gillow & Elsie Scotton, Anne Hurst, Kate Lomas, the Marsden family, Joyce Read, Anne Samuel, Jane Thrower, Joe Tyler & Marylyn Whelan.

**The worship service** for 18 October is being livestreamed on YouTube at 10.30 am. It will be uploaded to Facebook later in the day  
[Worship YouTube 18 October 2020](#)

**Closing the Café** Following the latest government guidance and rules on people gathering and meeting in closed public spaces; the trustees have consulted with the café organisers (Julie & Susan) and considered how these affect our social (Link) café activity. We concluded that the appropriate and responsible action is to close the café – with immediate effect. This was a tough decision to make and one we reached with reluctance and regret. We recognise that many in our community value the café as an important element in their social lives. However, the tightening of restrictions around households and social bubbles mixing in closed public spaces, does mean that the primary purpose of the Link Café (to enable social interaction) is inevitably constrained. If we remain open, we would be morally obliged to enforce the new

rules stringently. This would place an unfair responsibility on café volunteers and would not be conducive to creating a social and friendly atmosphere.

We will keep this situation under review. The next formal review will be at; either our next trustees' meeting (11<sup>th</sup> November) or when there are relevant and significant changes in government rules & guidelines – whichever is the sooner. We will also be exploring with the Café organisers whether there are alternative actions we could take – to assist those Café regulars who may be most affected by Café closure and feel the loss of this social amenity most keenly.

Richard Arnold (Chair) – on behalf of the trustees

We are looking at converting the waste piece of land at the back of Winston Grange into a garden: **Church in the Garden!** Please see the attachment in the notice sheet email (or the additional sheet of A4 if you receive a paper copy of the notice sheet) for more information

#### **A message from Eileen and Peter**

We would like to thank everybody at The Eldwick Church for their very kind words and wonderful leaving gifts as well as all the cards and good wishes we have received. The last few years have been a joy to us because of your generosity and kindness. Leaving is very bittersweet – obviously, we're excited to be moving to Rhuddlan but sad to be leaving Eldwick and saying "au revoir" to so many. Sue Huntington has our new address, and we hope that when the pandemic allows a return to a new normal, we will see you over there.

God bless and love from Eileen and Peter

#### **Recruitment of new minister for TEC**

The panel (Anne, Julie, Bishop Toby & Archdeacon Andy Jolley) interviewed a candidate for this post on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The panel concluded unanimously that this particular candidate did not have the required experience for the role. We will not, therefore, be pursuing this application any further.

Toby & Andy have advised us to re-advertise

the post, this time setting a deadline for applications in mid-January. This is thought to be a good time of year for recruitment, with clergy more likely to be considering possible moves and changes in their ministry. We will also be exploring with them the possibility of some form of interim assistance.

Thank you for your prayers on this matter to date. Please continue to pray that God will lead the right person to us as we continue to search for a new minister.

#### **Our 2020 Annual Congregational**

**Meeting (ACM)** was scheduled to be held on 29 March. This was postponed, due to Covid. It will now be held on Sunday 25 October, starting at 2pm. The meeting will be run using Zoom. It will be conducted in accordance with the latest guidelines on such meetings, issued by our denominational governing bodies. The notice/agenda has already been issued and relevant reports are being distributed gradually during October. All materials will be sent out at least a week ahead of the meeting. Anyone wishing to obtain further information on the conduct or content of the ACM should contact: [secretary@eldwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@eldwickchurch.org.uk)

Sandra Brown Snr writes, "Now is the time to opening your **Children's Society** boxes. Unfortunately, I have to be in isolation for the whole of this month, therefore I will be unable to collect them. It would be a great help if you could deliver your box, wrapped in plastic, to my home address at 6 Langley Rd. Knock on the door and leave on the doorstep. If you are unable to do this, do not worry. I will collect your box at the next opening. Many thanks for your continued support."

**Harvest Donations for Holme Wood.** If you were unable to give to the Harvest donations for Holme Wood at the beginning of the month, you can still pay directly into TEC's bank or post a cheque to Sharron, as we will not be paying the money over until the end of October.