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Click on the church image above to join our 10:30am service on zoom from Sunday 10am
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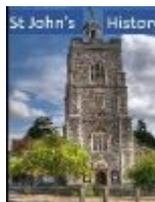
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We are continuing our tour of St. Johns after looking at our brasses we are now looking at the gravestones set into the floor at St John's.

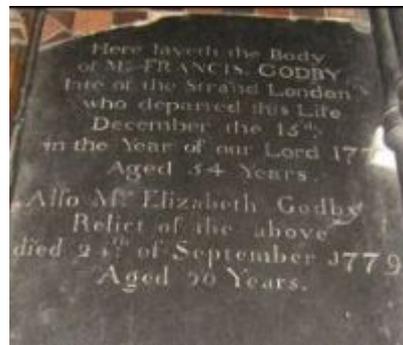
Francis and Elizabeth Godby are buried under the floor of the church in the North Aisle so we

have probably all walked over it many times!

The writing on the gravestone has survived remarkably well, this is what it says:

Here layeth the body of Francis Godby late of the Strand London, who departed this life December 15th in the year of our Lord 1770 aged 54 years also Mrs Elizabeth Godby relict of the above died 24th September 1779 aged 50years.

A search on google led me to a genealogy website and a conversation on a blog between 2 members of the same family who had an ancestor that worked for Francis Godby. It seems that Francis Godby was a button maker with a business, possibly a shop, in the Strand, London. The burial register states that he is from the parish of St Clement which is in The Strand. In the 18th century, buttons were mainly worn by men whilst women's clothing used laces or hooks and eyes. Wealthy individuals in the 18th century bought hand- crafted buttons, sometimes made out of semi-precious materials, and hand painted or engraved. Many innovations in the world of buttons were noted in the 18th Century. Metal buttons were used and button covering was created. Buttons were used in most ancient civilisations, the earliest being thought to be in approximately 5000BC in Asia. Fascinating!!!



Reading for Sunday 21st April 2024

Victory! Believing & Seeing

Reading: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reading for Sunday 28th April 2024

Theme: Victory!

Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no-one can boast.

10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



APRIL

A time to think of the warmer days to come and how all life becomes more active.

Keeping fit, use the body that we have to keep moving. Sitting can be bad for our health, our bodies have been designed for movement. Our skeleton is an amazing structure made up of about 206 bones. When you move your shoulder, it is not just your shoulder that moves. As you move, arm or hand you can place your fingertips on your collar bone, lower arm or thumb joint. Become aware of the movement and how one part of the body links to another and be in awe of the body that you inhabit and been given.

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Re-evaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

St John's ECO News

Last month the Diocese of London have been collecting information from churches regarding their heating systems for a **Church heating system register**.

The Diocese are very keen to build up a comprehensive list of what heating systems are present across the parishes. This will help the Diocese to look at long-term solutions, group-purchase, technical research etc, as well as targeting support on churches with the oldest and least efficient systems. I can confirm that St. John's have responded to this with our full information and look forward to what support the Diocese may be able to offer us.

Annually we also send off information to the Diocese for **The Church of England's Energy Footprint Tool**. We enter fuel and power use from the previous year. The data collected from the

tool helps our church understand its carbon footprint and will mean we may be eligible for more targeted diocesan support for our net zero projects. This work is an essential part of caring for God's Creation, by helping to combat global heating and climate change. The easy-to-use online tool will tell us what our carbon footprint is (The church's carbon footprint in CO2e (carbon dioxide equivalent), based on the energy we use to heat and light St. John's, And gives us a simple assessment of the buildings' efficiency, in graphical form. If you would like to view this or previous years reports please email Nikki.

This year we will send off our information at the end of May when we submit other returns.

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April Eco Auditors from 3 Acorns visited St. John's, to provide us with help to see what action we can take now to reduce St. John's carbon footprint and help the PCC with future decisions to make during the refreshing and rebuilding of St. John's. We hope to be able to share information with you on this audit and report on what actions the PCC have taken in our strive to become net zero by 2030.

Spring Walks with Chris Rodrigues



Last year Chris led two local walks taking a look at local wild flowers and trees. This year Chris has planned 2 short walks for May.

Please sign up on sheet at back of the church with your name and contact number if you would like to come along.

May 5th at 2.30 -Looking at wild flowers in Coney Green and the church grounds

May 11th at 10.30 -A walk to the Grove - a local nature reserve

Meet at St John's weather permitting



EARTH DAY 2024

22nd April



**Willesden Eco Church
Pilgrimage by Bike
Join with Bishop Lusa**

		Arrive
St Annals Belmont	HA7 2HU	9am
St Mary Harrow on the Hill	HA3 3HE	9.40
St Andrew's	UB10 0AE	10.55
St John the Baptist	UB8 3QP	11.25
St George's	UB1 1NP	12.05
St Mary's Harwell	W7 3BJ	12.40
<i>Lunch pause</i>		
St Mellitus Harwell	W7 3BA	1.15
St John West Ealing	W13 9LA	1.40
St Paul's	W13 9XW	2.05
St Mary's	W5 5RH	2.30
St Stephen's	W13 8HB	3.00
St Barnabas	W5 1QS	3.25



Willesden Pilgrimage of Prayer 2023-2024

Bishop Lusa's focus for pilgrimages in 2023-24 is around the Ambitions and Priorities of the 2030 Vision.

He recently cycled to 4 foodbanks hosted by Willesden churches, and then walked from Southall to Hounslow with clergy on the theme of Creative growth and new worshipping communities. Our next visit for our ambition of Compassionate Communities will be about Creation Care.

On Monday 22nd April 2024

Bishop Lusa will be cycling to all of Willesden Eco Church Silver award churches as below. He will be attending St. John's at 11:25am on 22nd April 2024

We would love to see those that wish to help welcome Bishop Lusa to St. Johns and for any cyclists to join them for part or all of the day.



Access Audit

On the 1st December 2023 St. John's were visited by an auditor to look at how accessible the church is for all individuals. We received the report in March 2024.

Rick and Roy have been working hard on the report to try and implement as many changes as possible. Thank you to Ken Hogg and Ray Pearce for also assisting and helping with some areas. You may have noticed some of the changes we now have in place and hope to implement many more to make St. John's accessible to all. If you would like to know more please speak to Roy, Rick or Nikki



Please include in your prayers;

For all those Living in fear, suffering, injured, bereaved, displaced, caught up in tragedy and disaster around the world.

For those that are in need Beryl Rowles, Bill & Linda White, Gervase Craven, Ken Buckler, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.

For our PCC who will be meeting on Thursday 18th April 2024

For the family and friends of our dear Marigold Marsh who went to be with God on Thursday 28th March 2024.

Marigold's Funeral Service will be held at St John's on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 10:45am.

For Michael, Marielle and their Family and Friends as they prepare for the Wedding Blessing that will be taking place at St. John's on Thursday 25th April at 11am

For Jack and Maisie who are having their Banns read for the final time on Sunday 21st April. They are both busy preparing for their wedding with us on 8th June 2024.

For the Family and Friends of Tilly who is being baptised on 28th April 2024 at 10:30am

NOTICES



Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on 4th May 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 4th and have some free time during the week please contact Nikki

or use the laminate sheet in the kitchen to look at what area/s may need some attention (Please do record what area you clean so that others are aware)



We are delighted to share that St. John's will once again be opening up on Thursday 2nd May to be used for the GLA Elections. The Church will only be open only for voting on this day.



This year our Annual General Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (AGM/APCM) will take place on **Sunday 12th May 2024 at 10:30am** in church.

This is a chance for us to look back at 2023 and look forward to 2024 along with the election of Churchwardens, PCC Members. Application Forms for all the roles will be available at the back of church. If you have never been on the PCC before and have questions please speak to Nikki, Rick or Roy.

All are invited to attend the AGM/APCM but only those on the Electoral Roll can vote. The Electoral Roll is now being revised by Nikki (The Electoral Roll officer) until 26th April 2024 after this date the Electoral Roll will be placed on the notice board prior to the meeting on 12th May 2024. If you have been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, not sure if you have been added or live locally please let Nikki know or fill in a pink Electoral Roll Form at the back of church.



For the next few weeks we need your support. Please could we ask you to add one or two extra non perishable items to your weekly shop.

We will have a plastic box available as you come into church for you to drop off your donations.

Items we are asking for are:

Canned/tinned goods, Jars of cooking sauces, Pasta, Rice, long life milk, juice, biscuits etc

Thank you very much any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Art at St Johns



I wanted to share some of my art work with you all using the screen in the tea area.

I am a mixed media artist working with a variety of materials including paint, inks, dyes and fabric, sometimes in 3-D, on canvas, prints or paper and card constructions.

My ideas and inspiration may come from observing the natural world, coastal landscape, trees and birdlife and from other interests.

I studied at Chelsea School of Art and have exhibited over the years both solo and with other artists at Brunel, Southlands, the Cow Byre and Compass Theatre.

I've run various workshops and taught Abstract painting and Botanical Drawing with Adult Education.

Do contact me if you have any questions about my art practice or are interested in art techniques and materials. Chris Rodrigues



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Every Wednesday 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Please contact Preet Bains at 07582 305873 or Harinder Sandhu 07403 425494 or email at pbains033@gmail.com



Volunteering at St. John's

We are always looking for volunteers at St John's if you would like to help out, please speak to Nikki. No matter how small even 30 mins can make a huge difference. We are especially looking for individuals to help with our refreshments on Sundays at St. John's.

St John's Prayer

Father God Almighty, we love you for your Majesty.

We are truly sorry for our thoughtless actions and deeds.

We ask for you to share your wisdom with us and grant us healing, peace and the ability to forgive, however hard it may be.

We promise to listen for you. We will sacrifice for others and accept your desire for us.

Thank you, God for the joy of your love. Amen



Looking Ahead....

Sunday 21st 10:30am Service.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 11:25am Bishop Lusa Willesden Pilgrimage of Prayer, 12noon Jazz, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

Tuesday - 9am Private Prayer, 10:45am Marigold's Service, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 11am Blessing Hire.

Friday - 9am Rodells Lightning Protection Test, 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz.

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition- Grundon Room.

Sunday 28th - 10:30am Service- Including Baptism.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, Private Prayer, 12noon BES group attending, 7pm Mandolin Monday Hire, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

Tuesday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words & Music Service, 1pm Knitting.

Thursday - GLA Elections 7am-10pm

Friday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition - Grundon Room.

How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.

- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key

- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key

- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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