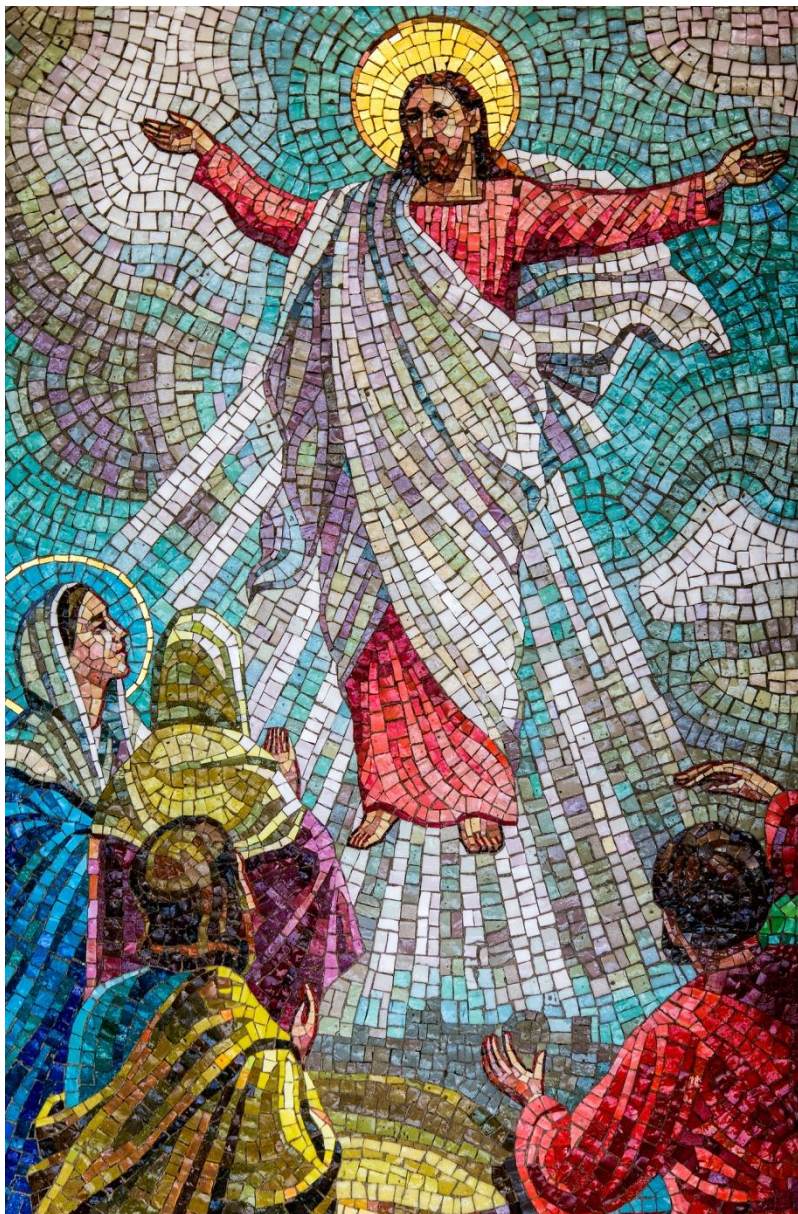


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**They should reach the Editor by 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

The June magazine will be on sale by 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## **The Merry Month of May – ‘Cast ne’er a clout’**

It is never clear whether the old saying about caution when ‘casting a clout’ (probably an item of winter clothing) refers to the May blossom in the hedges, in which case it’ll be early this year, or whether it refers to the end of the calendar month.

When one looks ahead wondering whether to ‘cast a clout’ there are many uncertainties – was it ever any different? For example, by the time most of you read this article the local and European elections will be upon us, Ukraine may have exploded into civil war and umpteen other opportunities for crisis could have taken place.

In the meantime however, it is difficult to live with uncertainty. Fear of the unknown is a phenomenon that can be applied to most of us when we face with the future. However, I would note in this context that one of my illustrious predecessor vicars the Rev’d Harry Clement Williams who left St Martin’s in 1938 and eventually became, aged 107, the oldest living Anglican priest in the world said encouragingly: “I have had many troubles in life, most of which have never happened”.

The first disciples were in precisely this position immediately following the momentous events of Easter. They had been confronted with the death of their loved friend and leader. Then astonishingly Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to them with the words "Wait in Jerusalem until you have been clothed with power from on high" Luke 24 v49.

The subsequent consequences of what were to become Pentecost (from the Greek meaning 50th day after Easter) or Whitsun (literally white Sunday) cannot have been fully known to the disciples at that point. The festival of Pentecost that we celebrate later next month when we have our annual Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Willesden on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the festival of the Holy Spirit, and ranks alongside Christmas and Easter as one of the three great festivals of the Church. Indeed without Pentecost the Church would not exist at all. You will no doubt recall the story early in the Book of Acts of how the disciples were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, which transformed them from a timid frightened group, into those who would boldly go out into the world to preach the Gospel. This is an inheritance which is ours

through the ages down to this very day.

In our own time, the present day Church, at least in England, seems to be having trouble communicating the Gospel to a wider public that is increasingly indifferent or disillusioned. Pressed on the one side by those who want us to return to 'traditional values' and on the other by those who are worried that we are endlessly presenting a negative image we need to rediscover the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. Outwardly, this has been happening most evidently in what is called the charismatic movement. It has appeared mostly, but not exclusively, in the evangelical wing of the Church and is associated with churches such as Holy Trinity Brompton. There are some characteristics which many of us would find strange or even disturbing and not very C of E, but whilst these phenomena may be restricted to a few and whilst the exuberance of spirit-filled ministries may actually be off-putting we should always take the Holy Spirit seriously. God in the power of the Holy Spirit is that which will accompany us through our lives, directing and strengthening. Most of all the Holy Spirit removes fear of the future because we place ourselves in God's hands whatever may happen.

However May shapes up this year it is a month of potential at least in the sense of being in olden days a time of sowing in preparation for growth and eventually harvest. This is an excellent analogy for the Christian Faith and so let get ready to 'cast our clouts' at the first opportunity.

*Nicholas*



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:**  
**10am Parish Communion**  
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will be celebrating and preaching.

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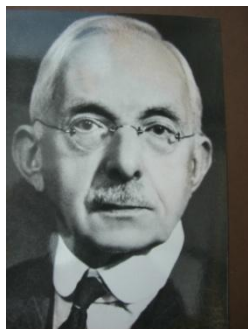
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## The Dicker Memorial Window

Recently John Dicker visited St Martin's with his wife and daughter. The Dicker family came to St Martin's recently to see the stained glass window dedicated to his grandmother, Alys Fenn and his father, John Dicker.

The 'Song of Simeon' window is of course based on Luke 2 vv 29 – 32 'The Nunc Dimittis' where old Simeon who has been promised that he will see the Messiah sees Jesus and gives us the canticle 'Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word' which we sing at Evensong each week. The window is in the Welcome Area where we have coffee.



The family have a long association with St Martin. His grandfather, Charles Richard Fenn was a Lay Reader (1910-1938) and Honorary Secretary to the PCC. He also served on a number of parish committees. In 1910 the records show that he was a valuable member of the Building Committee [St Martin's History – Volumes 1 & 2].



Charles Fenn resigned as Lay Reader in August 1938 due to his wife's ill health. Alys, his wife, is commemorated in the window. Alys died fairly young in 1940. The window was given by Charles Fenn in 1947 which also honours his son-in-law – husband of his second daughter – John Stuart Dicker (known as

Jack) who lost his life in 1942. John Stuart Dicker served in the RAF.



Charles and Alys had three children: Dorothy, Joan Margaret Sheila and Douglas. Charles Fenn died in 1951. The records say this: "Mr Fenn was one of those who 'walked with God'. He was a wise counsellor..... It may be revealed now that he was also one of our most generous benefactors... At his funeral, the church was filled with a great congregation."



John Dicker, his wife with their daughter, Margaret are seen in the photograph in front of the window.

John recalled: "We lived at 36 Creffield Road. When my father volunteered to join the RAF, my mother & I moved back down to Ealing Common from Luton to live with Charles, and remained there until the end of 1948. My only claim to fame was that I reached the dizzy heights of sixer of the brown six of the (was it?) the 9th Acton cub pack! .... Charles

reached a very senior position with J. Lyons & Co. before his retirement, and during the war was in the ARP stationed in Creffield Road which was quite important, as we had many air raids, and there was very noisy artillery defending Acton shunting yard just up the road."

*Clive Davis*



## Information from the Ealing Common Society

Here are a couple of useful telephone numbers:

**Park Ranger for Ealing Common** (East Ranger base):

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The Rangers can be notified of problems encountered on Ealing Common such as illegal tent-pitching, barbecues, etc.

**Noise nuisance:** 020 8825 8111 (Mon - Fri 8.30am - midnight)

020 8825 5000 (Fri 11pm - Sunday 4am)

Loud, disruptive noise can be reported to the "Noise nuisance" team.

For further information on services provided by Ealing Council, please see their website on **[www.ealing.gov.uk](http://www.ealing.gov.uk)**

The co-chair of the ECS is Karen Staartjes from our congregation.

## Charitable Giving from St Martin's

The PCC, in 2013, pledged to give £7,000 to various charities. Some of this money was given earlier in the year. Here are some edited quotes from the some more of the letters we have received.



[www.dementiaconcern.co.uk](http://www.dementiaconcern.co.uk)

"I am writing on behalf of everyone at Dementia Concern, to thank you, the Parish Council and congregation of St

Martin's for the very generous donation of £500. We are extremely grateful for your continued support."



[www.excellent.org.uk](http://www.excellent.org.uk)

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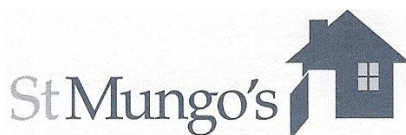
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**Bible Society helps protestors in Ukraine**

Hundreds of protestors in the Ukrainian capital Kiev have received food, drink, prayer support and copies of the Bible from local Bible Society staff during the recent anti-government protests there.

The General Secretary of the Ukrainian Bible Society, Oleksandr Babiychuk, said that people had responded “enthusiastically” to the Bible during the last few months. “The horrible events have forced people to turn to God,” he said. ‘We have been through some very difficult times, but God’s Word has shone brightly.’

Bible Society workers and local church leaders had joined together to provide food, run a prayer tent and lead daily prayers. “During these difficult times, the public and protestors have been especially open to prayer and the Scriptures,” said Mr Babiychuk. “The tough situation has provided the Bible Society with a great opportunity.”

He added that Bible Society was keen to help support people in the coming months as the country’s situation remains unstable. “Many people have suffered, and many have relatives and friends who have been affected by the violence. Many people will need rehabilitation. That’s where we come in. Bible Society is working on youth editions of the Bible and large print editions for older people. We are committed to standing with these people to support them.”



The Bluebells in the Vicarage garden. The best time to see this wonderful sight is at 11am on Wednesdays. An informal Eucharist is held every Wednesday in the Vicarage. This is followed by coffeeat around 11.30am.

## Christian Aid responds to 400,000 displaced in 'triangle of death' in DRC

Christian Aid has warned the situation in the southern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) province of Katanga is on the verge of a humanitarian crisis. Fighting between government troops and Mai Mai and Bakata Katanga rebels has displaced more than 400,000 people, according to UN officials.

Over the past six months more than 60 villages have been burnt to the ground in the northern Katanga territories of Manono, Mitwaba and Pweto, dubbed the 'triangle of death'. Christian Aid partners have recorded a 50 per cent increase in internally displaced people (IDPs) in Pweto territory alone in the last three months, from 59,000 to almost 128,000.

Malnutrition is rife, security is almost non-existent and living conditions are deteriorating daily. Christian Aid partners, the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Congo (EELCO) and the Consortium of Economists of the Civil Society in Katanga (CEC), are providing 1,000 families with temporary shelter, clothing, blankets, cooking utensils, soap and hygiene kits. The people flee with only the clothes on their backs, and children under 14 make up over a third of the displaced population. Malaria, diarrhoea and cholera pose huge health threats.



## Church is well-placed to support community credit unions, says Sir Hector Sants

Sir Hector Sants, former Chief Executive of the Financial Services Authority and Head of Compliance and regulatory affairs for Barclays Bank, says the church has a role to play in promoting the responsible use of credit and savings in the community. He says Credit Unions are an excellent model of how it can be carried out.

The task force, set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, will develop the Church of England's on-going support for local credit unions while working with the wider financial sector to build support for more competitive and community-based financial services. "We want to focus on things the Church can actually do, and we want to deliver change on the ground."

As preached · Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 10am. Guest speaker Antonio de Garcia Fuerte, ordinand at Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge

I was asked to reflect on the Resurrection and what meaning it has to me. So let's start with the question, «what is the Resurrection?» It is what happened in the first place to the man Jesus: «*He is not here, but he has risen.*» (Luke 24:5). Like a drop falling into calm waters, it creates a wave that extends and cannot be stopped.

**The Resurrection is the experience of a presence that redirects our life and our feelings.** Let me break this down.

The resurrection is an experience. It is not a feeling. Feelings come and go. Feelings can cause doubt. It is not always easy to read other's feelings. But the Resurrection doesn't belong to this scope of experience.

Have you ever had your breath taken away by nature's beauty? What about when you held your new-born for the first time? Or when that close friend had an accident and died? These are moments full of feelings, but deeper inside they give us a glimpse of eternity in a way

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or another.

If we want these moments to become feelings that will go along with us forever, we will fail miserably. If these experiences become a presence, then they can stay with us always. Only a person can become a presence. Only if Christ was really risen, he can become that presence. Of what exactly does this «rising» consist? What does it mean for us? Not simply the reanimation of a corpse, like that of his friend Lazarus (Cf. John 11:1 ff.). Christ's Resurrection is something more, something different.

The crucial point is that this man Jesus was not alone; he was not a Being closed in upon itself. He was one single reality with the living God, so closely united with him as to form one being with him. His own life was an existential communion with God, with God's love, and this love to which Jesus abandons Himself is the real power against death, it is stronger than death (Cf. Song of Solomon 8:5-7).

The Resurrection led in a new dimension of being, a new dimension of transformed life and so Jesus, the risen Jesus, can become a companion to every one of us in every instant of life. We are no longer



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alone with our nothingness, with our frailty, with the needs of our heart. We are accompanied by Someone living now.

The first who experienced what His resurrection meant were the women and then the rest of the disciples. The Gospels are not afraid to present them all just as they were after Jesus' death, bewildered, afraid (with the doors shut for fear of the Jews...Cf. John 20:19); the women «... went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them ... they were afraid.» (Mark 16:8); «Why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts?» (Luke 24:38). The disciples of Emmaus were disappointed: «We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel...» (Luke 24:21).

All the miracles had not been enough for them not to be afraid, bewildered and deluded. Jesus' death had been such a blow for them that their hopes had been shattered. A remembrance of the past was not enough to make it present now, to be a presence.

The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. The Gospels present us with disciples demoralized, lost. The hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.

To read the Gospels of the Resurrection is a great comfort because Jesus was not put off by the disciples' frailty, just like He is not put off by our lack of faith today. Even his apparitions are not the cause of their belief. What causes their belief is when they experience the person Jesus, in his striking tenderness:

- Come here Thomas, and «Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.» (John 20:27)
- To Mary who is weeping, He says, «Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? ... Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"» (John 20:15). In an instant Mary becomes completely present now, as never before.
- To Simon, all immersed in his failure and betrayal, He puts a disarming question, «Simon, do you love me?» (John 21:17 ff). We can all imagine Peter's overwhelming surprise.

They are not alone with their fears, their remorse and their mistakes. The Resurrection is a Presence that surpasses on all sides the horizon of human action, of human existence and of history. «He is risen» is a judgment, not a feeling. Our faith does not depend on being able to feel, even though feelings cannot be separated from our religious experience, but they are not their foundations.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a great fan of the English Reformers. I can't help but reading to you, a short passage of the Book of *Homilies* appointed to be read during the Reformation, written most likely by Archbishop Cranmer himself, regarding the true faith. It reads:

«All these Fathers, Martyrs, and other holy *people*, (whom Saint Paul spake of) had their faith surely fixed on God, when all the world was against them. They did not only know God to be the Lord, maker, and governor of all *people* in the world: but also they had a special confidence and trust, that he was and would be their God, their comforter, aider, helper, maintainer, and defender. This is the Christian faith which these holy *people* had, and we also ought to have.» (Second part of the «Homily on the True and Lively Faith»).

Feelings can be a passing impression that disappears tomorrow. The Resurrection isn't. He is risen, He is here, forever! To be our «God, comforter, aider, helper, maintainer, and defender».

It was Jesus with His imposing presence that redeemed each of them (Thomas, Peter, Mary, the disciples of Emmaus, Paul) from their situation, as if to say to each one of us: «Don't be afraid, my friends, whatever situation you are in, I can rescue you if you abandon yourself, if you let yourself be grasped by my presence.

The Samaritan woman too (John 4:5 ff.) was bewildered by her desire (she had had five husbands, and the one she had then was not her husband), but her thirst continued. This is why, even if desires are fulfilled, the thirst remains. But she finds Someone, a presence, who is not afraid of her mistakes and her thirst, who takes her desire seriously and reveals to her what she was seeking when she went wrong, without judging her. Just welcoming her.

The true hope is here. It is a presence. Eternal life begins here, in this very experience of the Resurrection. May this happen to us. May we find a presence like this, that produces thirst and fills and responds by making this spring of water gush out!

## From the Diocese.....

An invitation to build on the success of last year's Ride+Stride on 20 September. Express your interest by 2 May if possible.



Dear Colleagues,

Last year's RIDE+STRIDE was the most successful ever in London. My warmest thanks to all of you who made that happen. We're launching London RIDE+STRIDE 2014 and we'd like to build on that success. If you participated last year, please join us again. If you didn't, why not come on board?

Part of a national movement, RIDE+STRIDE 2014 is looking for people to get out and about and visit as many London churches as possible in one day – by bike, on foot, even by public transport – and to get sponsored for doing it. All denominations and types of church building are included, half the money raised goes directly to your own church and half towards grants to help churches with repairs.

This year the date is **Saturday 20 September**. You can get involved in a number of ways:

- We're after riders, walkers and church-crawlers to participate
- We want to encourage churches to open and welcome R&S Pilgrims throughout the day
- We need local coordinators to champion things in your church and parish

There's no limit to what an active congregation can achieve and you don't have to be in a busy area to have a successful RIDE+STRIDE - well done and congratulations to the Revd Jane Manley and her parish of St Paul's Ruislip Manor, who last year raised the most money, for which they received a prize at a ceremony in the Houses of Parliament on 8 January! As Jane says about Ride+Stride 2013:

"We made this a church event and had several teams going around one of the routes. It was a good opportunity to see parts of our glorious

capital that we would not normally see and we had some great fun doing so. Raising money at the same time definitely made it all worthwhile and receiving the award was icing on the cake. This year it would be good to have more of the outlying parishes joining in to encourage those in the city centre to come and visit us in the provinces!"

There's no reason why you couldn't do even better this time round. You can register your interest for London RIDE+STRIDE 2014 on the site of the Heritage of London Trust. Let us know by Friday 2 May. If you'd like to know more about RIDE+STRIDE, visit the national website, which will be updated regularly: [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org). There's also a video about it: <https://vimeo.com/47440440>. You can find details of and news about the London event: [www.facebook.com/LondonRideStride](http://www.facebook.com/LondonRideStride).

This year RIDE+STRIDE coincides with London Open House weekend (instead of being on the same day as the national event - you'll see a different date on [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)) and that's no accident - London Open House is the capital's biggest heritage event and holding RIDE+STRIDE on the same day can only make both of them bigger and better. If your church is taking part in London Open House there's absolutely no reason why it can't take part in RIDE+STRIDE as well and vice versa.

RIDE+STRIDE will be educational, enjoyable, healthy, and companionable. It works for young and old alike, it's good for the environment, it will bring the Diocese together and it's going to raise a nice wad of cash. You can do it on your own, or you can do it with others. For some it might even be nicely competitive, but most of all, it will be a great day out!

This comes with my thanks and very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Adrian Stegney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

The Rt Revd Adrian Newman

## Our Church of England in 140 Characters: @OurCofE

The Church of England has launched a year-long project on Twitter to tell the story of the Church of England through the eyes of its people, providing a daily insight into modern faith in action.

The Project - @OurCofE - was launched on 3rd March, where over the course of a year, bishops, clergy, chaplains, youth workers and churchgoers from around the country will be given a week each to tweet about their life inside the Church of England.

The project is inspired by similar twitter accounts such as @sweden which was set up by the Swedish tourist board who invited people to take turns in tweeting their life in Sweden for a week, each with their own unique view of the country.

Followers of the account will be given an insight into all the work that goes on into the day to day running of a church community from schools to chaplaincies to cathedrals. Followers will be able to peek behind the scenes as they get a feel for daily life in parishes. Tweets will come from a diverse group of people including bishops, vicars, volunteers, youth workers, chaplains and worshippers from across the Church.



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Speaking ahead of the launch Claire Diaz-Ortiz, Head of Social Innovation at Twitter, said: "The incredible engagement levels we see on religious tweets the world over prove the power of 140 characters to convey hope, motivation, and inspiration. The @OurCofE Twitter account will build on this by telling the story of the Church of England through the eyes of its people, providing a fascinating insight into modern faith in action. Spanning great cathedrals to tiny parishes, it will provide real-time glimpses into the workings of the church for followers across the world, 140 characters at a time."

The Revd. Jeremy Fletcher, one of the 52 weekly tweeters for the year, and the Vicar of Beverley Minster said: "Being a parish priest is one of the most varied jobs anyone could have. From one hour to the next you can be with people in their best and worst experiences. No two days are the same. I want to tweet about it to let people know what it's like doing what I do, and about the fantastic people and organisations who welcome the church's involvement."

The Revd. Kate Bottley, a vicar and FE college chaplain from North Nottinghamshire, another of the weekly tweeters said: "I'm really excited to be asked to be part of the Church of England's @OurCofE twitter project. The project provides a unique opportunity to demonstrate the rich diversity of life in the. Church of England. It's great to think that these tweets might paint a colourful picture of the day to day runnings of the Church of England. From Morning Prayer to afternoon tea, Our Fathers to Mother Unions, from food festivals to food banks, this Twitter project gives a glimpse at the glorious diversity that is the life of the Church of England, will 140 characters be enough? I can't wait to get started."

Talitha Proud, Digital Media Officer for the Archbishops' Council adds "Social media is a great way of sharing stories and @OurCofE is our way of celebrating the Christian faith in action in communities across the country."

The Revd. Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council said: "Social media is an ideal platform to provide a flavour of the myriad of daily activity and service that the Church undertakes each day. We are delighted with the support and engagement we have had from Twitter in establishing the project. From assemblies to funerals, prisons to hospitals, workplaces to cathedrals, Parliament to parish, the Church of England is at work daily to show the love of God to the people of England."

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## **Usual Sunday Services**

8am: Holy Communion

10am: Parish Communion

6.30pm: Evensong

Our Junior Church meets in the Church Hall at 10am except when there is a Family Service.

The next non-Eucharistic Family Service will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Japanese Anglican Church UK**

meets every third Sunday of the month:  
(except July, August and December)

3pm Bible Study and Evening Worship in Japanese

Every **Wednesday** at 25 Birch Grove, W3

11am: Informal Eucharist

Followed at 11.30am by the Coffee Club