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December

1—ADVENT SUNDAY

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed on Facebook/through church website)*
- 11.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 2.00 p.m. Festival open, in the church (to 5.00)

2—Monday

- 10.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.00 Festival open, in the Church

3—Tuesday

- 9.45 a.m. MU Service, in the Old Church
- 2.00 p.m. Festival open, in the Church (to 5.00)

4—Wednesday

- 9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party
- 10.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.00 Festival open, in the Church

5—Thursday

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church
- 2.00 p.m. Festival open, in the Church (to 5.00)

6—Friday

- 10.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.00 Festival open, in the Church

7—Saturday

- 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Festival open, in the Church
- 7.00 p.m. Christmas Quiz Night, in the Church

8—SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed)*
- 2.00 p.m. Festival open, in the Church
- 2.30 p.m. Christmas Crafts Workshop, in Church
- 4.00 p.m. Christingle Service, in Church

10—Tuesday

2.30 p.m. 'Within Walking Distance' Meeting, in the Old Church

11—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party

5.00 p.m. Oasis Academy Coulsdon Carol Service, in Church

12—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

14—Saturday

7.30 p.m. Downland Chorale Christmas Concert, at St. John's

15—THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

9.30 a.m. Worship Together, in Church (*and live-streamed*)

6.30 p.m. Carol Service, in Church

16—Monday

2.00 & 6.30 p.m. Keston Primary School Carol Concerts, in Church

17—Tuesday

9.45 for 10.00 a.m. Christmas Pram Service, in Church

18—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party

19—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

20—Friday

1.00 p.m. Coulsdon CofE School Christmas Service, in Church

22—FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church (*and live-streamed*)

24—CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00 p.m. Crib Service, in the Church

11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion, in the Church

25—CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 a.m. Traditional Communion (1662), in Church

10.00 a.m. Christmas Celebration, in Church

26—Thursday

~~11.00 a.m.~~ NO Holy Communion

29—FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church

**PRAYER
TIME**

New Prayer Meeting

We would love you to join our new weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday 7:30-8am to pray for our church and our area.

Zoom ID: 890 1552 2159 Passcode: stjohns

2—Thursday
~~11.00 a.m.~~ NO Holy Communion service

4—Saturday
10.00 a.m. Gardening Group, in the Garden of Remembrance

5 —EPIPHANY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church (*and live-streamed*)

8—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party

9—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

12—SECOND SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church (*and live-streamed*)
2.30 p.m... 'Beetle Drive', in the Church

14—Tuesday

10.00 a.m. 'Little Ones', in the Church (11.30)

15—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party
7.00 p.m. 'Alpha' starts, in Church

16—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

19—THIRD SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church (*and live-streamed*)
11.15 a.m. New 'contemporary' service starts, in Church

21—Tuesday

10.00 a.m. 'Little Ones', in the Church (11.30)
7.30 p.m. PCC meets, in the Church

22—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party
2.00 p.m. Pray, Knit & Chat, in the Old Church
7.00 p.m. 'Alpha', in Church

23—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

26—FOURTH SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church (*and live-streamed*)
11.15 a.m. New 'contemporary' service, in Church

28—Tuesday

10.00 a.m. 'Little Ones', in the Church (11.30)

29—Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party
7.00 p.m. 'Alpha', in Church

30—Thursday

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

Jono writes...



December is such a busy and joyful month with all the preparations for Christmas - the Christmas tree to decorate, presents to wrap, feasts to cook, services to sing at, and mulled wine and mince pies to be enjoyed with friends and family. The theme of our Christmas services this year is peace. The peace the angels announced. The peace from the Prince of Peace. Jesus Christ came to bring peace, which is much needed in our world and in our hearts. You are so welcome to join us at our various Christmas services. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours to join us too.

We have just had a vision series at church. We exist to help people meet Jesus - to invite everyone to explore faith, equip disciples, and transform our community. During the vision series I shared how we are stepping into three exciting new initiatives in January.

1. **Pram service relaunch** - We are excited to relaunch our pram service as a weekly toddler group on Tuesday mornings 10-11:30am. This will serve our community at a time when mums, in particular, give out a lot. We want the families in our area to know that church is for them.
2. **Alpha** - Alpha is a chance to explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in a relaxed and fun setting. We will have food, hear a talk and have a discussion where you can say whatever you think! It starts on Wednesday 15 January at 7pm at St John's. Please invite your friends. They can sign up by emailing me (revjono@yahoo.com).
3. **11:15 service** - We are going to be running the 11:15 service as a weekly service. It will have a contemporary feel and will have children's groups each week during term. Launches Sunday 19 January.

We recently had a giving Sunday to enable us to make these ministries possible. Lynn, our treasurer, and I set a target of £15,000 to raise and we've already had 93% come in! Thank you to all of you who give for your partnership with us in the gospel.

May this December be a joyful season for you and may you know the peace that comes from Jesus. I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas services.

With love

Jono





As the month starts the church is buzzing with the Christmas Carols Festival exhibition. And there's lots more to enjoy as we travel through the anticipation of Advent to the joy of Christmas celebrations. Wrap

yourself up and come and enjoy a warm welcome to as many of our services as you can! We'd love to see you at them all. If you'd like to know more about anything please contact the Parish Office—01737 552461 or stjohns@coulsdon.net

CRAFTS & CHRISTINGLES

On **Sunday 8 December** there won't be a Family Service in the morning as it moves to 4.00 p.m. for our **Christingle Service**. The afternoon will start with a **Christmas Craft Workshop** for the children in the church from **2.30 p.m.** when they can have fun with a variety of simple art & crafts in preparation for Christmas. If you bring an orange with you, we will help you make your Christingle for the service which starts at **4.00 p.m.**



Whether you have children or not, please do come along and enjoy this lovely service – it's for the young in heart as well as the young in years! - and help us to fill St. John's with candlelight – beacons of hope for the future. A collection for the Children's Society will be taken during the service .



CAROL SERVICE

Our special **Service of Lessons & Carols** will be at **6.30 p.m.** on **Sunday 15 December** Come and join in the singing – familiar, well-loved carols and maybe something new – hear the Advent stories and prepare yourself for the coming Christmas season. Our wonderful Christmas Choir will be leading the singing. We hope you will stay for coffee, tea and mince pies afterwards.

CHRISTMAS PRAM SERVICE

All babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their mums, dads, grannies, grandpas or whoever looks after them on a Tuesday morning shouldn't miss the **Christmas Pram Service** on **Tuesday, 17th December** at 9.45 for 10.00 a.m. start in the Church! We look forward to welcoming you all as we find out what Christmas is really all about in our short time of fun and praise.– with action songs, our interactive story, and we'll all be shepherds just for a little while (*which gives us a perfect opportunity to sing 'Baa, baa, black sheep!*) as we go to find out what happened in Bethlehem. Afterwards there'll be time for chat and play, with Christmassy refreshments! Do come – even if you've never been before – it will be fun!. And it's our very last one! (*Read further on to see what's coming in the new year!*)



CHRISTMAS EVE



.. brings something for everyone. In the afternoon be sure to bring the children along to '**Carols at the Crib**' at **3.00 p.m.** A very relaxed, informal and popular celebration of the first Christmas for all ages – whether you have children/grandchildren or not – but do come early if you want a good seat! And

why not come ready-dressed to play a part in this amazing story—children and adults? Many who do not come to church regularly would not miss this and feel it is a lovely reminder of what Christmas is all about and a good basis for their own celebrations.

AND after most of the preparations are done and the children are tucked up in bed come and join us in the first Communion of Christmas at our **Midnight Communion Service** which starts at **11.30 p.m.** Come and join in the wonderful atmosphere of this very special service with traditional carols, a little candlelight, and Christmas Communion or Blessing for all who want it.



CHRISTMAS DAY



For an oasis of calm, especially if you have lots to do later in the day, why not join the early birds and all those who enjoy the words of the old **1662 Communion Service** in this quiet time of worship and receive your Christmas Communion or a Blessing at **8.00 a.m.**

At **10.00 a.m.** on Christmas Morning we have our **Christmas Family Celebration** for all ages. So bring the children, the aunties, the uncles, the cousins, the grandparents, anyone else staying with you , friends or neighbours or come on your own for this

relaxed time of celebration and worship.



AND IN THE NEW YEAR



BUT FIRST ...

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Don't miss the last post!

LOCAL CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

The 17th Purley Scout Group is offering its Christmas postal service again this year. The post-box is in the church porch. The Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to any address within the Parish (*see list of roads covered on the box*). for a donation

The last posting date is

Sunday 15 December (with final collection at 9.30 am)

PURLEY FOOD HUB NEEDS 'FESTIVE INGREDIENTS'!

Their request is for items that are as near as they can provide for a traditional Christmas meal for clients and their families—**tins of plain chicken and ham, packet and tinned potatoes, tinned peas and carrots, tins of dessert fruit, puddings, jellies, packet custard, small bottles of squash, jars of strawberry and raspberry jam, small packets of Christmas biscuits and children's chocolate/sweet treats.** If you would like to help, donations may be left in the labelled box in the church porch by **Monday 16 December** as Sylvia & Graham will be taking our gifts to the Hub that week in time for Christmas..

THE CHAPLAINCY & SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM at CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

invites you to [sing your favourite carols and 'bring good tidings and cheer to staff and patients on the wards'](#) on **Wednesday 18th December**. 'Join us at 18:00 for a 18:30 start with a carol at the St. Barnabas Worship Centre, then dispersing on the wards, returning by 7:30 for another carol in the centre and mince pies, mulled wine etc.

We would very much like to invite you to join us.'

More details available from Revd Andy Dovey

Ext 3105 Mobile 07557 140 739

Email andrew.dovey@nhs.net

Explore life's biggest questions Try Alpha

**Alpha is a chance to ask questions and explore the
Christian faith in a fun, no-pressure environment.
We'd love to see you there.**

**To sign up use the QR code below or email
stjohns@coulsdon.net**

Launches 7pm Wednesday 15 January





A space for parents, grandparents, carers, babies and toddlers to catch up and have fun!

Starts Tuesday 14 January

We meet from 10am to 11.30am on Tuesdays during term time with hot drinks, soft play, singing, Bible story and kids snack time.

Ages 0-4. Children must be accompanied at all times.

Suggested donation of £1 per family

Got questions about Little Ones? Email stjohns@coulsdon.net and we'd love to help you.

If you can help make Little Ones happen, please email stjohns@coulsdon.net to join the team.



Have you been reading/studying 'WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE?'

We invite everyone who has been reading this lovely booklet set in the local area and thinking about the questions there, whether in a house group or by yourself, to come to our tea and cake gathering in the Old Church on the afternoon of **Tuesday 10th December** at 2.30 p.m., where we will have a chance to share our thoughts and be encouraged by each other.

Fruit of the Spirit

'Fruit of the Spirit'? A strange expression that Christians use that may seem incomprehensible to others, or to new believers. Is this 'church-speak' that you've never liked to ask about, feeling that you should somehow just know? Read on you are not alone.

Jesus models these qualities for us. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that this fruit means the qualities that blossom in people, like fruit grows on trees, when their lives are rooted in Christ and watered by faith; they are the things that are developed in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our desire to experience and share these traits in our lives and as you grow in the Spirit, others will begin to see you showing these qualities. They might even ask you, you seem different, why is that? And that will be your chance to tell them about how you have Jesus in your life.

I wonder what would happen if we thought about each moment in our day as an opportunity to see how far developed these qualities are in us?

I had just such an opportunity recently. My husband Leigh had been gifted by one of our sons a 'drive a racing car' experience at Silverstone, with me allowed in the pits and to the edge of the track to watch. They were bubbling with joy as they were kitted out, and although I felt joy at their **joy**, it took all my **self control** not to beg them not to go too fast! **Faithfulness** came to the fore as I trusted in God to keep them safe as they came down the straight at 150mph.

We had stayed away the night in a B and B, taking our evening meal in the village pub. In the car park, Leigh managed to bump another car. It took all my powers of **love** and **goodness** not to feel cross with him. After all, it was an accident, the car park was dark and it was raining, no one was hurt.. I reflected that maybe I needed to work on '**goodness**'. **Love** was doing well though, after 47 years mar-



ried it was not in doubt. I thought about what fruit was left and what chance I might have to use this fruit. Hmm, **peace, patience, gentleness, kindness**. I was now sure the Spirit was with me in this little experiment and an opportunity would arise.

Entering the pub, the first test was that our table was not the one we'd booked and was up a flight of stairs, harder for me to manage at the moment. I felt God's **peace** within me. It didn't matter, I could take it slowly, there was no need to feel cross. The next test came as we waited ... and waited ... and waited for our food. One hour 20 minutes passed, and our little waitress was visibly harassed and stressed with the demands from diners around us. Ah! A chance to see if I could show her **patience, gentleness and kindness**. She was very near to tears as I laid my hand on her arm and said 'don't worry, it doesn't matter, we can wait'.

Reflecting, I could see that some fruit, some qualities, were better developed in me than others, but I resolved in future to watch and listen for the Spirit's prompting as I went about my day.

Why not ask your friends and other Christians what fruit they see in you?

Wendy J.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

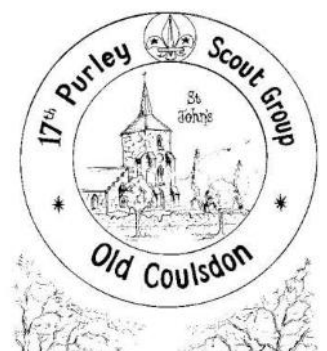


**What's welcoming, warm & very friendly
with delicious homemade cake, tea & coffee on offer?
It's Pray, Knit & Chat of course.**

**This lovely group meets on the fourth Wednesday of
each month—but not on Christmas Day! - so their next date is
Wednesday 22nd January at 2.00 p.m. in the Old Church. If you
don't knit that's not a problem—just come for the good
company ... and the lovely cake!**

JOIN US

The 17th Purley Scout Group is looking for 2 volunteers to join our friendly and supportive leadership team. You will have an immediate impact on the young people in the group and develop in them a sense of community and skills for life. We **urgently need a Beaver Leader** to look after the 6-8 year olds in our group. They meet once a week during term time and we can adapt the times/ days to suit you; if you had a friend who





wanted to join you and split the duties this works very well. This is a rewarding role and our Beaver section is thriving. You will be supported by adult section assistants so won't be on your own. We also need a **Chair to join our Trustee Board** to maintain a smooth and financially secure Scout Group, this is an administrative role and we

meet 4-6 times a year. The current chair has left the group in a very stable and secure position and will be on hand to support the new Chair as they settle in. If you would like more information or to come along and meet us please e-mail me at gsl@17thpurleyscoutgroup.org.uk. Thank you.

**Simon Jackson Group Lead Volunteer (GSL)
17th Purley (St Johns Old Coulsdon) Scout Group**

You may not know about 'THE PRAYER LINK'

It's a group of members of the congregation who pray every day for those in need of prayer. The reason you may not be aware of it is that it's totally confidential. Many people find it very helpful to know that this group is praying for them or family members particularly in times of stress or anxiety. You can contact co-ordinator Sylvia Evans (01737 551088) or the Parish Office (01737 552461) with a prayer request and it will be passed on as swiftly as possible to Prayer Link members by phone.



A WARM SPACE

Old Coulsdon Congregational Church offers a 'warm space' throughout the winter on Wednesdays & Saturdays 10.30-3.00 in the Heath Room with hot drinks, biscuits, crisps & rolls available .

**St. John's Church
Old Coulsdon**

Beetle Drive



with Tea, Squash & Cake

The best fun ever for all ages!

Sunday 12 January

2.30 – 4.30 in the Church

**Tickets: £5.00 Adults/£2.50 Children
from St. John's Parish Office at stjohns@coulsdon.net
or on 01737 552461**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS AT ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL?

St John's Parish Hall provides a very useful income stream to support St John's mission. People often ask me if the hall is busy so here's a flavour of what goes on behind the front doors, and, as you can see, it's busy!



Monday to Friday day time

Daisy Chain preschool has been established since 1985 and offers term time care for 2-4 year olds in a safe, friendly, exciting environment in which they develop their desire to explore and learn. Please contact daisychainoldcoulsdon@gmail.com for more information.

Monday

Late afternoon – Line dancing. Contact Maureen at emceedance@gmail.com

Evening - Self defence class for teenagers and adults taken by experienced instructor in Japanese and Korean karate. No experience needed. Contact Jeff Rogers - mobile 07952850556.

Tuesday evening, Friday evening and Saturday morning

Taekwondo classes. Beginners and experienced welcome. Free trial classes available

Tuesdays 8pm to 9:30pm. Teens and adults

Fridays 7:30pm to 9:30pm (Sparring Class). Kids (6+), Teens and adults

Saturdays 10:45am to 12:15pm. Kids (6+), Teens and adults

Contact: Dean Gibbs, Chung Yong Taekwondo Academy, 07989 642 132, dean.gibbs@chungyongtkd.co.uk, www.KeepKicking.com

Wednesday evening

Dance Fitness classes are taught by Alex from Music & Movement. These classes are aimed at all fitness levels and no previous dance experience is needed. If you're over 16 and love to move your body to great music, this is the class for you! Contact Alex at musicandmovement@hotmail.com

Thursday evening

Lucie runs a mixed Pilates class on a **Thursday evening 6.15pm**. This is a small friendly group with an age range 18 + and all abilities welcome. She also runs other classes during the week including beginner's level at the Scout hut behind the church hall.

Website vpilates.co.uk, email Lucie22.pilates@gmail.com

Tang Soo Do, International Martial Arts Association. **Thursdays 8 till 9**. All Ages. Contact: Master Nick Richards, 07896585353, nickpup@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday afternoon and Sunday

The hall is available for hire for primary age children's parties. Contact stjohnshalloc@gmail.com for more details.

Lynn Howell

HAS ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT?

Mary Balaam and Hazel Collis would love to know!

Do come on **Sunday 23rd February** from 2.30 to 4.30 pm for an afternoon of poems, stories, favourite readings, musical contributions of any kind, or any other brief entertainment you can offer!

Your reward will be tea & cake

Watch out a little nearer the time for a list to book your place (*so we know how many to cater for*) and add a tick if you're willing to entertain us for just a few minutes

**Early warning so plenty of time to hone your talent -
and note the date in your new diary**

No charge but donations for the Spire Fund will be very welcome



CATCHING UP WITH TONY

How is it possible that another month has flown by since I was last persuaded to put pen to paper (those were the days) for the parish magazine – but it has, and so with frost on the ground, and our central heating going full pelt, here I am.

I'm slightly ashamed to say that I've not been very active in the churchyard lately as the weather has been so awful – and I had a back that felt even worse. That was brought on by my own stupid fault, when having suffered for a week I felt better and proceeded to spend a few hours outside cleaning and servicing one of the churchyard strimmers, and



then playing bowls in the evening. Still – I'm better now and have 'done' all three strimmers, and am planning on attending to the mowers very shortly. At this point I must give a big shout out to James Gaskell (Gaskells Gardens) who very kindly removed all the accumulated builders' bags of garden rubbish that we'd collected. It was an enormous job and we're very grateful.

This whole area was covered – in places three bags deep – so huge thanks to the gardeners who filled them; but PLEASE could you not over-fill – if you can't lift them, neither can I.

Apart from all this we've celebrated Diwali with our local Councillor – and friend - Nikhil Sherine Thampi at Coulsdon Community Centre. A great afternoon with food and music - and we had

Bindis put on our foreheads by Nikhil himself.



Nikhil – as master of ceremonies



Some of the many dancers



Nikhil with Mayor Jason Perry and the children

Having recovered our senses, half term loomed and we took the boys (12 and 10) indoor go-karting in Crawley.

A brilliant track over three floors, and the karts being electric, it was not too noisy – but my goodness did they go, and a bit quicker than during their last driving experience at Mercedes World, even if bragging rights back at school were slightly more subdued!



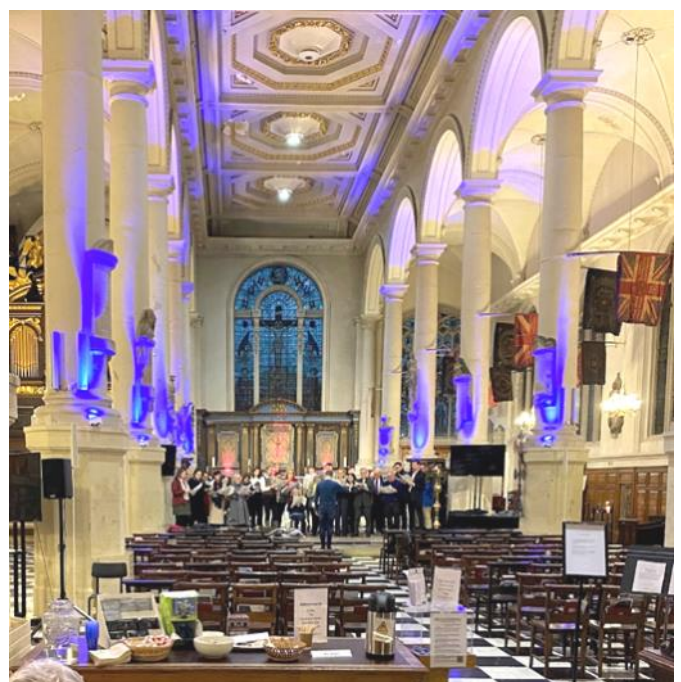


I think this picture says it all for Remembrance Sunday, when Rev Jono had the joy of seeing his church full to overflowing with invited guests and young people; who were treated to one of the best Remembrance sermons I've heard. I know it went down well with everyone there, and we must pray that over the coming twelve months, the world becomes a far more peaceful place, with an end to wars and persecution. A big thank you too to Gill, Ralph, and others for setting out the chairs, and to the tech team for getting and retrieving the sound equipment to and from the war memorial. A very moving day – and again, thank you to everyone involved.

Christmas Fair; a big job to set it up, and an even bigger one to clear away and get the church ready for Sunday morning. At the time of writing I hadn't heard how much money was made, but I did hear that the lunches raised over £400, so well done to Carole and her team; and we should also thank Ian Duncanson for spending some chilly mornings in the Old Church, as people brought in their donations for sale.

So another busy month for the church, but I must mention the rather special outing that Enid and I enjoyed, when we visited Holy Sepulchre church in High Holborn – known as The National Musicians' Church. Completely out of the blue I had received an invitation to attend a St Cecilia Choral Evensong where a choir of strangers and friends came together to perform the Finzi Magnificat during the service, celebrating the feast day of St Cecilia – the patron saint of music.

In addition to this most beautiful piece of music, the regular church choir sang an introit, Preces and Responses, Psalm 136: 1-9, a canticle Nunc Dimittis, and an anthem "In Manus Tuas", before the entire congregation joined in the great hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer to the tune of Cwm Rhondda. What an evening; easily matching an Evensong we attended in Canterbury Cathedral some time ago with David, Carol and Veronica Caddick.



The choir rehearsing prior to the service

Before I wind this up I must express our appreciation for all that Rev Jono and Lucy are doing – their “open house” earlier in November was wonderful and very well attended, and whilst I missed the first of the Tuesday morning prayer Zooms, the evening of prayer from 7:00 – 12:00 midnight in the Old Church, was very meaningful, being led by both Jono and Lucy. A half time break saw us drinking tea/coffee, eating crumpets and/or waffles, and thinking about what had gone before. Rev Sue posted a summary of the evening on Facebook – and I couldn’t better that, so will leave readers to find it, and perhaps even join us in private prayer. A wonderful start to Rev Jono’s ministry – and I can do little more than wish him and his family God speed.

So in closing, Enid and I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas – and if you’re so inclined, follow Martin Lewis’ suggestion that instead of buying and receiving expensive presents we give to charity – like a church spire at CR5 1EA. God bless. **Tony**

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS SNIPPET

Another wonderful Fair thanks to the hard work of so many. Takings were over £3,200! We’ll let you know final total after expenses paid. Thank you so much everybody..

BEST WAY TO SPEND A WINTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON?

No, not staying indoors but wrapping up warmly and coming to the church to play ‘Beetle’ of course! Never played it? Not played for years? You’ve no idea how much fun you’re missing. Come on **Sunday 12 January at 2.30 p.m.** and you’ll soon get the hang of it. This really is for all ages. And there’ll be lots of tea, coffee, squash and cake to keep us calm and help the afternoon along. Definitely a January uplifting event! Book your tickets soon—pay online beforehand or cash/card on the day—and the tickets will be waiting for you to collect when you come.



CHURCH OF OLD COULSDON

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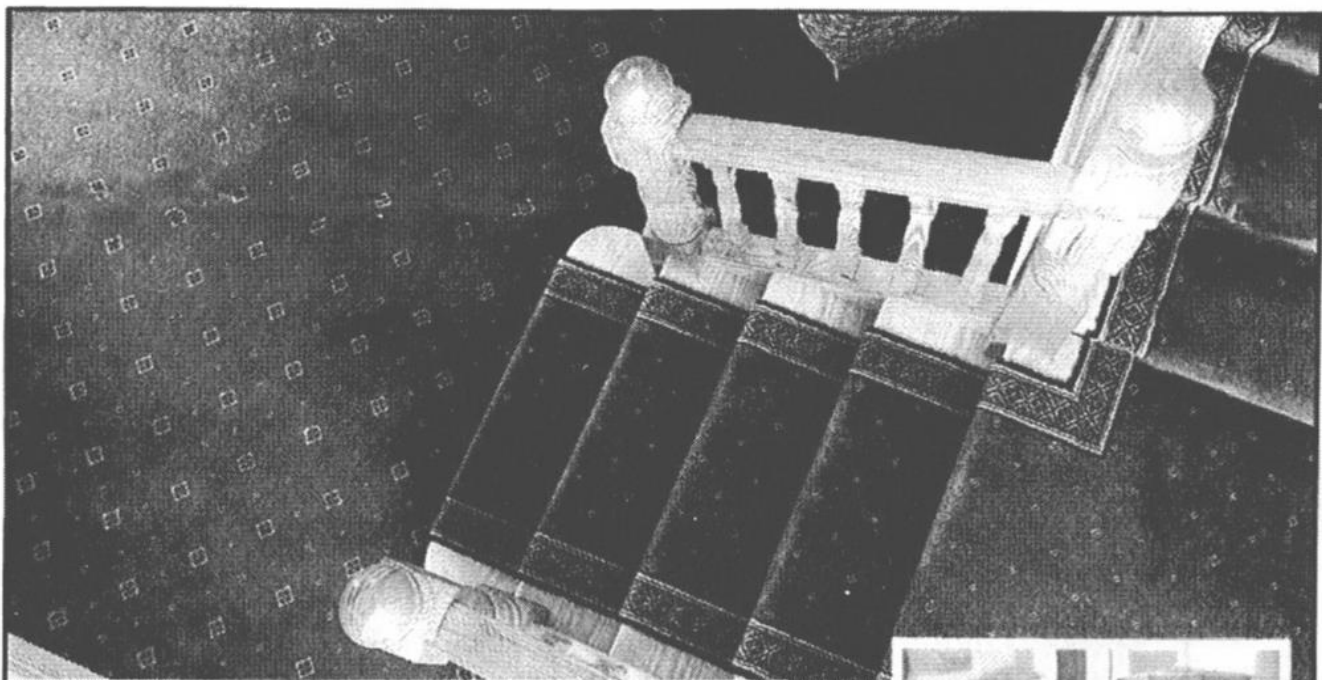
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