

Our Sunday Worship

Our main Sunday morning worship begins at 10.15am. All are welcome.

We have activities for children during the service. On the first Sunday of each month the children and adults worship together throughout the service.

Sunday 2 nd August	10.15am	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th August	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 16 th August	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd August	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 30 th August	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 6 th September	10.15am	All Age Worship

The word *Eucharist* is an ancient Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'. We use it to describe our worship because being thankful for all God is and what God has done for us is at the heart of our worship.

We gather each Sunday to listen to God speaking through the Christian and Jewish scriptures and we know Christ's presence with us through sharing consecrated bread and wine.

Please note – there are no mid-week services during August.

Other Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September 7pm St George-in-the-East

Bishop Adrian will commission and pray for God's blessing on the new community of St George. Come and support this.

Sunday 6th September

Church Outing to the Epping and Ongar Steam Railway. Join us for worship at 10.15 and we go immediately afterwards via public transport. All welcome.

St George-in-the-East

August Newsletter

Consecration Anniversary

On Sunday July 19th we celebrated the anniversary of the consecration of St George-in-the-East in 1729. It was wonderful to see many old and new faces attending church for the occasion. We sang great hymn, prayed for our local community and broke bread together.

We continued the celebrations at our Parish Barbeque after the service in the beautiful Rectory garden. Old and young alike stuffed themselves with great food and enjoyed each other's company.

It was great to see so many people and to have so many children around, it was a superb and enjoyable event.

See inside for further consecration anniversary reflections.....



Community at St George-in-the-East

At the beginning of September the community based in the Rectory will move in and begin work. This is such an exciting time for us here at St George-in-the-East as it will mean we will have the energy and vision of young adults working and worshipping alongside us.

We have appointed a married couple to serve as 'House Guardians' for the community. **Pieter-Bas and Clare Spronk** have been living in the Rectory for a few months now, but from the beginning of September, they will become part of the community at St George-in-the-East. Their task as 'House Guardians' is to help the community take shape and support the community members in their ministry. They have previous experience of living in Christian community with very vulnerable people (in inner-city Amsterdam). Pieter-Bas and Clare have three young children. Pieter-Bas is a GP in Tower Hamlets.

The three other members of the Community have all either done CTC's Jellicoe internship or are doing it now, so Tim and I have had a good chance to discern their suitability for the Community:

Jess Scott was born and grew up in Leeds where her parents welcomed a wide variety of vulnerable people into their home as part of their Christian calling. She has just completed 3 years studying theology at Cambridge where she also directed or joined projects which befriended homeless people there, and which helped to connect students with low paid college staff. From September Jess will be working for Christian Aid on an internship programme as well as being part of the Community of St George.

Marta Corti is just finishing a Master's Degree in International Diplomacy at SOAS and is looking forward to joining the Buxton Internship programme at CTC as well as joining the Community of St George. Born in Italy she is a Roman Catholic and is passionate about social justice and politics. As part of her first degree she spent a year in Peru with a Catholic NGO and saw at first-hand how churches were working together for the common good.

Beth Green is currently working part time for CTC while she completes her history Master's Degree - she is currently writing on the growth of the Pentecostal church in England. Because of her father's occupation, Beth has lived in many parts of the world, but is now glad to be settled in London, worshipping at an Anglican church near Kings Cross. Beth took part in the

Jellicoe Internship programme three years ago. She is now co-ordinating the Near Neighbours programme in east London alongside Tim.

Over the next couple of months we will be liaising with the community and the PCC to work out areas of ministry for each community member. In September we hope also to establish a monthly Sunday 'Community Lunch' where we join the community, hear about their work in the parish and eat together.

Reflections on our Consecration Anniversary

I was so taken with the biblical readings we heard read during the anniversary thanksgiving that I want to reflect on them a bit now.

The Old Testament reading was from Genesis 28: 11, the story of Jacob's dream of a ladder and vision of heaven. After his dream Jacob said "*Surely the Lord is in this place..... this is none other than the house of God and it is the gate of heaven*". Now I know St Paul's Bow Common has this text plastered all over the front of their church – but that is no reason why this text cannot be important for us too. I feel sure this might have something to say as we move across the time line of another anniversary.

It is we the people who are the church and together through word and sacrament Christ is present and at home between us and within us. But more than this, at St George-in-the-East we are called to be a signpost to the gateway of heaven – pointing to glory, pointing to God's realm around and beyond us. Being a place of God's presence, being a signpost seem to me to be really important as we move into another year of ministry. How can we be a place where others can know the presence of Christ? How, as a congregation, can we be a signpost for others pointing to God's glory and realm?

Remembering Olive

We had such a good afternoon remembering Olive on 28th April. The church was full, the worship and the stories of Olive were heartfelt and warm. We were reunited with old friends, and once again, St George-in-the-East pulled out all the stops with totally lovely cake and tea. It was hard work. The catering members of the congregation really had their work cut out with so much setting up, serving and washing up at the end. A big thank you to everyone for making the 28th July such a lovely occasion. But lets not do another big catering job just yet – lets leave it a bit if only to recover.... ☺ Olive – Rest in peace.