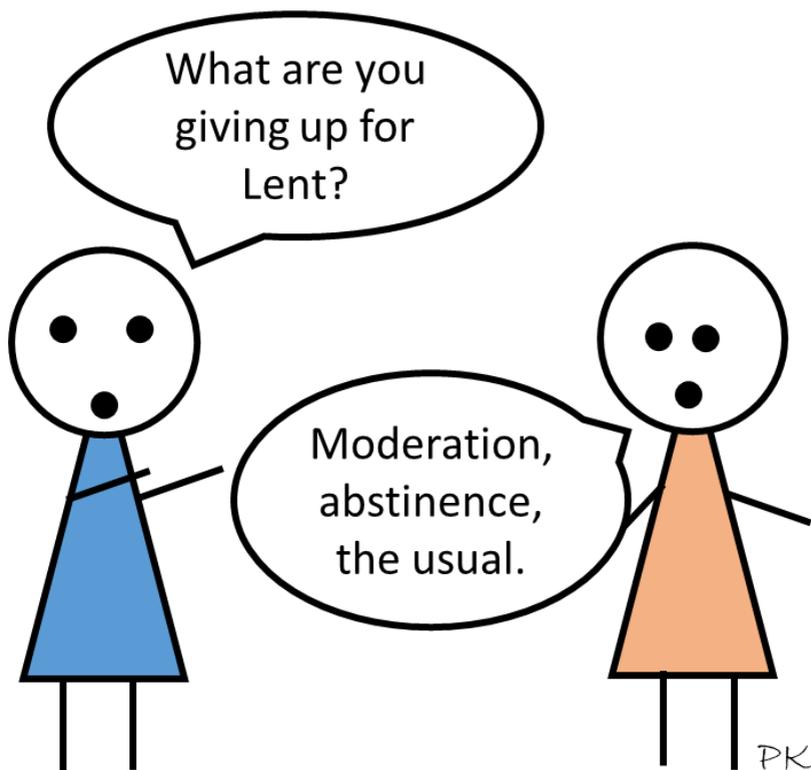


# St George-in-the-East

## Lent approaches!



# February 2015

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## **From the Churchwardens...**

**J**anuary has been a busy month with lots going on in and around church.

Our flagpole has been repaired and we can fly the flag (and more importantly take it down)! We've also made our bid for the Listed Place of Worship Roof Fund, just waiting for the outcome—hopefully good news.

We've had meetings with Ali Lyons, our Bishop Adrian, our Archdeacon Rachel and Area Dean Andy to talk about the future and to share our thoughts and the needs of the congregation and community

PCC have met and we've discussed our charitable giving. We're going to be giving money to some great causes with international and local focuses: Us, Alma, Stephen's Children (Egypt), Age UK Tower Hamlets and Docklands Outreach. We'll be sharing more news about the work that each of the charities does near and far in the next few newsletters. We've also been talking about how to work in partnership with CTC who are based in the Crypt.

The children have been busy and have had a trip to messy church at St Paul's Cathedral. Emilia will share her experience in the next newsletter.

Olive remains in our thoughts and our thanks to Jenny who visits regularly.

Good news for anyone helping with tea and coffee – we've got a new dishwasher! More important than the dishwasher has been the ongoing support of everyone in and out of church!

**Allan and Alex**

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# Charitable Giving

## Focus on...

### **Age UK Tower Hamlets**

“Helping you to make your later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience”

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/eastlondon/>

Age UK is the largest charity in the UK dedicated to helping the over 60s. Whilst it is a national campaigning charity it also has a strong local focus delivering advice and services to the over 60s. Age UK is made up of a network of 170 'local Age UKs' each of which is an independent charity. This year we will be supporting Age UK Tower Hamlets.

Some of the services that Age UK TH provide include:

- Advice on housing and benefits
- Befriending—either in person or by telephone
- Helping those who aren't eligible for help from social services to find the support they need, whether it's home help or assistance to go out to social events or appointments.

Age UK TH also operate a resource centre in Bow that provides a programme of activities to anyone in the local community including art classes, a film club, bingo, dance classes, cabaret and tea dances, aerobics, hearing clinics, hairdressing and IT classes.

Age UK TH are keen for anyone with spare time and enthusiasm to volunteer to help older people in our community.

For more information email [info@ageuktowerhamlets.org.uk](mailto:info@ageuktowerhamlets.org.uk) or ring 0208 981 7124.

## Bits 'n' bobs

**Ash Wednesday:** Jenny will be presiding over our service, which starts at 7.30 pm on 18 February (it's a Wednesday). Warm up for the service with chat, soup and pancakes at 6.15 pm.

**Shadwell Sunday Lunch:** A great opportunity to meet people from local faith communities. On 22 February 2014 Darul Ummah, Bigland St will be hosting. They'll provide lunch, everyone welcome and let Alex know if want to come, St George-in-the-East's contribution will be to take 3 puddings!  
A great chance to meet neighbours who go to other churches and mosques

**Lent giving:** We will have a Water Aid bucket in church and Water Aid 'Jars of Change' at home this year.

<b>Services and readings</b>	
1 February— The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas Tim Clapton: Centre for Theology & Community	Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40
8 February— 2nd Sunday before Lent Mark Aitken: Royal Foundation of St Katharine	Proverbs 8, 1, 22-31 Colossians 1, 15-20 John 1.1-14
15 February— Sunday next before Lent Chris Morgan	2 Kings 2, 1-12 2 Corinthians 4, 3-6 Mark 9.2-9
18 February— Ash Wednesday Jenny Petersen: QMUL	TBC
22 February— First Sunday of Lent TBC [Angus Ritchie: CTC or Adam Atkinson: CTC/St Peter's Bethnal Green]	Genesis 9, 8-17 1 Peter 3, 18-end Mark 1.9-15