

NEXT SUNDAY - 12th NOVEMBER 2017 - Remembrance Sunday

10am Open Door worship service with children's and young people's groups and interview with Dave Stoker, our mission partner.

THIS WEEK

Tues 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
7.30pm Connect group with Vera
Thurs 9.15am Staff prayers
10am to 3pm Staff and Churchwardens session on discerning plans to take forward our Mission Action Plan
8pm Connect group with Nicholas and Karen
Fri 9.30am Toddler Group
4.45pm Adventure Time for Years 7 to 10

FUTURE SUNDAYS

Sun 3rd Dec **No Open Door service at 10am.** 4pm Christingle service & tea party
Sun 10th Dec 10am Open Door - *Christmas Experience*: a multi-sensory, all age service.

OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) PRIORITIES

- 1. Deepening Discipleship** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with God in their personal lives and through our corporate life.
- 2. Creating Community** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with other church members and build up our common life.
- 3. Moving in Mission** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with the world in sharing their faith (evangelism) and transforming society (social action) and building up our shared witness in the neighbourhood and our circles of influence.
- 4. Releasing Resources** – helping people of all ages to grow in their stewardship of time, talents and treasure and enabling us to invest in the historic church so it is an asset. which enables and enhances our ministry and mission.

CONTACTS:

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Welcome to



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We extend a **warm welcome** to all who have come to worship. If you are a newcomer, we would encourage you to introduce yourself to the service leader or a member of our welcome team. To help us view **giving** as integral to the Christian life, we usually take an offering during our worship. If you are a visitor, do feel able to pass the offering basket on without contributing.

10am Open Door worship service with children's and young people's groups and Holy Communion for all ages

Theme: The Five Solas of the Reformation: Faith alone

Bible Reading: Romans 3:21-31 (page 1130)

Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

Prayer for today (21st Sunday after Trinity) *Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please speak to the clergy if you'd like **prayer** for something or someone. There are **toilets** (including an accessible one with baby changing facilities) in the St Paul's Centre as well as in the foyer of the historic church.

BIBLE VERSE FOR 2017

We have chosen Jeremiah 29:11 as a theme for 2017:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.

*Becoming a vibrant and diverse community that is
rooted in Jesus, growing together and overflowing with God's love.*

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS

- More donations to come in for our Gift Day for the rainwater goods project.
- Dave Stoker's visit to us from 8th-14th November to be a blessing to us and to him, his eye check-up at Moorfields on Friday and the well-being of Kay and the children in Peru.
- The Prime Minister and the cabinet, that they would show wisdom, character and integrity, serving and leading in a godly way.
- A peaceful resolution of the political situation in Kenya following the recently re-run presidential election in which the opposition candidate rejected 'the sham election'.

SERMON SERIES on the FIVE SOLAS of the REFORMATION

The publishing by Martin Luther (1483-1546) of his 95 Theses on 31st Oct 1517 marked the start of the Reformation. As the Church commemorates the 500th anniversary, our current sermon series is on the *Five Solas*, that summarize the Reformers' theological convictions.

8th Oct Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

15th Oct Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.

29th Oct Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

5th Nov Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

19th Nov Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

RAINWATER GOODS PROJECT and GIFT DAY UPDATE

Please be sure to take the letter from the Vicar and Churchwardens that is available today. As part of the project, the lightning conductors were inspected and tested on Friday at a cost of £222 including VAT.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 12th November

During next Sunday's service, we will once again read out the names of all those listed on our two 1st World War memorials and observe the traditional two minutes' silence.

MAINTENANCE and CLEANING

The week before last a whole range of maintenance jobs were done on the inside of our premises. The painting of all the rails that surround our premises will soon be done. The total cost of this work is £2,200. All vinyl floors in the toilets and kitchen in the church centre have also recently been deep cleaned along with the carpets in the Charles Simeon and St Luke's room. Finally, we are grateful to the churchwardens and others who have done a lot of tidying up and cleaning inside our premises and cleared the trenches alongside the church.

A SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE @ FINCHLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

This will be held at the War Memorial in the Reception area on Saturday (11th November) at 10.45am. This War Memorial commemorates men of Finchley and Whetstone who gave their lives in the Great War. The Revd David Walker, Vicar of Christ Church North Finchley, will conduct this short service. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION of OUR PREMISES

On Wednesday our architect will do the once-every-five years inspection of the church, church centre and grounds to see what condition they are in and what repairs are needed. The Diocese pays for the inspection on the church and we pay for the one on the centre.

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Revd David Nahayo

David is a priest of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, whose links with us go back to his time as a student at Oak Hill Theological College, some 30 years ago. He runs the Butare Christian Mission (BCM), which provides facilities for prayer groups and retreats and offers pastoral support. It also teaches skills such as sewing and crafts, gives goats, seeds and tools to help families support themselves and provides uniforms and books for children's schooling. In 2016 we gave £2,317 to support this work. For more details talk to Jan Appleyard.

ST PAUL'S CENTRE FOOD HYGIENE INSPECTION

On Wednesday 25th October we had an unannounced visit by the London Borough of Barnet Food Hygiene/Food Standards/Health & Safety Inspector. The officer assessed:

- how hygienically food is handled;
- the condition of the structure of the buildings; and
- how we manage what we do to make sure food is safe.

We received a 5* rating, the highest possible, which means we were seen as very good.

SCIENCE CAFÉ COMES to the ST PAUL'S CENTRE

On Sat 11th November (10.30am to Noon) those in Years 3 to 9 are invited to come with an adult to explore and enjoy science with biblical links. To register contact Mavis today.

BARNABAS in SCHOOLS in ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tomorrow John Hardwick of *Barnabas in Schools* is running a creative arts-based RE Day in our church primary school entitled: *Creating Character: Respect, Resilience and Responsibility*. This will offer a range of ways for the 120 pupils in Years 3 and 4 (7-9 year olds) to engage with the important values of respect, resilience and responsibility. Focusing on stories from the Bible, the day will cover: what are values and character? How do they form the people we are and the communities we belong to? How do values relate to school life both individually and corporately? John will also lead a whole school act of worship on this theme.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

We mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the people listed on our war memorials:

Corporate Leslie **ADAMS**, aged 23, 28th Battalion, London Regiment (1st Artists' Rifles) (died 30/10/1917). Leslie was born in Holloway, north London, and was an only child. In 1901 he was living with his parents in Kentish Town and then in 1911 in Stockwell, south London. He was killed in action in the Third Battle of Ypres. His name is listed on the Tyne Cot Memorial, one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. His estate was valued at £161 17s 11d, which he left to his father. His connection to Finchley is unknown.

Driver Aylmer **CHURCHMAN**, Army Service Corps, 74th Division. (died 04/11/1917). Aylmer was born in Swaffham, Norfolk, and had four siblings. He married Florence Kimble in 1901 at Bromley, Kent. They had two sons and in 1911 were living in Brockley, south-east London. He was employed as a domestic coachman. He enlisted in Finchley in late 1915, giving his address as 66 Elm Park Road, Finchley. He served in France and Salonika, before being deployed to Egypt. After recovering from malaria, he took part in the Third Battle of Gaza and was killed in action. He is buried in Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.