

Unity

The Newsletter of Ealing Green Church

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~ You are welcome to come to any meeting ~

July 2025

Welcome to the July issue of the Unity newsletter.

This issue's contents are listed below. Thank-you all for your contributions.

**Closing date for contributions for the September 2025 issue is
August 18th.**

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Front page:

Geraniums (Gill tells me) making a lovely picture in front of the church

If you have any pictures relevant to the time of year or some other event, please let me have them. Ideally a .jpg file.

Thanks, Lee

Somehow I've lucked out and have an 8 year old who thinks secretly reading under the covers past her bedtime is an act of rebellion – and it hasn't yet occurred to her that her flashlight never seems to run out of batteries.

A happy parent

From Sue:

I know you have seen this before ... but it is what the church needs at this time I think!

Sue

Dear All

As I imagine you know, I keep a journal, and I tend to review it annually. That means that I have recently been reviewing my sabbatical journal, which includes the regular updates I gave to you in the church magazines. I wanted to put last June's in again.

All of my sabbatical updates were full of questions for the church, but nobody responded to any of them. I am not vain enough to be concerned by that ... but would welcome your responses to some of my questions either those below – I am including the whole of the update, since it reads best like that ... or simply the questions

“What makes our church most worthwhile”?

“What would make it more worthwhile in 2025-6”

“What can we do to become more excited about our time together and our worship and mission?”

Of course what we are already doing is good, but we are far from perfect. Before the beginning of our new church year I dare you to sit down and to seriously think about what could be done to make things better still – with the resources we have!

Maybe you could use last June's letter as a starting point.

I know I often ask rhetorical questions, but on this occasion responses would be very welcome

With Prayers for a restful and fruitful summer

Sue

Sabbatical Journey Part 4 (From June 2024)

Dear Friends

Although you are receiving these updates a little behind time because I am inundating Alan and lee in a way they have never seen and they are keeping instalments just in case the flow stops coming (as it often does when I am working and snowed under), I

am writing this on June 12th and about the time from May 16th to today. I may be back at work – 14th July – when you read it.

After Walsingham, May started with a gift that had been given to Phil and I as a Christmas present from a family at Kingsdown. They had very kindly bought us tickets to attend “The Dream of Gerontius” at the Southbank Centre. This therefore became a real part of my sabbatical. I am the kind of person who needs to be quite familiar with something to enjoy attending it live and although I had some knowledge both of Elgar’s music, and of John Henry Newman’s poem both were things I needed to spend more time on to get to know them well. I fell in love with the poem, enjoying grappling with its Catholic theological ideas, and in fact after we had been to the concert it was this I discussed in depth with (Fr.) Robert – my friend and previous Spiritual Director, who was absolutely delighted to delve into it with me and to answer, or at least debate the genuine questions which had come up for me in getting to know it better. ..The best theological discussion of the Spring!

What was your best theological or Biblical conversation in recent months? Why?

I also better familiarised myself with the music which Elgar had composed and was in some parts amazed almost to tears as I heard it at the Southbank Centre. Phil had the words of the poem on his lap as he listened, and the result of the experience was for Michael and I to book in a couple of evenings at the proms to listen to more classical concerts. One of these is Handel’s “Messiah” and I will be back at work by the time I attend it with Michael so I am sure you will hear about it. Thanks so much for this lovely gift which became a real part of learning and joy for the sabbatical!

Not long after this I attended the “School of Ignatian Prayer” workshop at London Jesuit Centre which gave me a whole day to spend in prayer – it takes me back to the question in part 3 as to whether we would enjoy a weekend away or some time in prayer together as a section of the Ealing Trinity Circuit?

Then came Taize. This was Phil’s suggestion. He had visited the Taize community in the eighties, but I had never been. I had long enjoyed Taize chants. I thought I knew what it was all about, but I really didn’t! The Taize community –of about 50 monks, some Catholic and some Protestant – together – is set in a lovely village in Burgundy. You look

out on fields and hills. It wasn't hot, but I am told it really can be!!! Taize focusses mostly on youth – although they read youth as being from 18-35 years – but are happy to welcome adults too – particularly during term time. The accommodation and food is very basic (although I confess that due to the slight needs I have our accommodation at least was not basic at all but lovely!).

You are encouraged to live like the monks – to eat (basic meals). To worship three times a day. To study and to work. Phil and I both had jobs. His was to dish out at the evening meal and mine was to wash up after breakfast. In practice Phil did two jobs because he also joined us for the washing up – which – wait for it – was enormous fun – we were sometimes washing up for 500 people – but the young people at the other end of the camp were washing up for 1500 (and that was a small group). Six of us washed up some from Germany, England, New Zealand and The Netherlands. The presence of three Methodists meant that everything had to be done in song – sometimes Taize style and sometimes Wesley-hymn style – singing about everything from “God” to celebrating having found the “special spoon” which somebody had accidentally chucked into the communal washing up! I am pretty sure that the “Special Spoon” song will not be being used in worship – you will just have to imagine it! There was something really upbuilding in working together – sometimes sharing common language and experience and sometimes trying to communicate simple instructions across three languages and still get things right. I am sure most of you are fully aware of this because the same kind of colleagueship – friendship – must surely be what you build up together when you take on various roles at church and elsewhere?

Where have you been involved in things that are quite mundane and yet had the opportunity to grow as a person and in relationship with others? Is there something you could do now?

Every morning there was a Bible Study led by a monk named Emile. I think his mother tongue was French but he had been brought up in Quebec and his English was therefore fluent. He also spoke German. A common feature of the Monks at Taize is their language ability. As well as being interdenominational they are also international, and as many languages as there were people speaking them present were used both in worship and Bible Study.

Emile's topic was "journeying together", and over the seven days we were there he explored this from different perspectives – from journeying with those closest to us, to those we love or find difficult, to the whole world, and all of the joys and difficulties in that. After a 60 minute presentation on the topic (I am sure you will hear some of the ideas in Male sermons (of both sorts) over the weeks to come) we split into groups. These were based on age - 36-50 or 50plus – oh dear! Phil and I still managed to be in different groups though since there were many for each age group – even us oldies! In my group there were four from Hong Kong, one from Macow, two from New Zealand, two from Germany, one from The Netherlands and two (ministers) from England. Phil's was not quite so diverse but was still lovely – and I know that because I gate-crashed it one day! In the groups we found that we were discussing the various Bible passages but that each country presented or expressed a story in different ways, or had cultural differences which led to different interpretations. This was a really stretching and inspiring experience, and I learned a lot – including things about Hong Kong culture which I hope might help me in my Ministry.

In Pinner (one of my churches in my previous circuit) every church member was expected to be part of a Bible study group. They all went along with that and all loved their groups. The groups were very varied – depending on the leader for the week – and I loved visiting them. Let me know what your response to that is.

Do you want to do likewise? . Remember that where appropriate online groups could help. Most of the Pinner groups met monthly.

So that brings us to Taize worship. All I can say is that it is like an hour of the most wonderful, prayerful meditation, a meditation, unlike so many other forms, which it was possible – even easy – for me to participate in because the chants – sung in many different languages – lead you into it. When we sing them in Methodist services, I think we often use these chants as though they were hymns – on Maundy Thursday I asked people to sing each of the three I chose on that day four times. I had felt six might be too many. There is nothing wrong with that – and indeed at Taize some were only sung for that many times, but it was much more about sitting with the singing – perhaps for 15 minutes at a time and simply abiding with God and allowing him to speak into a silent – though chanting heart. Even remembering the songs now brings me back

to that relaxed and meditative state where – unsurprisingly - God still is. The challenge for me now is to try and incorporate them into worship sometimes. I have tried to do that before but now I feel there is something else to add, and to share, and to experience, and will do my best – perhaps with Phil's help – to do so.

Taize has given me a different emphasis for my sabbatical and some more avenues to follow up! Watch this space!

After this I came home for one day and then disappeared off to Minehead to be with my parents again for a few days. I am back now, and back to the Philosophy Study. Slowly but surely I am picking (some) of it up and beginning to understand it. I will also start a study of the theologian Hans Urs Von Balthazar next week, having completed a module on Karl Barth last year!

See you soon. I will enjoy the rest of my sabbatical. There WILL be a part 5 but it is likely to be written as I return to work

With Prayers and Blessings

Sue



Letters, Emails and Texts.

From Marion Martin

I wish to thank Sue and the Church Family for their kind words and prayers after the tragic accident in Tunisia resulting in the passing away of my niece's husband, Adel

He was the life and soul of any event, meaning there was always fun and laughter. His Tunisian dancing will always remain my fondest memory

He leaves a wife and two lovely children Samir and Maya. Samir had to complete his A levels last week after the tragic news.

Thank you again everyone

Marion

From the Horwich Family:

We would like to thank all those of you who helped make Jem Horwich's Thanksgiving Service run so successfully. It was a truly memorable event. We are grateful, but it would be invidious to name you all in case I forgot one. We are also grateful for the donations to the Moldovan Charity my mother supported over many years. If anyone else wants to donate, please see Jane or myself – or go to their web site: <https://www.cr2ee.org.uk>

Thanks again to all.
Lee & Jane Horwich

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News of the Church Family

AILEEN has had two falls in recent weeks and is in hospital with two fractures. We pray for strength and relief of back pain which is limiting her movement.

We pray for **EDWIN** who is home and recovering from surgery. He is looking forward to a short holiday in Devon.

BARBARA has at last moved into a flat in a nearby block. We pray that she will settle happily after a challenging start.

MARIAN and family are sad and shocked at the sudden death of her niece's husband **ADEL**, in a road traffic accident. We pray for him, his wife **KATE**, and all the family and send our love and sympathy.

After almost a week in hospital, **JANETTE** is feeling considerably better. Pray that as she continues with her physiotherapy she will become more mobile.

We continue to pray for **JEAN** who still has pains all over her body but particularly in her shoulders. However we are pleased to hear that she was able to enjoy a happy 94th birthday with her two daughters.

Please pray for **COLIN** who will be having surgery to replace his other knee on 4th July.

We also pray for anyone else in our Church Family who may be struggling at the moment for any reason. We pray that they will be aware of God's presence with them and receive His comfort and strength for the days ahead.

Gill Hatherall

Unity

It's almost 1100 (pm) and I'm sitting here with writers block. I have often read about writers block, but thought it only applied to real writers (which I even in my wildest dreams I couldn't claim to be), so it's a bit of a surprise to me that I'm stuck here without much to say.

Happily there is much in the newsletter for me to point to and one thing I would draw your attention to is Sue's repetition of something she wrote last year (was it really so long ago?) and the questions she posed that she would encourage us to respond to. Please read her piece and consider whether you have a response for her – and for the church.

Another piece that I read in the Methodist News is from David Hardman, who is the Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem. I don't know if you were able, or lucky, enough to attend his talk a few months ago in the church. He presented a detailed, but ultimately unhappy picture of how the present Israeli government is treating Palestinians, both in Gaza and the West Bank. His latest letter updates the situation and gives an on the spot view of the situation in those benighted places.

On a happier note, we, at least most of those of us reading this, live in or around Ealing. We, those of us who can access it, are able to experience the Ealing Festivals. I have tried to condense the information on the festivals to manageable proportions, but it has grown over the years and now is a major event – on our doorstep. So if you are interested in beer (and there is a huge range available to try), jazz or blues music, comedy or any of the other attractions, the end of July through to the middle of August are the times for you. See pages 17 to 24 for further information. And, by the way, a few years ago I tasted a cherry beer from that exotic source of brewing – Newport, South Wales, formerly only known for steel and unemployment. It was one of the most delicious drinks I have ever had! The other thing about these festivals is the street food, which is an adventure in itself . . .

Apart from that I, along with AI (see page 25), wish you a happy and restful summer.

God bless you

New church family prepared worship services

Dear Ealing, Green Congregation

If you have been coming to Ealing Green for some time you will no doubt have been in the congregation for Local Arrangement Services which have been planned by a group of people from the church. One of the major ways of working at Ealing Green is to believe that everyone has a story to tell, a hymn to choose, a reading to read, a message to give. We would like to put together some services in which those of you who have never had the opportunity before can take a turn in leading and in trying to help others to understand God more or to come closer to him. We need those of you who have led before to also be there to help those who haven't.

As well as enabling you to take part, the aim is also that we will have a chance to get to know one another better, thus building up our church community, and forging the way for us to move more closely together.

We will be meeting after church on 6th July to see how we can work. Please put the date in your diary and: Come if you would be happy to read a reading or lead a prayer

- Come if you would be happy to tell the church what you do when you are not at church
- Come if you have a story about your Christian journey which you could tell to encourage others
- Come if you would like to sing or dance or play an instrument in a worship service
- Come if you have secretly always wanted to preach a sermon – have a message to give.
- Come if you think God is calling you to lead worship or to preach
- Come if you are prepared to coordinate others in leading a service
- Come if you could use art to inspire others
- Come if you think you could give a talk in a sermon slot on an issue which you think Christians should know about.
- Come if you think you could make a video which could be part of a service.

If you are new to the church, we want to include you. If you have been coming for 50+ years this is for you too.

When we meet on 6th July, we will be looking for people to lead a local arrangement service on 3rd August, but we will also be looking for anyone who thinks they would like to contribute to any service at any time.

If you want to chat about it first, you know where I am

Sue

St Luke's Methodist Church in Hoylake offers food and friendship to asylum seekers in the community.

"There is no greater leveller than sharing a meal around a table, regardless of colour, regardless of creed, regardless of nationality, regardless of means," reflects Cate Warbrick, Church and Community Lay Development Worker at St Luke's Church in Hoylake in the North West England District. "And for me, there is a real beauty in being exposed to that."

Since 2020, St Luke's has embodied this philosophy, transforming from a pandemic-shuttered church into a vital lifeline for asylum seekers housed at the nearby Holiday Inn. What began as an emergency response has evolved into a comprehensive support network that challenges conventional approaches to refugee assistance.

An Unexpected Calling

The story began on a Bank Holiday Friday in May 2020, when Wirral Borough Council and Heart4Refugees knocked on St Luke's door with an urgent request. The Home Office had commandeered the Holiday Inn to house asylum seekers, but the food provision was inadequate. Could the church feed 60 to 90 people that very evening?

"I said yes and shut the door," Cate recalls. What followed was an afternoon of frantic preparation – measuring two-metre distances with yellow tape throughout the church and writing multilingual signs, all whilst battling pandemic restrictions and personal fears about communication barriers.

The evening's success was marked by an unexpected moment of divine reassurance: "A big police van came through the gates, and my heart sank... It was a hot evening and these two police officers jumped out of the van with boxes full of ice lollies and at that moment, I just knew that we were going to be okay."

Beyond Basic Needs

What was intended as a one-off meal became a nine-month journey of comprehensive support. Working alongside other local churches, Heart4Refugees, and Wirral Borough Council, St Luke's provided daily meals, clothing for those who arrived barefoot and still in flip flops from coming across on the boat and a space for the community to gather.



The church's sports hall, table tennis table and proximity to Hoylake's beach became vital resources for the predominantly young, male asylum seekers. But perhaps most significantly, Cate and her team recognised the importance of reciprocity.



"My greatest learning from that time was allowing them to help us," she explains. "Empowering them to cook for you is really quite a humbling experience." The church kitchen became a cultural exchange hub where Iranian, Sudanese, and other nationalities shared their culinary traditions.

This approach challenged traditional charity models. Rather than maintaining a paternalistic dynamic, St Luke's embraced what Cate describes as "less of this paternalistic 'I am going to do and love and care for you.' I discovered that by opening our hearts and minds to allow people who we perceive are different to ourselves to love and care for us, we are irrevocably changed and the world and all its people become one."

Evolution and Legacy

When the hotel reopened in 2021, this time housing families rather than single men, St Luke's adapted its approach accordingly. The focus shifted to helping children access education quickly and providing school uniforms, whilst maintaining the food support that remains central to their work.

The impact extends beyond immediate assistance. The Iranians who lived through the pandemic lockdown with the church community dubbed Cate and her colleagues the "Sisters of Flowers," maintaining contact through a WhatsApp group years later. One former resident still calls every birthday and Christmas, saying "Hello, Mama."

Today, St Luke's continues its multifaceted community work through programmes like "Food and Friends" – where asylum seekers often cook for the wider community – proving that refugee support isn't just about providing aid, but about creating genuine integration and mutual enrichment.

As Cate notes, looking at the church's baptismal records, future generations will see "19 names in different languages and different ethnicities as a testament to how our world is changing... We are one creation and one body of people."

Ron Chestna, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and asked where he was going at that time of night. Ron replied,

"I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Second Warning!

Save the Date – Saturday 27th September 2025, 10:00 AM
Ealing green church

Join us for a warm cup of coffee and help raise funds for a great cause!

Firstly - We're kindly asking for donations of:

- Books
- Jewellery
- Second-hand items (in good condition)

Please bring these items to the church ahead of the event so we can prepare the stalls.

Secondly - Bakers needed!

If you'd like to donate a cake, please bring it along on the day of the event. Please kindly label the ingredients in case of allergies.

Thirdly - Can you spare a little time?

We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you're able to lend a hand, please let Helen (07443634541) or Winnie (07511859242) know.

Thank you for your support – we can't wait to see you there!

If you're unavailable on the day but still would like to contribute, scan the QR code below to make a donation:



<https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25008742>

Thanks

Helen & Winnie

A reflection following the escalations between Israel and Iran

By David Hardman Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem

Jerusalem June 13th 2025

In October 2023, the sirens were a surprise. I barely had time to react before hearing missiles intercepted overhead, shrapnel raining down nearby. Now, in June 2025, it's different. My phone woke me with alerts—Israel had launched 'preemptive strikes' against Iran.

Warnings to stay close to a shelter and to move the moment a siren sounded. This morning news apps reported Iran's retaliation, drones already in the air. I brace for the sirens, for the inevitable rush to shelter.

How do I feel? Angry. Angry at world leaders who still believe peace can be forged through war. Governments that pour endless resources into military buildup while refusing to invest in the very things that sustain peace—education, dialogue, cooperation.

I am angry at the church, too, for legitimizing war through 'Just War' theory instead of offering a real vision for peace—one rooted in justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence.

For nearly two years, I have served as the Methodist Liaison Officer. I have walked where Jesus walked, lived under occupation as He did, and seen firsthand how oppression crushes lives.

And I am more certain than ever—peace will never come through force. It must be built through justice and a relentless, nonviolent struggle.

A Prayer

Gracious God,

We lift before you all those directly impacted by this escalation. We ask your blessing on the peace builders. Strengthen, we pray our resolve to be people of Your peace. Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Amen

Ealing Festivals

In date order these are:

- Ealing Beer Festival – July 9th – 12th
- Latino Life in the Park - Sunday 20th July
- Comedy Festival - Part 1 - Thursday 24th + Friday 25th July
- Ealing Blues Festival Sat 26th and Sunday 27th July
- New Gen Festival Wednesday 30th July.
- Comedy Festival - Part 2 - Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August
- Jazz Festival Saturday 2nd August and Sunday 3rd August

All in the park almost directly opposite the church.

Beer Festival:

Kicking the whole thing off is the Beer Festival

The 34th Ealing Beer Festival takes place in Walpole Park and is the largest outdoor CAMRA festival in London. Over 330 cask ales, ciders, perries, craft keg wines and world beers there for 'testing'.

This is one for an afternoon's relaxation.

Something not mentioned much is the

availability of a wide range of street foods in the enclosure. A couple of years ago I was having a quiet drink with a friend (and a rather large plate of some delicious East Asian noodles) when a group of people from a Japanese office turned up. They were fully prepared and laid out a carpet and cushions for the boss and their senior members. Some of the company were dispatched to one of the food stalls and others were sent off to procure various glasses of beer. The group then sat together and had a most un-Japanese, but apparently very enjoyable afternoon. Come earlier in the festival while all the best beers are still available.



Sunday 20th July

THE UK'S BIGGEST LATIN FESTIVAL

LATINO LIFE IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 20TH JULY 12PM - 10PM EALING WALPOLE PARK

4 STAGES & IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES
CELEBRATING LATIN MUSIC, LATIN DANCE, LATIN CULTURE

MAIN STAGE TROMBORANGA | NOVALIMA
RENE ALVAREZ' TRIBUTE TO HECTOR LAVOE
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'BRITAIN'S MOST INCLUSIVE FESTIVAL'

The New Gen Festival July Wednesday 30th July 2025, 2pm to 9.30pm

Main Stage

Battle of the Boroughs

Dance battles in any style for age groups 7-11 and 12-16. 2-4pm on the dance floor in front of the Main Stage

Qualifying rounds and quarter finals on the dance floor, semis and finals on the Main Stage 5-6.30pm. To take part, purchase a Battle of the Boroughs ticket from our ticketing site.



Music Programme

Emerging artists and headliners, cyphers, DJs, TikTokers and competitions + New Gen Alumni. It's all happening from 5-9pm.

Amplify Stage

Open mic, guest artists, and jams in music, spoken word, and more... Hosted by H-Jay and Eve Atkinson: 3-7pm.

The Amplify Stage is a space for bold expression, original voices, and unapologetic art where all creativity is welcome - spoken word, rap, drag, dance, music, and more. We welcome everyone across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum, across race, disability, neurodivergent, and faith backgrounds.

Remember, it's okay to be nervous, that's part of being human. Trying something new? We see you. That's the Amplify Code: creativity, courage, difference, respect, and love.

Drop-in Activities

Manga workshop, gaming tent, and radio studio

Manga/Anime Drawing Workshop, 2-6pm

This is a drop-in workshop with Chie Kutsuwada, author of **100 Tales from the Tokyo Ghost Cafe**. Chie will be sharing tips on drawing faces, characters, and manga strips, exploring what makes manga manga, and helping you to walk away with your own piece of manga art. All abilities welcome! We'll have pencils and paper

available, but feel free to bring your own sketchbook and pens if you prefer.

Game Zone, 2-6pm

Ealing's Youth Social Network brings Pop-up Arcade's gaming tents to New Gen! Get comfy with their gaming chairs and try your hand at fan favourites like Minecraft, FC24, Mario Kart, and more. The Game Zone is a safe and welcoming space for people with additional needs.

DIAXPORA Radio Studio

A space to shine the spotlight on artists, stall holders, and creators for DIAXPORA's New Gen podcast.

Youth Market

Market space for young designers and entrepreneurs. More soon!

Sport Activations: Football & Rugby

Football

Brentford FC Community Sports Trust will be getting the football cones out and bringing along their smoothie bike so you can pedal-power your refreshment!

Rugby

Get ready for an action-packed day as a team of players from Ealing Trailfinders & Trailfinders Women will be at the festival! Come along to meet the players, take part in a fun and interactive skills & games session, and show off your talent for a chance to win some great prizes!

Church BBQ

This is to give you plenty of time to find your umbrellas, raincoats and wellies:

There will be a church BBQ at Lee & Jane's in the afternoon on Saturday 6th September. Please let us know if you are going to come so we can make sure there is enough for everyone.

Comedy Festival Part 1: Now in its 31st year

This is the chance to see some of the UK's top stand up comedians, starting Thursday 24th July

**THURS 24
JULY |**

**OPENING
GALA**

Hosted by **STEPHEN
K AMOS**


**ANDY
PARSONS**


**JUDI
LOVE**


**SAM
CAMPBELL**


**JO
CAULFIELD**


**PAUL
SINHA**


**MARK
WATSON**



**STEPHEN
K AMOS**


Followed by this line-up on Friday 25th


**FRI 25
JULY |**


**TRIPLE
HEADER**

Hosted by **GRACE
CAMPBELL**


**RORY
BREMNER**

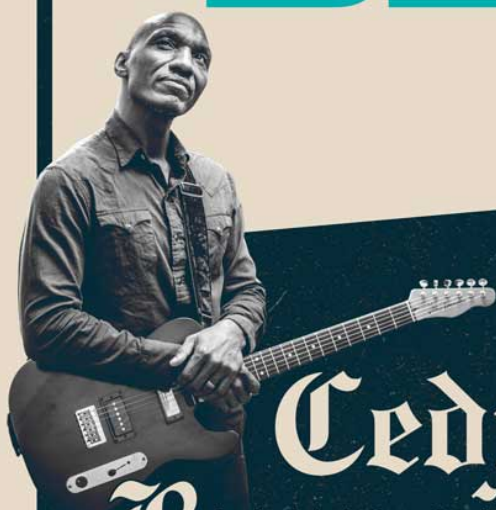

MARK STEEL


ABANDOMAN


**GRACE
CAMPBELL**

EALING BLUES

FESTIVAL 2025



**Cedric
Burnside**



**ELLES
BAILEY**

**ERROL LINTON ★ GRÁINNE DUFFY
SISTER COOKIE ★ PAPA GEORGE BAND**

GEOFF GARBOW BAND W/ TERRY MARSHALL

HARRY COLLIER ★ IAN MCHUGH / ROBERT HOKUM TRIBUTE

BLUEZD from POWERJAM BAND PROJECT

HOST + DJ GAZ MAYALL

JACK BROADBENT

TOBY LEE

JUMP 66 ★ SISTER SUZIE & THE RIGHT BAND

ZOE SCHWARZ BLUE COMMOTION ★ BOB KNIGHT BLUES EXPLOSION

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Some AI thoughts on what you might consider thinking about over the coming months:

As a churchgoer preparing for summer holidays, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on faith and how it shapes every aspect of life, even away from the regular church setting. Traveling and taking a break can be moments of spiritual renewal if approached thoughtfully.

Firstly, consider the importance of maintaining a sense of gratitude. As you leave behind your daily routines and responsibilities, thank God for His blessings—family, health, safety, and the opportunity to experience new places. Recognize that your journey is part of His plan, and trust that He goes with you wherever you go.

Next, think about how you can be a witness of Christ's love during your holiday. Simple acts—kindness to fellow travelers, respectful behavior, or sharing your faith gently—can make a meaningful impact. Your attitude and actions can reflect the light of Christ in unfamiliar settings, inspiring others and demonstrating the universal nature of God's love.

It's also beneficial to plan some spiritual refreshment. Whether that's attending a local church service, reading Scripture, or prayerfully reflecting in nature, these moments can deepen your relationship with God. Many churches host services or events even during summer, so look for opportunities to connect with fellow believers.

Furthermore, use this time to rest and recharge spiritually and physically. Remember that rest is biblical—God Himself rested on the seventh day—and taking time to refresh your soul prepares you to return renewed in faith and purpose. Engage in activities that uplift your spirit, such as worship, meditation, or simply appreciating God's creation in the beauty of your holiday surroundings.

Finally, pray for safe travels, meaningful experiences, and opportunities to share God's love with others. Trust that God's presence accompanies you in every step of your journey. Summer holidays can be more than just a break from routine—they can be a time for spiritual growth, gratitude, and living out your faith in new and inspiring ways.

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Rehema

Rehema has been supporting poor children in Kisumu Kenya for over 25 years.



Rehema is the Swahili word for Mercy.

The Rehema organisation does many things:

- the Rehema Family Church Kajulu which provides both spiritual and psychological support to the children under its care and the Community at Large
- there is also the Rehema School an Early Childhood Development Centre for disadvantaged and orphaned Children
- the organization also provides shelter, education and support to orphans, vulnerable children under our Children Home Care

It was first brought to the attention of Ealing Green Church when Peter Firstbrook, then an Ealing based BBC producer whose wife Paula was a member of Ealing Green Church, went to Kisumu to research Barak Obama's link to that city.

Rehema is a church community with a commitment to look after the poorest including children who are classified as orphans either because their parents have died or because they are not in a position to support them. Life is hard when you are poor in Kenya and Rehema does what it can with whatever resources it has. Any amount given makes a big difference.

In order to look after the children Rehema has a compound, a primary school, a number of dormitories and a small team of staff. Without Rehema the children it supports would be left to survive as

best they can and life in this part of Africa can be hard beyond our understanding.

Schooling in Kenya is provided by the government but there are many costs that have to be met by the children including a compulsory uniform, writing materials and everything else needed at school and food. There is also the problem of getting to and from school when you are tiny. The Rehema primary school currently educates, feeds, clothes, accommodates and looks after 41 pupils who are amongst the poorest.

Where money permits Rehema sponsors the older children in secondary schools and has sponsored older alumni through training at tertiary level. It is all too common in Kenya for children to attend school when money is available and have to stay away when it is not. This can make education a long process for some and for some it is impossible. Rehema uses its resources as best it can.

Over the years Peter and Paula visited the project a number of times and Roy Samo, Rehema's leader, has visited Ealing Green Church twice.

Ealing Green Church has for many years been able to send a regular monthly grant of £150 a month to Rehema based on regular donations from members.



If you would like to know more please contact Martin Sarbicki.

Please give generously

Thank you and God bless you..

August's Collection goes to London's Air Ambulance



Who we are

London's Air Ambulance is the charity that delivers an advanced trauma team to London's most seriously injured patients.

By providing intervention as quickly as possible after injury, we aim to give patients the best chance of survival, and best quality of life, after trauma.

We serve the 10 million people that live work and travel within the M25, treating an average of five patients every day. The most common incidents we attend include road traffic collisions, stabbings and shootings, falls from height and incidents on the rail network.

Since we were founded in 1989, our charity has grown from just a few pioneers to a wide team of operational crew and fundraising staff.

A Patient Story

In April 2023, three-year-old Nancy and her parents, Donna and Steve, had spent five days in London, visiting from South Cumbria for Nancy's regular appointments at Great Ormond Street Hospital for her rare autoinflammatory condition.

But on the final day of their trip, Nancy went to brush her teeth in the hotel bathroom, when any parent's worst nightmare occurred.



"We were cleaning out a flask that had had milk in it," said Steve.

"So I had filled it with boiling water and put it out of the way on the back of the toilet in the bathroom."

"We think Nancy must have thought it was cold water," said Donna.

“As she grabbed it, the heat on the surface of the flask must have shocked her and this caused her to tip it over.

“The boiling water came down on top of her, across her arms and torso. What followed, were the screams.”

Nancy was immediately in significant pain and distress. Donna and Steve worked together to remove Nancy’s clothes and cool her down.

“Removing the clothes was traumatic in itself,” recalled Donna. “With the clothes, off came her skin too, her skin was just falling off her hands, arms, abdomen and torso. But we knew we needed to get them off and try and cool her the best we could.”

Once the clothes were removed, Steve placed Nancy under a cold shower, while Donna rushed to the hotel reception to call 999, as their mobile phones were not connecting. Once the 999 call had been made, Donna returned to the room, bringing with her some clingfilm from the kitchen, to wrap and protect Nancy’s wounds as best they could.

“When I got back to the room, Nancy was on the bed, in absolute hysterics. But we managed to wrap her wounds, and it wasn’t long until paramedics from the London Ambulance Service (LAS) arrived.

“While LAS were on their way, I spoke to the air ambulance paramedic in the control centre,” said Steve. “The clinician asked me questions about Nancy’s injuries and what had happened. Because of how severe the injuries were, he decided to dispatch the London’s Air Ambulance crew too.”



Dr Cosmo Scurr, one of the doctors who attended to Nancy.

Nancy was taken to The Royal London Hospital, where the team there proceeded to fully assess her injuries and start the treatment required. In the evening, she was transferred to Manchester Royal Infirmary, which was closer to home and where Nancy stayed for a further 10 days.

Due to her rare autoinflammatory condition and the fact that Nancy had sustained partial thickness burns, she had to remain in isolation: she wasn't allowed to leave her room.

"We had a usually very active three-year-old, who had just gone through the most traumatic experience of her life, being penned into four walls for 10 days," said Donna. "It was a really hard time for her."

Nancy's wounds had to be inspected, cleaned and redressed, which was incredibly distressing and painful for Nancy. In the end, this had to be done under general anaesthetic to manage the pain.



After these 10 days, the family returned home and were able to self-manage the cleaning of Nancy's wounds. Luckily, they experienced no infections, the wounds healed impeccably and Nancy made a fantastic recovery.

Two years later, Nancy is at primary school and is determined to become a children's nurse when she grows up, with a passion for helping others.

"London's Air Ambulance is an invaluable service. We're very thankful that people are giving donations to air ambulances across the country."



Nancy herself said:

"It's not nice to have to need their help but they helped me with my pain and made me feel happier. If you ever need the help of the London's Air Ambulance team, don't worry and don't be afraid."

Please give generously to these two charities, which are proposed by members of Ealing Green church. Thank you and God bless you.

July

June	Time	Preacher	Prayers	Reader	Set-up	Welcome	Flowers	Coffee
6 th	11:00	Sue		Louise & Edwin	Louise	Joan & Gill	Gill	Jean
13 th	11:00	Keith Stephenson	Helen	Peter & Gordon	Peter	Brian & Joan	Joan	Linda
20 th	11:00	Ajay Singh	Jane	Barbara & Dennis	Jean	Gill	Claire	Linda
27 th	11:00	Glynis Forbes	Glynis	Jane & Edwin	Barbara & Dennis	Brian & Gill	Fleur	Helen

Notes:

6th July Holy Communion: Nora, Fleur, Louise

20th July Circuit Service 1 at Ealing Green

August

June	Time	Preacher	Prayers	Reader	Set-up	Welcome	Flowers	Coffee
3 rd	11:00		Helen	Yvonne & Nyarai	Gordon & Nyarai	Gill & Joan	Linda	Yvonne
10 th	11:00	Services at Hanwell (11:00) and Northolt (11:00). No service at Ealing Green						
17 th	10:30	United service at Kingsdown (1030). Ealing Green closed						
24 th	11:00	Sue	Glynis	Barbara * Peter	Barbara & Dennis	Glynis & Brian	Helen	Linda
31 st	11:00	Steve Day	Colin	Margaret & Antonya	Antonya	Linda & Gill	Gill	TBA

Notes:

3rd August – Local arrangement

24th August – Holy Communion Nora, Fleur, Peter

31st United Service at Ealing Green with Kingsdown

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Ricky Gervais