

## Looking to the future

We would first like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Holy Trinity Richmond for the marvellous

support we have received following the tragic death of Trevor, our Vicar, in October last year.

Since the beginning of the New Year, the Wardens and Church Council have turned their minds to the appointment of a

new Vicar, which is a somewhat complex process involving three key parties:

- The Patron, who historically appointed the Vicar, but now works with the Church Council to identify and shortlist applicants for the role. Our Patron is the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), an Anglican evangelical mission whose aim is "to enable churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ". Rev. John Fisher is our CPAS representative;
- The Bishop, who is responsible for licensing the new Vicar. In

practice the Bishop appoints his representative, in this case our Archdeacon, John Kiddle; and

- The Parish Representatives, being two people chosen by the Church Council to represent the congregation in the appointment process. Mark Lambert and Penny Cox were selected for this role.

These four individuals will form the interview panel.

In addition to choosing the two representatives, the Church Council also confirmed that we will be happy to have either a male or female Vicar and that we will advertise the post.

The appointment timetable is as follows:

- Following a day of prayer on 25 and 26 February, a PCC subgroup carried out final work on the parish profile, including the person specification, which was approved by the Church Council on 19th March;
- The post will be advertised during

April;

- Following shortlisting, interviews are scheduled to take place on 22nd May;
- And subject to a successful appointment, the new Vicar would possibly move into the parish in September and be licensed and start in October.

We would like to ask everyone to keep praying for this process and for all those involved, and thank everyone for their help so far.

**Mark Lambert and David Ewart**



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Easter at HTR

# Welcome to Easter 2018

Please see the back page for the list of events you are welcome to join at HTR this Easter.

After a break in 2017, The Passion Richmond returns to the streets of Richmond on Good Friday, 30 March.

A Passion Play dramatises the events of the last week of Jesus' life, depicting the events that led up to his crucifixion. Many Passion Plays today also include a dramatic portrayal of Jesus' life, including his teachings and miracles, and his resurrection, to show the context in which his death took place. The magnificent Passion Richmond

will proceed through the town centre, down Whittaker Avenue with performances on the upper river terraces between Richmond Bridge and the war memorial square.

In 2016 around 2,500 spectators gathered and many remained afterwards to listen to a gospel message and receive the offer of prayer from cast and crew. If you would like to see the play, walk with others into Richmond after our Morning Service or head straight there. It starts at 12.00.

*Helen West*



## Putting our Hope in Community

*"With God there is always more; He never runs dry or gives up on us and this is what Riverbank conveys to all the lovely families they get the privilege of walking alongside."*  
– Riverbank Volunteer Befriender.

Riverbank Sunday was held in February with two special Services sharing the work of Riverbank Trust, a local Christian charity established at HTR

and supported by other churches in our community.

On the Riverbank Sunday, Riverbank's Director, Ellie Hughes, spoke about the charity's vision and aim – Love. Jesus' unconditional love for us all, the love our Riverbank Family of staff, trustees, volunteers and supporters have for the families we have a privilege to spend time with, and the transformational love that those families experience during their journey along the Riverbank. In a short film, one of our wonderful mums spoke of her growing confidence as a person and as a parent and the friendship she has found: "It almost feels like back-up... it's like a family - that support network

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that are accepting of everything and you go to if you need a vent and a coffee." Riverbank seeks to befriend, love and support families in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames who are

in challenging and vulnerable situations, with a focus on single mums. We work in some local schools, churches and through groups and family events. As part

of our vision to see loving community wrapped around each family in need, we are committed to a Home Office Community Sponsorship programme that enables churches and the local community to directly support and sponsor a newly resettled refugee family from Syria for a minimum of 2 years. If you feel able to help us welcome one refugee family into Richmond, either as a landlord, providing language support or translation services or making a donation - or supporting Riverbank's work in any way, we'd love to hear from you. Find out more at [www.riverbanktrust.org](http://www.riverbanktrust.org) or Email: [contact@riverbanktrust.org](mailto:contact@riverbanktrust.org)

*Karen Block*

## Days ahead



There are some very exciting events from the Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry in May and June, so do put the dates in your diary. The women will be gathering on Saturday, 19 May for a Quiet Day. This event has happened a few times in the last years, and it is always a fantastic opportunity to stop and have a break from our busy schedules. The men of the church will gather on Saturday, 23 June to enjoy a day of teaching, worship, and some fun. Please do keep an eye on our Bulletin and website for more information on both events.

*Joao Paulo Tavares*

## A summery snowflake

*"Was it a snowflake? But it is March!"*  
The cold weather from the past weeks might have caught everyone by surprise. However, if you too are looking forward to spring and summer, we have some exciting events to look forward to. Our Picnic, on Sunday, 10 June, will be a fantastic opportunity to have a relaxed afternoon with some friends, and our BBQ on Sunday, 8 July, will be a chance to grab a burger and enjoy the sunshine. Hopefully the weather will be behaving as it should by then, and we look forward to spending time with the church family.

*Joao Paulo Tavares*





# Adventures in Uganda

For a week in February, six members of HTR had the fantastic opportunity to experience a life-changing trip overseas. Getting up very early on a Wednesday morning (some of them left home at 3am!), they headed to Heathrow and flew to Uganda, more precisely Kampala. In recent years we have developed strong links there through the ministry of Karis Kids and by partnering with St Peter's Church, Wandegaya. The visit was an opportunity to take part with the St Peter's community in a mission week (with talks and worship) and to catch up with many of the families supported by our church members through Karis Kids.

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Michèle Marcus, Anna Edwards, Becky Edwards, Hannah Helm, Karin Boyton, and Georges Kesrouani went deep into the slum of Katanga, and saw the harsh reality that poverty can bring. However, they also had the chance to see the transformation that financial support and especially education can bring to people's lives. When visiting the slum, being aware of the cultural difference is much more than the visible difference which your eyes will see. It is being sensitive about how your host will feel by your presence and the cultural baggage you carry with you when you enter their modest home. We received some wonderful hospitality there, despite the financial challenges people face. It was a very busy week! As well as

visiting families, Becky and particularly Georges spoke at meetings and Services, both in English and with a translator

(according to Karin, Georges went down a storm!), and shared in lively worship with lots of Hallelujahs. During a special day for the kids, they painted big banners for the church, played parachutes, and made clocks out of paper plates as a way of understanding more about spending time at the feet of Jesus.

While in Uganda Georges was acutely aware of two things. The first was that the Spirit of God is moving powerfully in the Church and people are experiencing a deep relationship with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And he also saw the injustice that so many of the parishioners are subjected to. Nevertheless, he deeply believes things are changing! God is on the move and is doing new things.

Even though it is easy to be deeply impacted by the reality of life in Katanga, it can also be easy to leave it all behind when you board a plane and head back to Heathrow. However, this is not what has happened with Georges, and all the others who went to Uganda. The support for Karis Kids grows stronger within the HTR community, and Georges can't wait to go back to Katanga, maybe even



as part of the next Karis trip, which will be for the Summer Camp happening in August. He is strongly encouraging other people to go too.

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The week was also a challenge about what we need to do differently in the developed rich world that will help and resource people in Katanga, and how we live out the gospel differently.

As a result Georges has changed a few things in his lifestyle and is standing even more not only for what he believes is the truth, but for the truth from Jesus, the one who brings wholeness and real transformation.

If you would like to know more about Karis Kids, or about taking part in the Summer Camp this year, please contact the Church Office or Becky Edwards. Your support will be extremely valued and appreciated, but you'll probably also receive so much more than you are able to give.

*Keith Nurse and Georges Kesrouani*



## Dates for your diary!

Please join us at events in the coming months

### Early Morning Prayer - Holy Week

Monday 26 March to Thursday 29 March - 07.30

### Maundy Thursday Communion

Thursday 29 March - 20.00

### Watch & Pray

Thursday 29 March - 21.00 to 07.00 (Friday Morning)

### Good Friday Morning Service

Friday 30 March - 10.00

### Richmond Passion Play

Friday 30 March - 12.00  
Richmond Riverside

### Easter Day All Age Communion

Sunday 1 April - 10.00

### Women's Quiet Morning

Saturday 19 May - 09.00

### Vineyard Lunch

Sunday 27 May - 12.30

### Church Picnic

Sunday 10 June - 12.00

### Men's Day

Saturday 23 June - from 09.00

### BBQ

Sunday 8 July - 12.00

Please see our Weekly Church Bulletin and website for details of prayer meetings, breakfasts, socials and lots of other events.

## Welcome to HTR

Are you new to HTR? We'd love you to join us at any of our events.

Why not come to our Easter Services during this festive season.


Or what about coming along to one of our weekly Sunday or Wednesday Services?


Holy Trinity Richmond is an Anglican parish church, with strong links to the local community.

For more information, please contact us.

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# Thy Kingdom Come

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited parishes across England to join a great wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Thy Kingdom Come is now a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

As it is explained in their website:

*"During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring other to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is*

**"I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit."**

**- Archbishop Justin Welby**

*the stuff of prayer."*

So between 10 and 20 May communities and churches around the world will be gathering to pray that their friends, families and neighbours will come to know Jesus. A huge range

of events will take place across the 11 days, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. The hope is that people will pray individually, in families and together as churches. Watch out for more news about this in the weeks ahead, or head to [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

*Joao Paulo Tavares*

## Verses to live by

Micah, chapter 6, verse 8

*'...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'.*

In this day and age when we appear to want everything that money can and can't buy, it seems we want wealth, fame and power.

It is refreshing to learn that what God

wants from us is so different.

God wants merciful and just people who go about their lives in a humble way.

God enables us to live this way through Jesus, who said:

*'Come to me ... and ... rest',*  
Matthew 11, verse 28

*Ann Henderson*

