



TAKING THE CHURCH TO THE FOOTBALL PITCH

It's been an amazing month for Kick London as we have looked back and celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the charity. On 15 November, with the help of supporters, churches leaders, trustees and staff (past and present), we remembered all the work we have done over the last decade. It was wonderful to hear the stories from all those involved in the ministry and also a great opportunity to look to the future and discuss how we aim to continue to share the good news of Jesus through the medium of sport in the years ahead.

Kick London works with churches who see the powerful potential of sport to reach out to young people for God. The church in the UK faces a huge challenge in this area. 2011 figures showed that 342,000 under 16s attend a Church of England service each week in the UK, compared with the Football Association figures which show that about 3 million under 16s participate in football each week! Other research has highlighted the fact that boys were less likely to 'enjoy' Sunday morning church groups than girls and that the activities on offer do not tend to reflect their leisure interests.

Kick London provides churches with the training, equipment, resources and expertise to set up a football academy and the on-going support of our staff and coaches, enabling them to take 'church' onto the football pitch. Currently we have trained 70 volunteers who work across London coaching and sharing the gospel with young people every week.

If you want to get involved or know more contact **Tom Rutter** on tomrutter@kicklondon.org.uk or visit www.kicklondon.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please join us for our Christmas celebrations this year

Wednesday 11 December - 11.00

Followed by Buffet Lunch. All are welcome. Maybe a Carol or two!

Sunday 15 December - 10.00

Nativity Service - always wonderful!

Wednesday 18 December - 11.00

Holy Trinity School kids will be performing their Christmas Play during the Service

Sunday 22 December - 18.30

Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies. A great chance to meet us all

Christmas Eve - 16.00

Christingle Service - bring the kiddies

Christmas Eve - 23.00

Holy Communion

Christmas Day - 10.00

All Age Holy Communion - bring everyone!

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Go to www.htrichmond.org.uk or follow us on Twitter



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A MESSAGE FROM TREVOR

At Holy Trinity we see ourselves as a 'church with an open door.' That doesn't mean that the building is constantly unlocked! What do we mean? Two things:

We believe firstly that the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the door to true life. When we follow him we enter in to 'life to the full' forever. At Christmas we celebrate the coming of the Creator of the Universe in the person of his son Jesus. The one who loves and made us, by dying for us has opened the way for us to be saved from the mess of our selfish lives; we can be reconciled to Him. The door to God that was firmly shut by human sin has been opened by God himself. The door to home is open to you today through Jesus.

Secondly, God has opened a door of opportunity for the people of God here at Holy Trinity to reach out and bless the local community. We want to fulfil our calling to be an effective part of the Body of Christ in Richmond; to literally be Jesus to those around us. As the Spirit of God lives in us we are called like Jesus in Luke 4, to 'preach good news to the poor...to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Our prayer is that as we live and minister in this place many will enter through Jesus into full life and seize the opportunities God made them for.

WHY NOT TRY IT?

Are you a loner in bedsit land? Is there no-one to understand Your need of a friend, a welcome hand, A coffee shared, a day out planned? Church isn't a stuffy place, you know, It's where people meet, a place to go.

Joan Marlow, HTR



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Sunday Services 10.00 and 18.30

Wednesday Service 11.00

CORNERSTONE

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Welcome to Holy Trinity

Do you worry that nobody ever seems to DO anything about the real problems? That things can't be changed? They've gone too far? Do you worry about our youth growing up without any positive influences? Lonely people? Older people?

We believe things *can* get better and part of our core vision is to make a big difference in our community. Inside this newsletter, our Vicar, Trevor, speaks about our vision, values and actions. Talented people in Richmond, who feel as strongly as we do, may like to have a chat with one of us if something touches your heart.

Holy Trinity Richmond (HTR) is an Anglican parish church in Sheen Park, Richmond with strong local links through our work in Holy Trinity and Christ's Schools; the Queen's Road Hostel (Riverbank Trust); Kick London transforming young people's lives through sport; Street Pastors working closely with the police on the streets of Richmond at night, and offering support to our vulnerable and lonely. Our congregation is active and growing and our services aim to be stimulating, lively and involving for all ages! We want to show you that the teachings of Jesus are as relevant today as ever.

'Serve to lead' is the motto of Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. We are called upon to be both shepherds and sheep. We believe we all have something to offer and expect all to serve (Ephesians 2:10; John 13:15-17)

NEW CHURCH PLANT IN BARNES



We planted a new community at Holy Trinity Church in Barnes in September 2012 and the congregation has grown from 11 to 64 to date; who said Christianity was dead!

The Vicar is our very own previous Associate Vicar, David Cooke. Cookie has lost no time in making his mark in the area and even found himself a beautiful and talented girl, Rachel, who shares his vision, and they tied the knot in September this year - not one to let the grass grow under his feet. We couldn't be happier for them!

If you live closer to Barnes, do join them at 10.00 on Sundays for coffee and croissants. Call 020 8741 7330, email holytrinitychurch@talktalk.net or just show up!

WE NEVER SAY NO TO CAKE!

We're excited to introduce a new weekly, more informal, Service starting on **Sunday 12 January 2014 at 15.30** and led by Mark and his wife Millie. If you find 10.00 on Sundays too early to get going and 18.00 too late, this time may be right for you.



Maybe your children play sport in the morning or you have people to lunch; you used to go to church and are thinking of returning; you've been thinking of taking the first few steps in your faith; you'd like to talk to us about what gifts you have practical and otherwise; you love baking and are putting on too much weight - bring and share with us - we never say no to cake!

Mark and Millie, and their team, are motivated to provide an accessible church community time for those who may struggle to belong to a church at the moment. The plan is for an hour-long service with several short components in which children can interact with each other, and children and adults, including older people, can learn from each other. Please join us - you can expect a warm and friendly welcome.

Love trusts - we trust and raise up leaders. We are accessible to all and seek to build community (Acts 2:42-47)

Contact **Mark and Millie Anderson** via 020 8404 1112

LAUNCHING YOUTH ALPHA AT CHRIST'S SCHOOL

In September 2013 we had the great joy of launching a Christian Union at Christ's School. This has been an extremely exciting development in the youth ministry at Holy Trinity and we now have 15-20 students joining us every Tuesday lunch time. We eat together, play games and discuss life's big questions and how God makes the difference. So if you go to Christ's School and have BIG questions about God/Life/Faith, why not join us for YOUTH ALPHA 2014 starting in the New Year? Interesting discussions promised!

Contact **Erin** at erin.gilmour@live.co.uk

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN SHOPPING: DISCUSS!



We've now been running Alpha courses at HTR for several years. Alpha is a chance to explore the basics of the Christian faith through relaxed discussion and debate over ten weeks. It is open to anyone and each evening begins with supper together. Through Alpha, many people have discovered that being a Christian today is meaningful and real. God still transforms peoples' lives by fulfilling His promise that He will make Himself known to them in a personal way.

Today's world is complex and confusing at best and sometimes it's difficult to make sense of life and how we fit in. Alpha is a great way of exploring these issues with others who feel the same. This Autumn we have seen people find faith for the first time and others rediscover theirs. Strong relationships are formed in the safety of knowing that nothing goes beyond the four walls. One course member said 'Knowing it's all about Him has released me from fear'.

Please get in touch with us if you'd like to join a future course

GLOW AND COLLIDE But not at the same time!

Here at HTR we are a hub of excitement when it comes to our youth and children. We run a kids' club called Glow for children in school years 4-6 every other Friday night during term time, and a youth club called Collide for young people in school years 7-13 every other Saturday night during term time.

See our website for further details or contact **Erin** at erin.gilmour@live.co.uk

GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS



To your enemy ... forgiveness
To your opponent ... tolerance
To a friend ... your heart
To a customer ... service
To all men ... charity
To every child ... a good example
To yourself ... respect

Author unknown



Katy* is 22. She's living temporarily in a hostel with her two children, Adam* who's three and Natalie* who's just six months. They all share one room and share a bathroom with several other people in the hostel.

Her husband has gone to prison and she is unable to both work and look after the children so she's left penniless, vulnerable and despondent; she feels alone and some days the situation is quite overwhelming. She wants her children to have a future and she's trying to give them what they need but she's 22 and she's not really sure what that is right now. Without a role model, or a friend to come alongside her, she's finding it difficult to cope but trying to look as though she has it all under control.

Katy's waiting for somewhere to set up a home with her children and her story isn't unusual even in Richmond. Almost half the local hostel residents are in similar circumstances waiting to be housed, in addition to those in other temporary accommodation in the borough. Riverbank's vision is to come alongside vulnerable families and build a network of support, addressing practical and emotional needs in the context of trusting, caring relationships. We hope the friendship networks that grow will instil hope and a sense of worth in each mum.

* Not real names

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'OLD AGE IS NO PLACE FOR SISSIES' (Bette Davis)

'I am 79 and totally alone ... I am almost blind and struggling to cope ... I feel isolated, anxious and frightened...' Excerpts from letters received by Esther Rantzen, resulting in her launching Silver Line to bring conversation to the silent lives of many elderly people and their carers.

The Government is also highlighting loneliness and care issues amongst the elderly. There are 10 million people over the age of 65 living in Britain. 51% of the over 75s are living alone and, on a typical day, one fifth spend no time with other people. Loneliness is estimated to be as dangerous to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, more life-threatening than obesity and seriously damaging to mental health.*

At HTR, our Pastoral Care Team is headed by Sheena Marx, a counsellor by profession. After our Wednesday morning services, which attract many older folk, there is a Nosh 'n' Natter lunch and on the last Wednesday of the month a full cooked meal. We also provide occasional support when families are away, for example, or when one-off assistance is required after a spell in hospital. We try to cover visits to hospital and homes, telephone chats, lifts to appointments, shopping, meals and contact with relatives. We thank the whole team for their dedication. We also encourage church members to care for one another and others, whatever season of life they're in.

Lunch is also served at church on Christmas Day - last year it was attended by 30 people - and we take our turn, alongside other churches, to provide a hot Sunday lunch as part of the Vineyard Project. In the New Year Sheena will be leading some training in pastoral awareness and care.

If you know of someone living on their own, why not knock on their door? So often people don't confide in their family, to whom 'one doesn't want to be a burden' - a familiar phrase.

Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He. I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you' (Isaiah 46:4)

You can contact **Sheena** via 020 8404 1112

*With thanks to the Daily Telegraph.

SO WHAT DOES OUR WORSHIP PASTOR ACTUALLY DO?



A question often asked! We have recently said our goodbyes to Will Jackson, newly married to Ruth, leaving us after 4½ years. Will is now working part-time at Holy Trinity Barnes and following his musical career. We have been blessed by his time with us and wish them great happiness.

We now warmly welcome Nick Franks, who is joined by his new wife, Mairi, as they settle into life in the area, having arrived from Edinburgh.

Nick leads the Worship Team and also pastors them. With around 30 members, including the band, singers, projectionists and sound team, this is quite an undertaking as his vision is for the team to be holistic, committed, and to eventually fill the stage with singers! New music is also a driving force.

Nick had his first encounter with Jesus when he was about 9 years old at Sunday School and made a definite decision there and then to become a Christian. He went on to work for the NHS as a Clinical Exercise Specialist and then as an Associate Pastor at a church. And now 'here we are', as he says, after getting a call from Trevor.

Nick is bringing new things to us and we look forward to this with excitement and pray for blessings on them both.

... speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:19-20)



VERSES TO LIVE BY

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering (Hebrews 13:1-3)

Philippa Deane

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;

the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;

the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;

the belief in Christmas, which is truth;

the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

Wilda English