

Cornerstone

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Sunday Services - 10.00 and 18.00
Wednesday Service - 11.30

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The day the world changed

We have recently come past the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine. On 24 February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine and the lives of that country were turned upside down. I wonder how much the people of Kyiv, Mariupol, Dnipro and others knew their world was going to change. The war has brought so much heartache and devastation that, even when it does eventually end, the country of Ukraine will feel quite different for some time to come.

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Some of us will remember other world-changing events too. There are a few who will recall the outbreak of World War II, and others who will remember what it was like to live through that time. On a more positive note, some will remember the day humans first walked on the moon. Maybe you were woken up as a child to watch the television broadcast, not really understanding what was happening, but having a sense that the world would never be quite the same again.

For Christians, there is another day when the world changed - Easter Sunday. This was the day that someone went through death and came out the other side. As Jesus burst from the tomb on that first Easter, death was defeated, and the world would never be the same again.

The people of the time had no idea that this particular Sunday would be a world-changing event. Even Jesus' closest friends didn't really expect Him to rise from the dead, despite Jesus trying to help them understand what would happen. Their lives were turned upside down as they realised their friend was alive again, and that meant he was not only their

friend but also their Lord and their God.

Although Easter caught the disciples by surprise, it was no surprise to God. Just like the world-changing moon landing, which needed immense amounts of planning and preparation, God had been planning this day all along. This was the completion of God's plan to provide forgiveness, mercy, healing and hope for a broken world.

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Easter may not catch us by surprise - it's probably been in our diaries for some time - but we might be in danger of missing its world-changing significance. Will you take some time this Easter to consider what it means, and what it means for you? You might just find your world turned upside down as well!

Rev Dan Wells



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Traidcraft - Goodbye and thanks



January saw the sad news that Traidcraft had gone into administration. It was formed in 1979 by Richard Adams, with a mission to change, in his words, “the entire, unjust, global economic system”. It aimed to prove that trading fairly with small scale producers and artisans around the world could work commercially, by buying and selling ethical and fair-trade foods, drinks, household cleaning products, crafts and clothes. With strong links to the church in the UK, Traidcraft imported goods directly from developing countries and sold them to UK consumers, initially through church stalls and markets, and later through shops and its website.

A combination of Covid, the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices and increased transport costs made it impossible for Traidcraft to continue trading. However, it has been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over forty years, championing the cause of trade justice to the point where there are now

better standards and procedures in place to protect the rights and dignity of growers and producers all over the world. It also helped set up the [Fairtrade scheme](#), campaigning to get fairly-traded goods into supermarkets, which now stock a wide range of them.

At HTR, Rosalind Ambrose has been a wonderful advocate for Traidcraft for around 30 years, initially setting up a stall at church occasionally on Sundays, and more recently overseeing a permanent display of items which both church members and Church Centre users buy from. She has played a significant part in raising our awareness of the importance of fair trade and has had a big impact on the purchasing behaviour of many of us, for which we're very grateful.

There's still much to be done to combat trade injustice and poverty, but Traidcraft leaves a hugely positive legacy.



A warm Wednesday welcome



There's lots happening in our Church Centre throughout the week, and on Wednesdays we have a Service followed by lunch. The Service, more traditional in style than our Sunday Services, follows the Common Worship Anglican Liturgy and alternates between Morning Prayer and Communion. While people of all ages come along, we have a committed core of senior folk who

appreciate not only worshipping together but sharing friendship and food.

As with so much of what happens at HTR, we have a team of people who make things happen, through leading Services, reading Bible passages, leading prayers, preaching, cooking meals and washing up. A highlight of our year is Christmas, when we have a special

Service followed by a full cooked Christmas lunch, which in 2022 was enjoyed by around forty people.

We're particularly conscious that for many people, growing older can be a socially isolating experience for a variety of reasons, such as getting older or weaker, no longer being the hub of their family, leaving the workplace, the deaths of spouses and friends, or through disability or illness. According to [Age UK](#), more than two million people in England over the age of 75 live alone, and more than a million older people say they go over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member. Sadly, feeling alone and vulnerable can lead to declining physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. Our Wednesday gatherings therefore provide an ideal opportunity to be part of a welcoming and caring community.

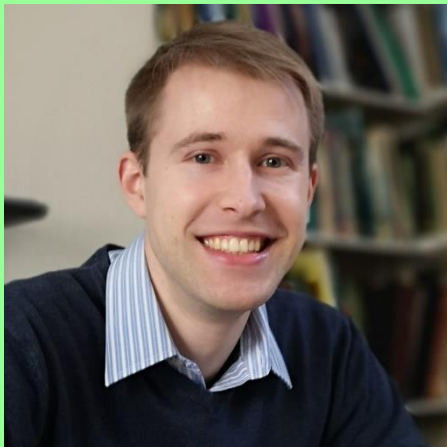
If you, or someone you know, is free on a Wednesday, we'd love you to join us, whether it's just occasionally or more regularly, however young or old you are! The Service starts at 1130, with lunch immediately afterwards.

Caring on our local streets



Street Pastors are volunteers from different churches who care about the safety and wellbeing of their community, and who feel called to show this on their local streets. Working together with local authorities, the local police, local businesses and local bars, pubs and clubs, they provide practical help to vulnerable people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, homeless, disorientated by poor mental health, or who are lost and lonely. They also offer people guidance and signposting to other support services.

Street Pastors have now been operating for twenty years, with a team in Richmond that's out on the streets on some Friday nights. They would love it to be every Friday, but currently the team isn't large enough to allow this. So, it's particularly encouraging that Robert



Wilson is just coming to the end of his training and will be joining the team this spring. Here he explains why:

Since coming regularly to Holy Trinity, I've quickly got into the weekly routine of work with church on Sundays, and maybe a bible study on Wednesdays. HTR's central message of being a Church with an open door has meant for me a place of welcome to all, especially for me as I came to Richmond between lockdowns. But as I settled into this routine I became aware of the other side to this statement. What does my faith look like outside of these doors? How can I do something to shine a bit of light into my community?

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When I was asked by a church member whether I would like to be a Street Pastor, it occurred to me that this would be a great opportunity to get out into the centre of Richmond to meet people and be a helping hand to those who needed me. I live in the centre of town anyway, and often walk through it, but don't do anything to influence it in any way. What if I could be a positive influence, a light to people on an evening, the people I see on the streets who need help?

I decided to start training as a Street Pastor last autumn. The training consists of ten half day courses on various topics such as safeguarding, youth culture and drug & alcohol awareness. One of my favourite sessions was on listening skills, explaining the importance of really listening to someone, not interrupting or imposing your own views, just

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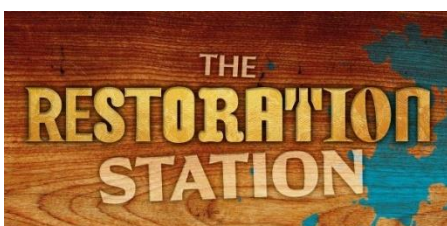
being that gentle listening ear to be able to meet the person where they are at in their life, and from that being able to offer them comfort and help. After all, haven't we been given two ears to listen and only one mouth to speak! Listening to people is so important. Jesus spent a lot of his time on the streets and he was a great listener too. He listened to the shout of the blind beggar by the roadside and the centurion who asked for help.

I am looking forward to going out with the team for the first time, in an observational role. When I qualify, I look forward to meeting people, relieving their anxiety, whatever they are going through, and helping to make Richmond's streets on an evening a much friendlier place.



Currently the other members of HTR who act as either Street Pastors or Prayer Pastors are Diane Bamping, Felicity McCann, Thelma Pritchard and Helen Sadler. If you would like to know more about being a Pastor, please speak to one of them or contact the Richmond Street Pastors coordinator, [Enid Kimmerling](mailto:Enid.Kimmerling@htrichmond.org.uk).

Summer fun - Save the dates!



We're really excited to announce that we're going to be running a Summer Holiday Club, called *The Restoration Station* for primary school-age children every morning from **Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September**, plus a special Service for all ages on the morning of Sunday 3rd September. It's going to be a fabulously fun time of games,

crafts, singing, activities and learning more about Jesus. Exact timings and cost are to be confirmed, though we will try to make it as affordable as possible. Please email holidayclub@htrichmond.org.uk if you'd like to find out more and do put the dates in your diary!

Life-changing links with Uganda



Founded in 2007, [Karis Kids](#) is an initiative between the Church of Uganda and a group of UK churches with the vision of bringing family and a future to vulnerable children and those orphaned by AIDS. Families in the UK partner with families in the slums of Uganda, making monthly donations that pay for things like primary school fees, beds with mosquito nets, extra food and household basics, medical expenses, supporting business ventures, and pastoral help, career guidance and life skills training.

HTR is one of currently six churches involved with Karis, supporting families in the Katanga slum in Kampala, and is linked with St Peter's



Church, Wandegaya. Early this year, Karis celebrated surpassing the £2 million milestone for total money given in the life of the charity. During its 16-year life, it has seen children progress through primary and secondary school, move onto vocational training and university, and into employment. The aim is for each family to reach self-sustainability and be in a positive place economically, physically, and spiritually.



Karin Boyton has helped to support a family since the early days of Karis. This is what it's meant to her - "When I got to meet Nyakakywe Christine (mum of the family our group has supported since the beginning of the scheme) it really felt like meeting an old friend! The letters to and fro meant we had built up a strong rapport. She knew the names of all our group and was so interested in us all. Her family have worked so hard to make the most of every opportunity that the funding gave them. The children have all grown into



educated and hardworking young adults now. Christine has worked hard, saved hard and moved off the slum into an area with far better living conditions. She hopes to purchase land and all the family will pool resources to do this. Every penny we have given has been used for good and I was absolutely thrilled to meet them all on previous trips to Kampala. I have loved the personal nature of this charitable giving - so much so that I have started to support another family!"

If you would like to know more about Karis, then please visit its [website](#), or speak to or contact [Mandie Lambert](#), HTR's Karis coordinator.

Dates for your diary!

You'll find details of our Easter Services and events opposite. Our Easter Reflection on Palm Sunday will be a Service of classical choral music, readings and poems reflecting on the Easter story. Following the success of our community choir last Christmas, the choir will also lead the music for this Service. Our Creative Prayer event on Good Friday will see the church open for anyone to come and engage with a variety of creative prayer stations.

Our Weekly Update email will give full details of events and activities over the coming months, so if you don't yet receive this and would like to, then contact our [Church Office](#). We will also update our [church website](#) regularly, where you can find lots of information about how to be involved with us at HTR.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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Palm Sunday 2nd April
10am All Age Service
6pm Easter Reflection

Maundy Thursday 6th April
7:30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 7th April
10am All Age Service
2pm-7pm Creative Prayer

Easter Sunday 9th April
10am All Age Service
6pm Holy Communion

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Welcome to HTR

Are you new to HTR? We'd love you to join us at any of our events, but especially for our special ones over Easter. Or how about joining us at any of our regular weekly Services on Sunday mornings and evenings, and on Wednesday mornings? We also run a wide range of groups and activities for people of all ages.

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

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