

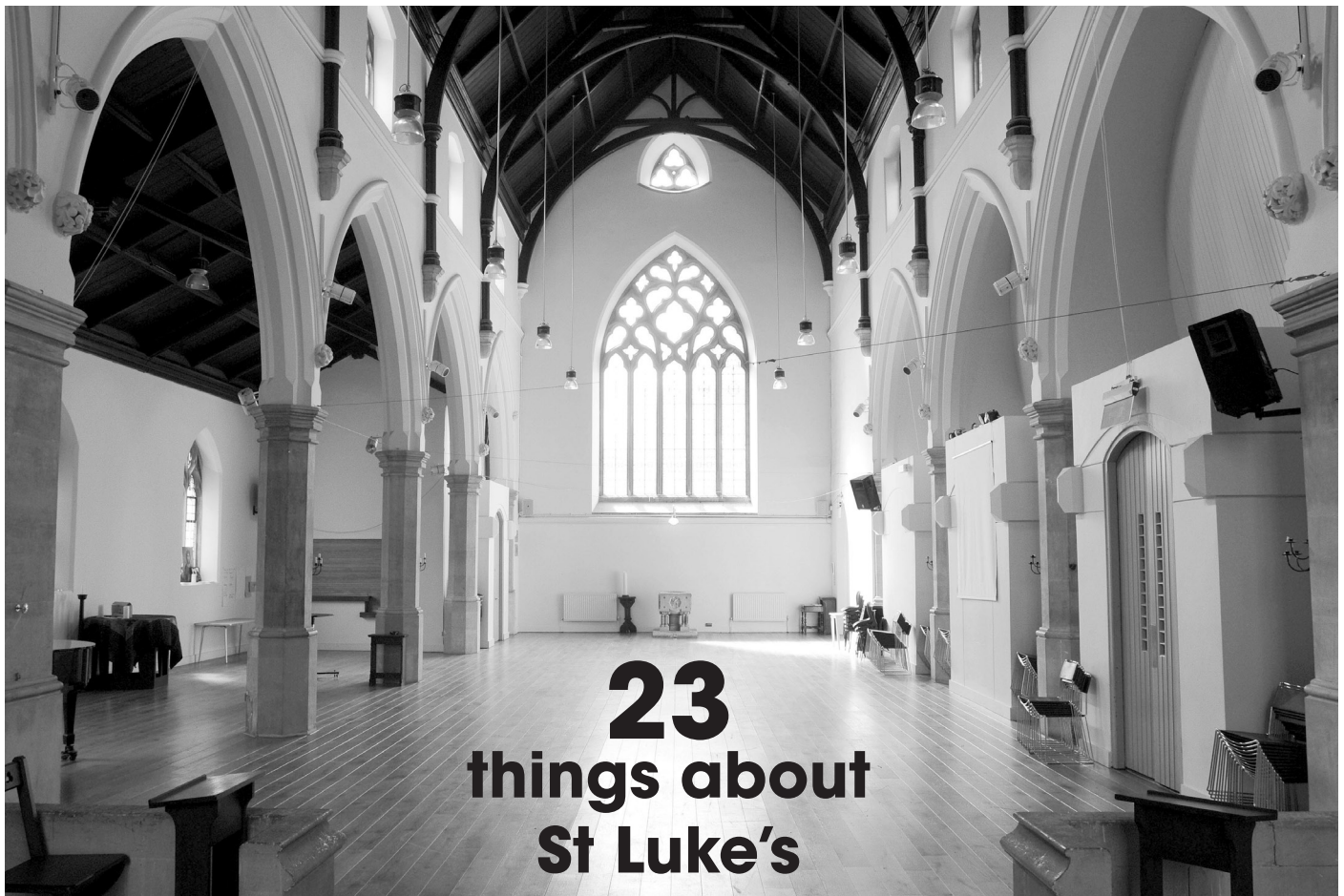
The Unlock London Walk

Walk 31. Saturday 3rd May 2014



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St. Luke's



23 things about St Luke's

- 1 Our vicar is Dave Tomlinson and he lives with his wife Pat in the Vicarage next door to the Church. Pat is Parish Administrator. Dave is a scouser and supports Liverpool FC. He once ran a church in a pub called Holy Joe's.
- 2 We have two services on Sunday morning, and an evening service on the first, second and fourth Sunday (of the month, not the year). At 9.15am there is a short, meditative communion service, with no talk or hymns. At 11am our main worship service includes a crèche and activities for children, features our choir and the eucharist. The service finishes as the smell of freshly brewed coffee drifts across the church and the Traidcraft (fairly traded products) stall opens for business. At 7pm on the first Sunday of the month we have Choral Evensong and at the same time on the second Sunday of the month we host 'Soul Space', exploring spiritual themes in a chill-out room atmosphere, while on the fourth Sunday, again at 7pm there is 'Listen to the Silence', a reflective service of Evening Prayer rooted in the liturgies of the Iona Community with an emphasis on peace, justice and healing.
- 3 As a church we like lots of different styles and approaches to worship – often in the same service. We love the ancient, the modern and the post-modern. So, for instance you might find old liturgies next to a music video, or old hymns next to contemporary reflection. We are Church of England in London in the 21st Century – together we are working out what that means.
- 4 St Luke's was established on the corner of Penn Road and Hillmarton Road in 1860. 2010 was our 150th birthday. Bits of it were bombed in World War II and have been rebuilt. All that time local people have gathered here – we are just the current crop.
- 5 We have a mixed congregation averaging 180 or so (in numbers, not age). In our community we have doctors, office workers, teachers, shop assistants, writers, care workers, artists, people who are retired and people who want to be - and lots of kids.



- 6 We are a church where people who want to get involved can. Members of the congregation lead services, write and say prayers, make coffee, run the Sunday Clubs, manage the sound system, do the gardening, organise the fayres, volunteer for the Winter Night-shelter... and a load of other things.
- 7 There are about 200 people on the Electoral Roll at St Luke's (that's the number of people who sign up to say they've joined). This has doubled over recent years. People on the Electoral Roll get to vote for people to be on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which is the group that works with Dave, Pat, Martin and the Church Wardens to run St Luke's.
- 8 Jimmy Nail once came to our vicarage for a few days to make a film for the big screen about rock music. (Didn't break any box office records.)
- 9 Our church wardens are Susie Holland and Dean Willars, and the PCC is chaired by Susie.
- 10 See 14.
- 11 Some weekdays you can usually find Dave and a few others meeting in the Church for a short service of prayer at 9.30 a.m. It is called the Daily Office and lasts about 20 minutes.
- 12 Robbie Williams once came to our church to record a b-side for one of his singles. (We never got any royalties.)
- 13 Most Tuesdays the Helen O'Grady Children's Drama Academy meets in the church
- 14 There is no fourteen.
- 15 Sam Murphy looks after the gardens at St Luke's, which is one of the reasons we have so many weddings here. Rev Dave marries about 20 couples every year. He also baptises around 30 children a year and conducts around 45 funerals.
- 16 In the first three months of the year, the coldest, the Church is open on Saturday nights to offer homeless people supper, a bed and breakfast. This is part of a project by churches in Islington which host a night-shelter all week round from January to March.
- 17 At the top of North Road (turn left after the tube, coming down Cally Road), you'll find a sixties building called the Gower School – a nursery school for pre-school children. For many years this was St Francis Church Centre, a sister church to St Luke's. Nowadays we rent the premises to the Gower School and use the funds to help St Luke's own initiatives in the parish.
- 18 It costs about £1,000 a week to run St Luke's – we have an annual budget of more than £50,000. This is quite a tall order. The biggest item of expenditure is the 'quota' – the figure we pay the central body of the Church of England. In return we get a vicar and he gets a house, and they also help us with other things, like raising funds to keep the building up. Contrary to popular impression, the Church of England is broke. St Luke's can usually pay its bills because the people who are part of it are generous.
- 19 Not so long ago we re-faced the Tower of St Luke's, which was falling down. It looks lovely now – and you won't get hit on the head by falling masonry as you pass by. It cost more than half a million quid but fortunately we won the lottery. (We have a Lottery Syndicate at St Luke's which, like lots of other lottery players, funds The Lottery Heritage Fund and they gave us 90% of the money for the job.)
- 20 On weekdays you will often find a theatre group rehearsing an upcoming play in the main church space. We like to keep the place busy... and it helps pay the bills. If you're interested in hiring space at St Luke's please get in touch.
- 21 Most Sundays you will notice a handsome thespian playing the keyboards or conducting the choir. Justin Butcher is our musician and choirmaster – as well as a playwright and composer. If you want to get married – or buried – Justin will help you name those tunes.
- 22 Every week the morning service includes 'communion' – where people are invited to come to the altar and share bread and wine and wonder if God is in the house. You don't need special qualifications to participate – it's offered to everyone without exception.
- 23 Rev Dave is the vicar for the whole parish, that's some 12,000 souls. Doesn't matter if you come to St Luke's every week or just once a decade, he's happy to talk to you.

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Caledonian Road Methodist

When "Cally" was last visited by the "walkers" in 1989 a fact sheet was produced of which a few copies still exist. If you would like to see one, ask one of the members present when you visit and they'll be glad to help you (we've laminated a few so that they can be handled without damage).

Much water has flowed under the bridge since then; as the hymn puts it, "time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away". But our memories, especially of folk who have gone to their final resting place, often hark back to them and give thanks for those who have continued to serve this chapel and area in their own generation – though never to their complete satisfaction.

It is so easy to look back and bewail what has ceased in the last twenty-four years; but how much better to give thanks for the positive things and to praise a God who remains faithful and supportive (and also correcting) as people of today seek to know and to do His will.

Looking back to the previous "fact sheet" we see that even then the congregations were smaller than we would have liked – but the fellowship was, and remains, a warm, concerned one. The area around the church continues to change – where previously it was described as "light industrial" - such industries as then remained have dwindled (though there are still some in nearby streets) and many of the buildings have been converted into housing or even replaced by more modern structures, especially catering for the large number of students living in the vicinity who attend the nearby London Metropolitan University or the not-far-away University College. We are always pleased to welcome these young people during their stay in the area and in recent years they have come not only from various parts of the United Kingdom but also from "the four corners" of the world – Malaysia, Korea, Nigeria and the United States of America, to name but a few, and we try to keep in touch with them on their return home, usually now via the Internet.

Sadly, although there are one or two children of our congregation that attend, we no longer have a Sunday School or young people's organisations such as the Campaigners that flourished here for over fifty years before demands of evening clubs at schools/academies saw them having to attend such clubs as a condition of acceptance into their educational establishments. But history tells us that such provision tends to be transient and when grants are not available from central or local government, once again the "voluntary sector" – especially the churches are expected to step in and fill the gap.



Our congregation remains fairly small – sometimes reaching the dizzy heights of thirty or so on a Sunday morning - but we have tried to continue our evening times of worship, the only church to do so in the area, where a faithful few are equally faithfully served by mainly the Circuit ministers and occasionally Local Preachers.

But what, with our small numbers, we cannot do we remain positive in our desire to encourage those that do have the staff and resources to do. One result, in the last three years, has been the use of our schoolroom for a Cold Weather Shelter organised and run by the local charity Pillion - seeking to keep homeless young and not-so-young off the streets during the bitter weather of winter and to give them help and training in how to cope and look after themselves when eventually finding somewhere to live. Whilst on our premises they receive warm, nourishing meals, have opportunity to wash and even have their clothes washed or replaced and are encouraged to learn to cope with the chores that many of us take for granted.

We, and Pillion, are grateful for the support received for this venture not only from members of the church and not only in gifts of money and food. It is a real caring work and although small by comparison with the increasing number of homeless people on our streets it has seen several hundred helped in this way during the three years.

We also try to maintain our care for those living locally in sheltered accommodation with visits particularly at Christmas and Easter time.

Our congregation hails mainly from Ghana but also from parts of the Caribbean and the Far East together with a small but active number of members born and raised locally.

Extract from Metropolitan archives

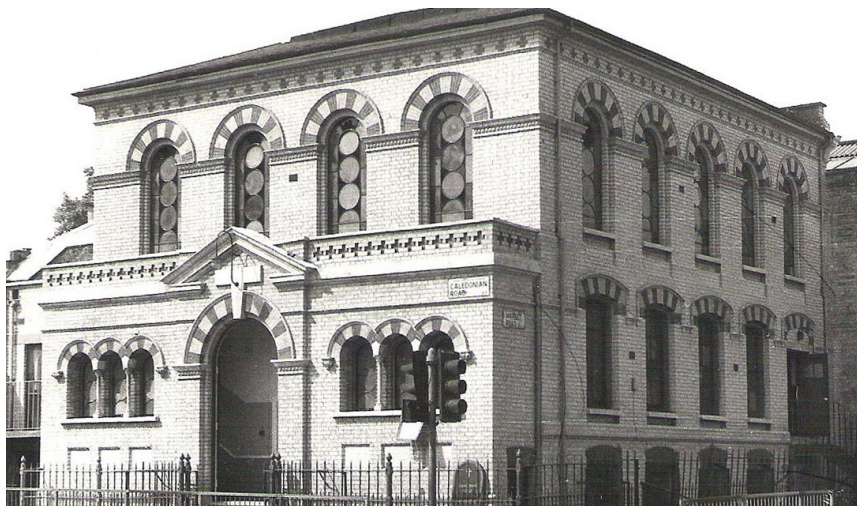
In 1860 the Primitive Methodists rented a hall in Market Street for worship, having previously organised Camp Meetings in Tall Trees Meadow, at the top of Caledonian Road. The congregation moved twice before building a chapel by the South gate of the market on the corner of Caledonian Road and Market Road, opened in 1870.

As with other chapels of the time Caledonian Road was created with a schoolroom in the lower part of the premises, the church services being held in the upper part of the building and its gallery. At some point (possibly 1892) a small classroom was added to the south side of the chapel to house the infant department of the Sunday School.

One of the principal Primitive Methodist churches in London, Caledonian Road hosted the Conference of 1873. Several of its ministers held high office in the Connexion, including President of the Conference.

Well into the 20th century Caledonian Road was a thriving place. Daughter churches were set up over a wide area and the Primitive Methodist Circuit over which Caledonian Road presided covered an area stretching down to Westminster and out to the newly developing suburbs in Hounslow.

In 1976 the local Social Services team leased part of the building, necessitating internal alterations. The ground floor pews were removed, rostrum and pulpit were removed to create a multipurpose space and part of the chapel converted to provide kitchen, vestry and new toilets. Today 'Cally' continues as the only surviving Victorian Methodist chapel in the Borough of Islington.



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All Saints Church (Anglican)
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All Saints

The original All Saints building was opened in 1838 and for a time was known as All Saints Battlebridge or Battle Bridge. Its location on the corner of All Saints Street and Caledonian Road was redeveloped in 1977 and the congregation moved in to the present site which was the church hall. The current congregation averages 20-30 people, and meets at 10.30am for our weekly Sunday service. There is a real mix of people in the congregation, and the emphasis at All Saints is to nurture a genuinely local church family.

All Saints is one of three Anglican churches in the Barnsbury Parish; the other two being St Andrew's and Church on the Corner. The four clergy in the parish operate in a team ministry, but each vicar is assigned to a particular church; Team Rector, Revd Michael Learmouth and Revd Jess Swift at St Andrew's, Revd Mark Fletcher at Church on the Corner, and Revd Ted Fell at All Saints.

Each church has its own unique ministry, and All Saints has a particular focus on ministering to those on the margins of society. Each week, on a Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 12 Noon, we host a free breakfast which is focused on the homeless and marginalised. On the Tuesday, we host a buffet breakfast followed by a discussion around a passage of the Bible; there are usually 10-20 people who attend. On Thursdays, we host a cooked breakfast (without a Bible Study), where we serve around 50-80 breakfasts each week. We work with two other agencies at this breakfast where we seek to offer people practical help with benefits, housing, form filling etc; Pillion Trust are a locally based agency, and Barka work with Eastern Europeans. All Saints also hosts Night Shelter each year for one night a week during the months of January to March.

In any given week, All Saints is heavily used by different groups. A toddler group, Rainbows, meets here three mornings a week, AA meets here two evenings a week, Brownies and Guides meet here on Tuesday evening, and a Congolese Church uses the building several times in the week. As well as irregular bookings, there are other groups who also use the building on a more regular basis.



Barnsbury Parish also employs a children's worker, Steve Mawhinney, and a youth worker, Rach Anderson. All Saints and St Andrew's hold their own activities, but much of the children's and youth work takes place on a parish-wide basis. This includes a children's holiday club, and involvement in Soul in the City, both held on a local housing estate.

One very interesting, recent development is that we are thinking of redeveloping the All Saints site. This is in the early stages, but the hope is that we will have a new church building with flats being built above it by a property developer. If all comes to fruition, the current congregation would move into another local building whilst the new All Saints is built, before moving back again when the new building is completed.

Prayer Points.

1. Praise God for the way He has blessed and used the All Saints congregation over many years.
2. Please pray for God to guide and lead us as we move forward with the All Saints redevelopment.
3. Please pray that God would guide us as to the ministry we should have in the coming years. The potential relocation and redevelopment gives us a genuine clean slate to seek God as to what He would have us do for Him.

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St. Mark's, Regent's Park

Location and community

St. Mark's serves a wide range of people from many different backgrounds. The community in which it is set you could describe as largely professional with a growing number of young families in the area. The church is located in an attractive part of London with a large amount of green space offered by Regent's Park on its south side, Primrose Hill on its west side and its own Church garden which is a peaceful oasis adjacent to the Regent's canal. Those who come to worship can therefore enjoy a sense of the countryside in London which is remarkable as St. Mark's is but walking distance from the hustle and bustle of Camden Town.

History and features of note

In 1848 the fifth new district of the parish of St. Pancras was created (now the parish of St. Mark's). By this time the population of this district had increased rapidly to such a degree that the then Vicar of St. Pancras, Dr Thomas Dale, was anxious to ensure that a church was built in the area and accordingly a church was built by Thomas Little, architect, in the imitation Gothic style popular at the time. Two years after the laying of the foundation stone the church was finally completed and the Bishop of London consecrated the nave and the aisles. The first Vicar, William Galloway, was appointed in 1868. Life continued at St. Mark's under a succession of Vicars some of whom oversaw the turbulent period of the First War. We would have had to this day the church in its original state but in September 1940 the bombs dropped on St. Mark's at the height of the Battle of Britain. A high explosive bomb fell in the chancel 'and the ruin was complete'. From 1943 to 1957 a 'hut chapel' was used and in 1957 a newly-built church modelled on the old had arisen from the ashes, and, packed to

capacity, the new church was consecrated. Once again, all might have remained, but in November 1994 St. Mark's suffered an arson attack though this time there was no serious structural damage. In October 1995 the newly restored church was celebrated in a splendid Sung Eucharist. It is into this building you will walk today. When you look around you will see the work of Ninian Comper who designed the magnificent reredos above the High Altar and many of the stained glass windows.

Worship

A traditional form of moderately High Anglican worship is offered to the community by St. Mark's in its liturgy and music. There are Sunday services which include a children's service once a month and inclusion of the Sunday School pupils twice a month before and after their school session. There are also evening services twice a week.

Outreach

During the last couple of years St. Mark's has been making a transit from being a Sunday church to a church open to visitors during the week whenever possible. By this means and by encouraging community events/activities within the church it is hoped to encourage people to join in the worshipping life. This is in keeping with the Capital Vision 2020 for the church which calls for compassion (keeping the door open), creativity (activities) and confidence by presenting St. Mark's as a place of welcome and sustenance and community resource. To facilitate this strengthening of the worshipping community much time and energy is being spent on maximising the potential of areas within the church and the garden in which it is situated. We ask walkers to pray that this maximising of potential will bear fruit in a beautiful and welcoming environment open to all who seek God.



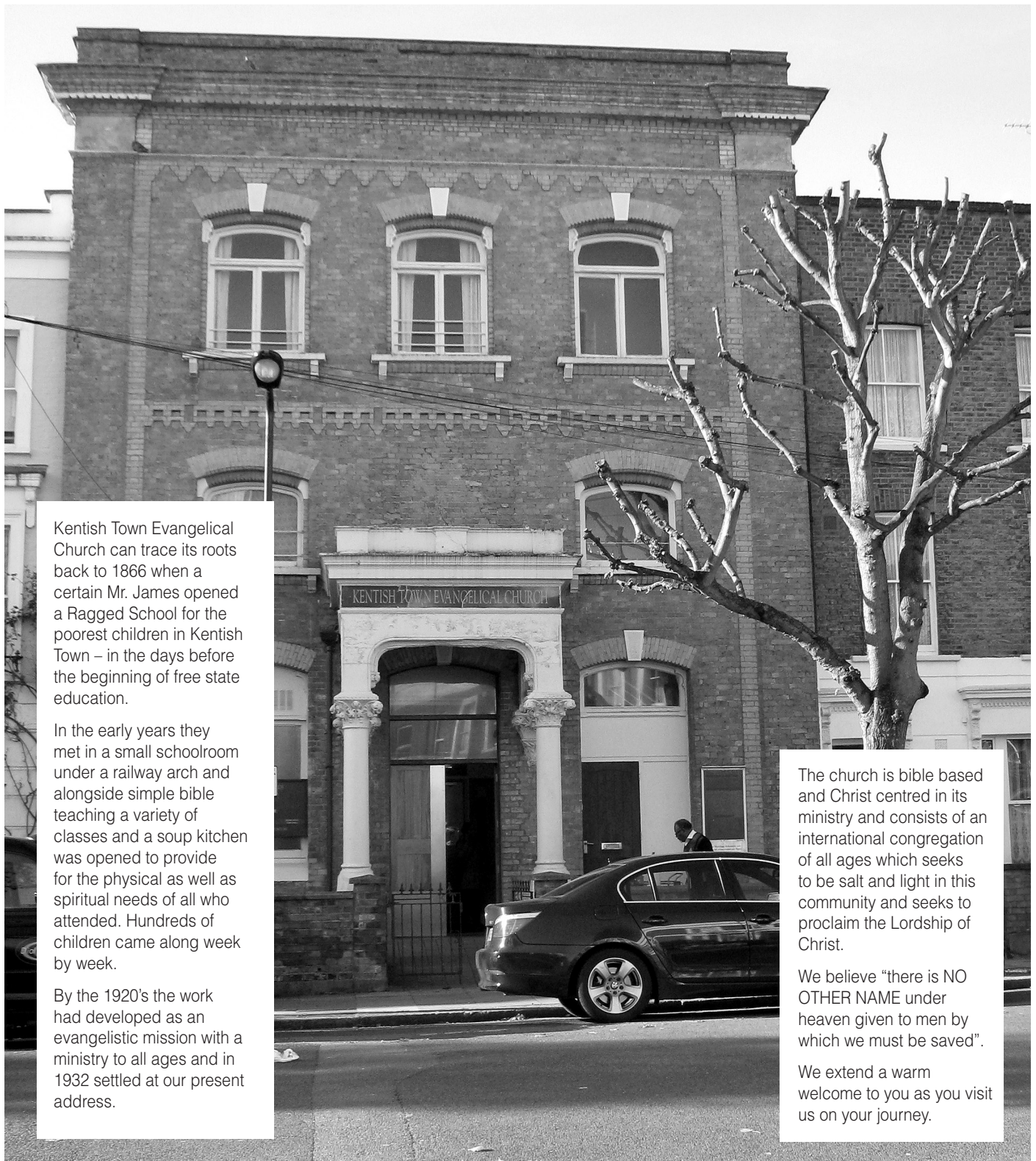
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Kentish Town Evangelical



Kentish Town Evangelical Church can trace its roots back to 1866 when a certain Mr. James opened a Ragged School for the poorest children in Kentish Town – in the days before the beginning of free state education.

In the early years they met in a small schoolroom under a railway arch and alongside simple bible teaching a variety of classes and a soup kitchen was opened to provide for the physical as well as spiritual needs of all who attended. Hundreds of children came along week by week.

By the 1920's the work had developed as an evangelistic mission with a ministry to all ages and in 1932 settled at our present address.

The church is bible based and Christ centred in its ministry and consists of an international congregation of all ages which seeks to be salt and light in this community and seeks to proclaim the Lordship of Christ.

We believe "there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given to men by which we must be saved".

We extend a warm welcome to you as you visit us on your journey.

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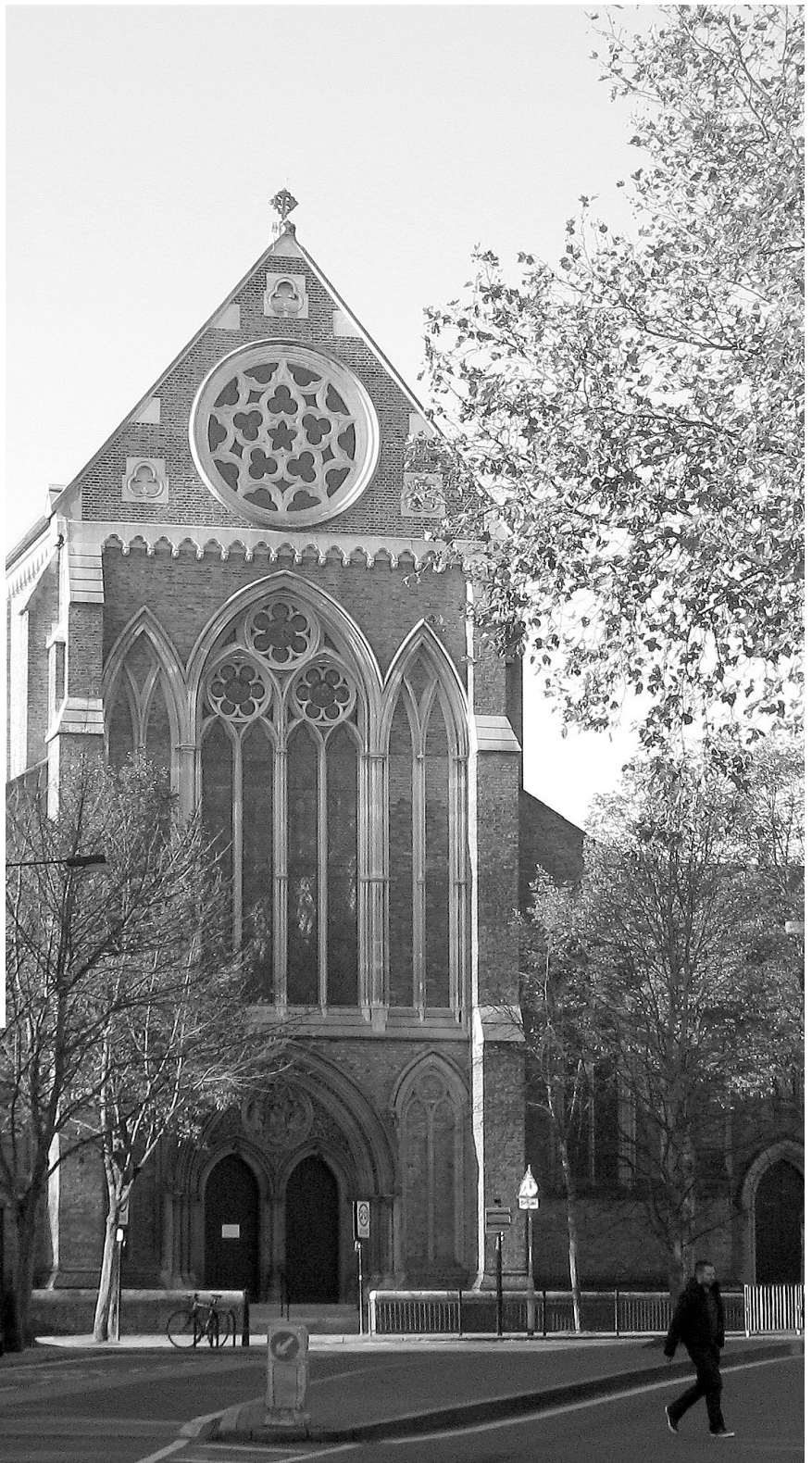


The Priory and Parish of Our Lady of
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The Priory and Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Dominic

Situated between Hampstead and Camden, just a 10 minute walk from Primrose Hill and Hampstead Heath, St Dominic's Priory serves a stretch of North West London which includes Gospel Oak, South End Green, Belsize Park, parts of Primrose Hill and Chalk Farm. The Dominican Friars came to the area in 1861 and are still here today with a community of Friars in the Priory, a community of Dominican Sisters nearby in Constantine Road and a group of Lay Dominicans who meet each month at the Priory.

St Dominic's Priory was opened in 1867 and our Priory Church dates from 1883. The Priory Church is one of the largest Catholic Churches in London, with a design based on the structure of the Rosary Prayer. During the week, both morning and evening, Dominican friars, sisters and lay people sing the office together. Both friars and sisters serve what is a lively and welcoming parish community, with a weekend attendance of about 900 men women and children. Friars and sisters are also engaged in a wide range of apostolates including hospital, university and school chaplaincy, adult education and third level teaching of theology, scripture and philosophy, publishing, post-graduate study, and preaching the Word of God. It is also the residence of the Provincial of the Dominican friars in England and Scotland. At the Priory, we work together to make our Church and Priory a place where the praises of God are sung daily, the sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the needs of the Church and the world, a place where friends and strangers are welcomed, where people return to the Church and above all, where God's mercy is preached and lived both in and out of season.



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Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church

Visiting Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church: Who are we?

Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, founded in 1896 by a group of German Lutheran immigrants, is the "mother" congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE). The six young founders, bakers in their early twenties, were men of initiative: Each pledged 20% of their wages to call and support a pastor (This is how vicars are named in our tradition).

The present church building was erected and dedicated as a place of worship in 1938 under the present name: Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, thus symbolising the kind of church it wanted to be: a community of Christians proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as rediscovered by Martin Luther in the language of William Tyndale. To this day the five 'solae' of the Lutheran Reformation (Sola Scriptura – only by Scriptures, Sola Fide – only by faith, Sola Gratia – only by grace, Solus Christus – only by Christ, Soli Deo Gloria – all glory to God) shape our preaching, teaching and way of life. Our motto is 'Growing together to share Christ'.

In 1966 a new hall and meeting rooms were built and dedicated. In 2004 the gift of a house at 15 Leighton Crescent providing affordable accommodation for young Lutherans students thus bringing many young faces to the congregation.

The premises are not only used by the congregation for our own events and ELCE events but they are also currently used by a nursery school, a dancing school, a performing arts school and two other churches who do not have their own premises. Throughout the years, it has become the temporary and permanent church home for locals as well as for many Christians from abroad. It serves the local community of Kentish Town and also the international Lutheran community in London - we have members from Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Philippines, South Africa, USA and Zimbabwe.

Thanks to God in the last few years Luther-Tyndale has supported social and missionary projects in Brazil, Portugal, Zimbabwe and the Philippines, despite being a small congregation.

The challenges facing the congregation:

Pray for our reaching out efforts to the local community to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope and comfort to all in need.



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Hilldrop/Camden Road Baptist Church

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Hilldrop/Camden Road Baptist

The great double-towered building on the corner of Camden and Hilldrop Roads was our church until 1987 – we had to sell on lease to charity when repair costs were beyond our finances. We now occupy our small building behind the church in Hilldrop Road, easily recognisable with the same Kentish ragstone structure. Building on the brow of a broad hill, over which Queen Boadicea is said to have travelled when fighting the Romans who had a camp nearby, Camden Road Baptist Chapel was opened on 3rd October, 1854 and was capable of seating 700. Later galleries added 500 seats.

It was the first church of the denomination to be built after Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church (Shaftesbury Avenue) and saved the increasing population of the suburbs from the journey into London. Townhouses were being built locally, yet it was still rural, cattle being heard as they grazed on Highgate Hill, and mown grass on nearby meadows fragranced the air. The congregation grew rapidly and Chapel became Church in 1857 and called their first Pastor, Rev. Francis Tucker, who served 27 years until his death. Between 1875 and 1950 22 members went to mission fields across the world.

Today our pastor for 20 years left in July and our congregation averaging 25 a week (far more Members live far away) cannot afford another yet. Most of us are retired. There are less than 10 children, occasionally, and so Sunday School happens when they are there. Most of our congregation now are African and Caribbean – without whom our church would have closed more than 20 years ago. Although there have been outreaches over the year, and there were thriving Girls and Boys Brigades, then Crusaders, with conversions to Christ, with the high cost of housing locally, the young have moved out. We are surrounded by Council estates and a few remaining town-houses, and in Hilldrop Road alone over 7,000 people live, largely inaccessible due to entryphones for security. Holloway Prison for women is down the road – this is accessed by some of our ladies yearly for Women's World Day of Prayer. Many people enter our church in the week: WeightWatchers, a

local school's Gospel Choir practise, and their concerts have 120+ people attend. Our posters and literature are always in evidence, also the Good News newspaper, so we hope the Word filters through. Our pastor used to hold a surgery during these sessions, and was much occupied. We have a weekly



daytime Bible Study and Prayer. Younger members work shifts, and evenings never attracted locals.

Other users of premises are separate denominations who meet for prayer, and Sunday afternoon Services, and a Caribbean group meets for a meal and social activities each Friday. All these users enable us to pay our bills.

We are part of the Upper Holloway Fellowship of Churches and participate in open air witness at Easter, Carol Singing in local Hospital wards on Christmas Eve, monthly Prayer Meeting, and weekly Drop-in for homeless/vulnerable people where some 80 are fed, clothed and counselled. Various of us individuals are involved in community activities and try to be a witness there.

Praise: we are holding together as a congregation.

Pray for breakthrough in our area, income to pay a pastor; more of our members to attend prayers, and help practically.