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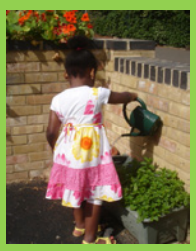
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WELCOME

Angela Emmott
Editor



Welcome to our Christmas 2016 edition of Spire.

As the Christmas story unfolds once again, we are reminded, by Bernhard our vicar, that Mary, the Mother of the Christ Child, a mere teenager, has become one of the most significant female figures of all time.

Women's roles have risen and fallen in stature through the long road of history. Racial and religious tensions; political and economic forces have created barriers and discrimination that many are now working to erase. In the 21st Century we have so many examples of 'significant women', including in art and sport, not least of these being our own Queen Elizabeth and British Prime Minister, and in the Church of England there are now 10 Women Bishops. May we introduce you to some prominent figures in our locality?

Trott Lavelle, our Lay Reader, tells us a little of her childhood and the path to becoming an essential member of the St Stephen's clergy team. We meet Ruth Martin, the most senior Lay person (like Trott, non-ordained) in the Southwark Diocese; also a Reader... but what is her connection to St Stephen's?

Then there is Linda Inness, whose tireless work to add fun to the leisure time of local residents has been acknowledged with a substantial financial reward to the Out and About Club that she founded. We talk to our local MP, Helen Hayes, who is determined to make a difference in improving the everyday life chances of those in her Constituency and beyond.

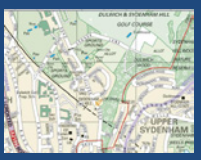
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We also have a reminder of the traditional Christmas Customs of many people in this country and an insight into how a Polish Christmas might be celebrated. So we wish you, one and all, a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas, however and wherever you celebrate it and hope to see some of you at St Stephen's services!

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Learning from my female boss!

by Revd Canon Bernhard Schünemann



Christmas is a good time for the church to reflect on the role of women in the leadership of the world. At the key moment in human history, as far as our Christian faith is concerned: a teenage girl seemingly all alone in the world made the only decision that mattered. Mary's decision to bring Jesus into the world changed the history of the world for ever. It is very ironic that during the 2000 years of history following on from this, both inside and outside of the church, the role of women in leadership has been curtailed and edited out of history ever since.

Happily and much belatedly in the Church of England this now been corrected.

Thirty years ago, when I was ordained, the then Bishop of Liverpool, David Shepherd, put me as curate into a parish that had a woman as a Vicar. I thus became the first curate in the Church of England to a woman Vicar. Only of course in those days women could not yet be ordained, so it turned out my Vicar was a lay person, she was in fact the most remarkable Church Army sister, Sister Norma. The parish was a socially highly problematic area, with almost all men unemployed. Of the previous two Vicars one had had a nervous breakdown and the other had taken to the bottle. The church with the vicarage next door was a wooden hut that was frequently attacked by stone hurling children and it had been set on fire in the past.

Sister Norma, who had previously run a refugee camp in Somalia on behalf of the Church Army, made a wonderful success of the parish of St Mark's. She did it by getting stuck in with what would now be called community development: re-opening one of the many boarded up shops as a community hub for exchanging second hand goods, getting working parties going to improve the church and general estate environments, encouraging children's charities to operate out of the church buildings, and she had numerous ideas how to get local networks going to improve and change things. Sister Norma, in fact, anticipated 'Community Organising' as it is now known, written-up and practiced in many disadvantaged communities. Obama was involved in such a project in Chicago before he became US president.

Having a woman as a boss was very formative for me personally and I am glad that women are now reaching leadership positions in increasingly greater numbers, not only is it more just that way, but also because the quality of leadership is significantly widened and improved by fishing for leaders in a pool that is suddenly twice the size.

On behalf of St Stephen's Church I would like to wish all who live in our parish of South Dulwich a peaceful and blissful Christmas!



A POLISH CHRISTMAS

by Christine Murrell

Nine places were set at the table for Kolacja Wigilijna (Christmas Eve meal) but there were only eight in the family. An extra place is always set for an unexpected guest, because Polish people welcome everyone at Christmas as they say that no-one should be alone or hungry.

I learnt all about how Christmas is celebrated in Poland from my Polish friend Beata, who lives and works in London, In Poland, Advent is the beginning of the Christmas season. It's a time when people try to be peaceful and remember the real reason for Christmas. There is the tradition of the raraty which are special masses held at dawn dedicated to Mary for receiving the good news from the angel Gabriel.

In churches all over Poland there is a tradition dating back to the Middle Ages of displaying Szopka, which are a cross between a nativity scene, a gingerbread house and a dollshouse.

During Advent people prepare their houses for Christmas by doing lots of cleaning and washing everything very thoroughly. But the real Polish Christmas begins on Christmas Eve, which is more important than Christmas Day. The tree is decorated, often with a star on the top and gingerbreads, lights and bomki which are hand-made baubles and glass ornaments. The tree will stay up until Epiphany on 6th January and sometimes it stays up until 2nd February, which is Candlemas Day. So although the tree comes into the Polish home later than in England it also stays much longer and Christmas parties and pageants are held all through January, so everyone does get to enjoy their choinka (tree) – only it happens after Christmas rather than before.



Folk artists bring their entries to a competition to carve the most beautiful nativity scene in the market square in the old town of Krakow, Poland.

Wigilia (Christmas Eve) was traditionally a day of fasting and even now, meat is not normally allowed to be eaten. It comes from the Latin word "vigilare" which means to wait. The main Christmas meal is eaten in the evening. It's traditional that no food is eaten until the first star is seen in the sky so children are on the look out to spot that first star!



On the table there are 12 dishes – to give you good luck for the next 12 months and to symbolize Jesus' 12 disciples. At the beginning of the meal, a large wafer biscuit called an Oplatek which has a picture of Mary, Joseph and Jesus on it is passed around the table and everyone breaks a piece off to eat. One of the most important dishes is barszcz (beetroot soup) and it's obligatory to have it. The soup is eaten with uszka (little dumplings) or krokiety (pancakes with mushrooms and/or cabbage, in breadcrumbs, fried in oil or butter). Carp or herrings are the main dish of the meal and the scales of carp are said to bring luck and fortune.

To drink there is kompo z suszu which is made by boiling dried fruits and fresh apples. The most popular deserts are makowiec, a poppy seed roll, kutia, mixed dried fruits and nuts and piernik, a moist honey cake.

You can't open the presents, brought by Swiety Mikolaj (St Nicholas) until the meal is finished and carols have been sung. Christmas Eve finishes by everyone going to church for midnight mass.

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... on listening, helping and life as a Lay Reader

by Katie Preusser



Trot Lavelle is a central part of life at St Stephen's Church in Dulwich and as Reader performs a wide range of roles from preaching to blessing new babies. It's a stark contrast to when she was growing up in rural Shropshire in the 1950s when women and girls were seen but rarely heard in the Church. The only church role Trot could take on was behind the scenes.

"Women didn't even play the organ. I would pump the organ sometimes because doing that you couldn't be seen," she recalls.

"We only ever had a male priest, male church wardens, lay readers. All plaques round the walls would always be for men."

Fast-forward to the present day and women have been priests in the Church of England for more than 20 years. More recently, rules were changed in 2014 to allow women bishops – albeit following decades of disagreement. Overall, women make up more than a quarter of the Church of England's ministry. In the lay ministry that Trot belongs to as a Reader, the split is around 50-50.

She contrasts that with the 1950s. "In my childhood one never even thought about the fact that women could have a role in the Church. Whereas women ran things that were very much part of church life like the Women's Institute and the Mothers' Union," she says.

Now 70 and living in Camberwell, Trot has been back to her old Shropshire church to preach, rekindling happy memories of a childhood centred around Christianity.

Born on St George's Day in 1946 as the youngest of four sisters, she was Christened Georgina. But it's a name Trot has rarely used, having acquired her unusual nickname as a new-born.

"One of the things I think is very important in life is to be aware and be receptive and responsive."

"There was a book called Trottie True, given to my mother to read in the nursing home. My father thought it wasn't a suitable book for children so when my sister was pointing at it saying that's Trottie True, he pointed to me and said: 'No, that's Trottie True.'" His diversionary tactic worked and the name stuck.

The family started and ended every day with prayers. Trot's father, a retired soldier, was a church warden and her mother was diocesan president of the Mothers' Union.

After school, Trot took a secretarial course, worked for a coroner and then aged 20 moved to London, taking a job for the Oxford University Press music department. In London she met her husband John. The family started going to St Stephen's church in the 1980s and it was there that the vicar suggested she consider ordination or Reader Ministry.

The timing seemed right. John was retiring and their three children had grown up and left home.

"It was something that had always been niggling and then it all fell into place," Trot says.

"I believe passionately God puts you where He wants you to be."

A long road followed with three years of training, including written work, weekly tutorials and pastoral groups.

"Having not been to university it was very disciplined work but it was hugely enriching," Trot says.

Her husband's support was key, particularly when she would return late at night from training at Southwark Cathedral every Thursday.

"John cooked supper every Thursday night. Now he cooks Sunday lunch every Sunday," she says.

Trot, who is also licensed to conduct funerals, says her Church role comes with privileges and challenges.

"Sometimes you feel inadequate and some of the challenges can be quite humbling," she says.

But it is also a role that has helped her understand how best to help others.



An Interview with Helen Hayes MP

by Angela Emmott



Helen has lived in this constituency since 2002, previously spending 6 years as a resident in Brixton. She says "Spire comes through my letterbox too, as I live in the Parish of St Stephen's!"

After becoming a Southwark Councillor in 2010 for College Ward, she learnt of the proposed retirement of our long time MP, Tessa Jowell. Helen felt strongly that her voice in Parliament would enable her to take forward issues, already brought to her as a local Councillor. So, in May 2015 she stood for and won, her seat as Labour Member of Parliament for Dulwich and West Norwood. Helen states this role is a huge privilege, yes it is busy, yes work days can be long, and yes as well as her Parliamentary duties she holds surgeries four times a month in different areas of the constituency to listen to local needs and concerns.

For 20 years Helen, a professional Town Planner, worked on consultations and projects with local communities where change was proposed in a local area. From working with communities, she decided she would rather be working on behalf of her home community. She believes Housing is the most important issue for the residents she represents, and she has been working hard on the issue since being elected. She is working, with MPs from both sides of the House, on the passage of an important Private Members Bill to enable more people, including single people, to qualify for housing help.

"I am here to represent everyone, no matter how you voted, so please get in touch if there is anything I can help with."

"What other matters are significant in your work now," I ask. "MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES" is Helen's emphatic reply! At present all medical emergencies come together at King's College Hospital Accident and Emergency Department, so whatever your health need, physical or mental care, you have to queue up together. She is lobbying, with others, to restore a dedicated emergency provision for people with a mental health crisis, following the closure of the emergency clinic at the Maudsley hospital in Camberwell. She has helped a local family who came to her explaining how hard it is to know who to ask for help with their 16 year old, autistic son. They need advice, contact with other families; appropriate care for their teenager. Helen has raised their concerns in the House of Commons as an example of the importance of specialist mental health services.

Over recent years there has been a worry over the provision of school places, especially for Primary Years children in Dulwich and surroundings so I questioned Helen as to what improvements are being made. She explained that as an example Dulwich Wood School has undergone renovation and expansion, doubling its intake now. Leadership and staff changes have led to huge improvements in standards, as in the Dulwich Wood Federation overall. Local parents make all the difference too, she explained, with real support and enthusiasm for projects such as the successful drive to fund the Solar Panels to heat the Primary School.

I had read that Helen had been challenged by a Constituent to visit the, now dismantled, migrant camp in Calais this summer. "Did she go?" Yes indeed, with volunteers working there, for a small charity, Helen was able to visit and talk with many displaced people. She learnt of their despair, their statelessness, 'living in Limbo' and struggle to find out how to make official claims to move on. "And more people were arriving every day!" Yes, Lambeth and Southwark had already committed to accept a quota of migrant families for resettlement and some unaccompanied children have arrived here recently. Helen explained how St John's Angell

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Helen speaking at Prime Ministers Question Time in the House of Commons October 2016

Town Primary School, gathered with her in Brixton, in October, to show solidarity with child refugees, performing their own 'welcome song'. Students at the Charter School in Dulwich have been visited by Syrian refugees who told of their lives and journeys to reach the UK.

"So why is Housing such a fundamental concern, even in leafy Dulwich and West Norwood," I ask. Helen explained that it affects everyone and is a constant source of requests for help at her surgeries. Many homeowners are unhappy that their adult children cannot stay in the area and buy their own home as property is so scarce and expensive. Many residents in private rented properties have no security of tenure and may be living in damp and overcrowded conditions. These issues often lead to health concerns, which in turn impact on the demand for other local services. Parents report to her that there is no space for their children to do their homework, or to play, so they are disadvantaged against others. Basically there is such a huge shortage of both private and social housing that it is hard to see where conditions will improve. She explained that the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is working hard to ensure that new developments allocate a sufficient proportion of genuinely 'affordable homes'. Also, that schemes for shared ownership are promoted in London. Children are the most affected, she tells me, by not having a secure, stable place to live. Of course adults too need that stability to ensure employment and happy family lives.

But here we are in one of the greener and spacious areas of London and I know Helen is a campaigner for Climate Change issues to be higher on Government agendas. "So, what we could do to help protect our planet?" Helen asks that we WALK more, cycle, and leave our cars behind when we can, that we all take this issue seriously and lobby for changes. After all, pollution harms everyone. She holds an annual meeting now in Dulwich Village, to talk about Climate Change.

So finally I ask Helen, what is her personal passion, something she feels most strongly about in her life as an MP? Her reply is that her passion is to 'represent local people', to take the positives and negatives that she learns about into her Parliamentary work so that Government decisions improve our everyday lives as well as changing wider policies. "Is the word Brexit on everyone's tongue in Parliament?" "Well, yes and no!"

Helen Hayes attends many local functions, is a member of Christ Church Gipsy Hill and has children at local schools. She participated in the pre-election 'husting' last year, held at St Stephen's when representatives from all political opinions were invited to come and speak to local people about their views and policies. Thank you Helen, it was so interesting to talk to you.



Helen speaking with residents at the Climate Change Meeting in Dulwich






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Memories of Christmas

by Martin Knight



Young or old, we all have our favourite memories of Christmas, don't we? Children may think of Christmas parties with jelly, crisps and cake, and playing traditional games; they dream of Christmas Stockings and notes to Father Christmas; presents and toys. They enjoy decorating the Christmas tree, giving and receiving cards and presents. Some will remember Advent Calendars, visits to Christmas Shows and Pantomimes.

Contacting more distant relatives and old friends figure in most people's agendas at this time; celebratory food and drink with loved ones, friends and colleagues, are part of our celebrations. Central to it all, is the traditional Christmas fare: turkey with all the trimmings (Brussels sprouts anyone?), Christmas pudding and mince pies, sherry trifle and Christmas cake, dates and roasted chestnuts, all washed down with 'winter warmers', or wine and cocktails! There are crackers containing novelties, silly hats and sillier jokes, while for the older generation there may be quiet reflection on the Queen's Christmas message. For others Christmas can be a difficult time; needing to spend Christmas abroad, or if this is not your faith celebration, but hopefully you participate in a celebratory meal.

Music is very prominent in memories of Christmas, whether it be traditional Carols; that expectant candle-lit stirring of 'Once in Royal David's city' on Christmas Eve; the Salvation Army nobly rendering 'Hark the herald angels sing' to weary or frustrated shoppers, local carol singers for charity or those former 'Christmas No 1 hits!' Traditional Christmas stories are retold, especially the Nativity story in the Gospels, but also Dickens' 'Christmas Carol', and the poems of Dylan Thomas and John Betjeman.

However, the Good News is that Nativity scenes are everywhere, and there is continuing wonder at the story of the little baby born in a far off stable so long ago, even in our hard-pressed Inner City schools with families from other faith backgrounds.

Here are a few unusual, anonymous, and some heart-warming Christmas recollections, recently shared with me!

A Christmas morning to forget: "With an expectant family waiting downstairs to open their presents one Christmas, I heard a terrible yell from my husband in the bathroom! He had lost a contact lens down the sink, and he had no spare. We spent Christmas morning dismantling the sink pedestal and the drainage pipe, and cleaning out the gunk in order to find the missing lens; then had to reassemble everything and clean up before we could join in the festivities. We laugh about it now, but then..."

A momentous family event: "My very elderly, frail Aunt had been released from hospital to spend Christmas at home with her family. My husband and I arranged to call in to see her on Christmas morning before our family lunch. Imagine our astonishment and delight when we found her sitting up and cradling a little baby – born unexpectedly early that morning to one of my cousins. Now that was a special Christmas moment for everyone ..."

Christmas generosity in rural Surrey: "I was brought up the son of a butcher in the village of Charlwood, where there was a two to three hundred year charity tradition maintained by the families of two Guildford philanthropists, Messrs Smith and Round: They paid for joints of meat to be given to the local poor at Christmas through village butchers like my father. The butchers worked very late into the night for the whole week before Christmas to get the job done, there being no proper electric refrigeration."

But however you celebrate Christmas, I hope you will spare a thought for the lonely, the homeless, those separated from loved ones, and the housebound.



What's the link between St Stephen's, Pissarro, Trinity House and Kew?

by Sallie Eden



Like many people, Ruth's working life has been a patchwork – taking her in different directions, often simultaneously! Not only is she Diocesan Secretary, holding the senior Lay role in the Southwark Diocese, a job best described as Chief Executive, she's also a Reader, a Street Pastor and School Governor.

Ruth says "my friend Sallie Eden, together with Trot Lavelle, were instrumental in arranging with Bernhard for me to preach at St Stephen's in May. Afterwards I received some lovely gifts; including notelets of Pissarro's* painting of St Stephen's which I now use for my informal messages as Diocesan Secretary."

With a varied career and a strong faith, Ruth is able to view life from different perspectives. I wondered if that helped direct her towards becoming a Reader. She says "like most people the ups and downs of life are learning points; if we can use our experiences to help others, then we advance the kingdom of God. My Vicar and parishioners often asked why I didn't seek ordination. I've always regarded myself as one of God's 'workers', and fervently believed that being 'a labourer in the field' for God meant not drawing attention to myself. Being a Reader provides opportunities for preaching and teaching which I thought could be right for me."

"During and after training there's an opportunity to meet together, which is where I came across Trot, who was on my selection panel and became part of my journey. At the time I was a managing director in the City and I remember Trot asking whether I could take direction from others. It was an important question as Readers need to be team players, able to work alongside others. I'm thrilled to serve in this way as I see Reader ministry as a 'bridge' with life in today's world."

"For a long time I felt that God was strongly nudging me to do something different. I'm fairly risk averse, but having decided to leave my City job I had a strong feeling it was right, so when the role of Diocesan Secretary came up, I was overjoyed to be appointed."

Earlier this year Ruth was invited by the Bishop to become a Lay Canon. As she says "It's a real honour and I see my role as being an ambassador, through prayer and attending services at Southwark Cathedral, as I did when I worked in the City. Being a Lay Canon also brings opportunities to contribute to the Cathedral family and is a reflection of my role as Diocesan Secretary. I'm privileged to have



preached in the Cathedral too which is unusual for a Lay Reader."

And when she's not working? She's an art lover and is particularly fond of Pissarro's work (he used to live in Kew where she lived for many years), and a print of his painting of St Stephen's now hangs in her office in Trinity House for guests (including Bishop Christopher) to admire.

As if that wasn't enough of a link with 'our' church, Ruth has placed a further order for the notelets and for her birthday I gave her a framed one for her home; so we can be sure that St Stephen's won't be forgotten "at the top"!



*Camille Pissarro, French artist 1830-1903, moved his family to Norwood in 1870. He painted local scenes such as The Crystal Palace, Lordship Lane Station amongst others. Sadly his original of St Stephen's Church is reputed to be lost.

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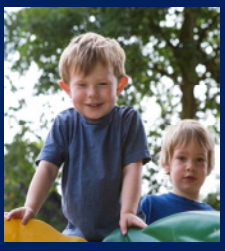
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About the Out and About Club?





Our Out and About Club is really going places! Out of 372 churches applying for funding St Stephen's Out and About Club was one of the six winners of the 2016 'Churches Helping Communities', sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, to receive £2,000.

We were placed in the final draw to win £10,000! However this went to St John's Church, Shildon in the Diocese of Durham. Their application was "local people supporting a wide range of community activities in a deprived small town". But, we still have our £2,000, which is a very great achievement in itself.

There was a prize giving lunch in the Crypt of St Martins-in-the-Fields. Each of the 6 prize winners were presented and congratulated by the judges who then announced the overall winner. Russell said "I was, personally, very flattered to have been invited to attend this function together with other members from St Stephen's Church".

As was stated in the list of finalists - "Out and About Club for pensioners, to challenge the idea that older people just want to fill their time with 'lounge' activities such as bingo. The Out and About Club provides incredibly creative opportunities for meeting the clear and extensive needs of older people for social interaction and mental and physical stimulation".

If you would like to learn more about the Club, or join in the activities, just contact us through St Stephen's.... you don't have to be a Church member to come along. Watch the video to learn more about the Club

http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmatters/churchinsurance/church-insurance-made-simple/community-outreach-activities/ideas/out-and-about-club/index.aspx

The person who really needs to be congratulated is Linda Inniss who through her foresight and thoughts has created the Out and About Club.

Linda was born in 1953 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Her mixed heritage (Trinidadian father and Yorkshire born and bred mother) may account in part for her 'easy' friendships with those of different ethnic backgrounds.

Following in the footsteps of her parents Linda trained to teach modern foreign languages (German and French) and in her career was also a pastoral Year Head. In both roles she organised trips for pupils in the UK and abroad. This has stood her in good stead, of course, for arranging Out and About Club outings.

She retired early to live in Dulwich with her elderly parents, whose health was declining. It is probable that this, combined with eight years previously as a Samaritan volunteer, meant she developed a natural empathy with the elderly, lonely and vulnerable, an invaluable quality when dealing with club members.

In her spare time she loves to go to concerts, theatre and cinema; and she also enjoys visiting new places and travel, in general.

The Out and About Club will be losing Linda - its founder and facilitator- in 2017, when she returns to live on the Kent Coast. So we need to find as many volunteers as possible to carry on her idea and share in the work of the Out and About Club Committee. Otherwise, the club will fold. If you can help with any of the tasks listed on the enclosed sheet, - even on a one-off basis, or offer your support in any way, PLEASE contact the church office.



With acknowledgements to Russell Baird and Linda Inniss for assistance with this article. Our thanks also to all those who supported our application for the prize including Revd Canon Schunemann, Revd Dr Lloyd and Helen Hayes MP; all the volunteers and members too!

Christmas at St Stephen's

November

Monday 21

7.30pm Theology in the Pub – The Wood House Dulwich, Sydenham Hill. -'Advent: More than calendars?'

December

Tuesday 6

8pm: Musical advent course. Title: Longing and waiting in Bach's cantata BWV 140: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme.

Sunday 11

6pm Lessons and Carols with the St Stephen's choir and readers from our community.

Tuesday 13

8pm: Musical advent course. Title: Reflecting on Christ in ancient plainsong antiphons and hymns for Advent.

Christmas Eve Saturday 24

4pm Blessing of the Crib Service with the St Stephen's choristers, a service of carols, readings and a procession to the crib, children may wish to come dressed as one of the characters of the nativity story.

11pm MIDNIGHT MASS with the St Stephen's choir.

Christmas Day Sunday 25

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas day Choral Eucharist with the St Stephen's choir

January 2017

Sunday 1

10am Parish Service. There will be some special music welcoming in the New Year

Sunday 22

4pm Pet Blessing Service.

Regular Services

Sundays

8am *Holy Communion (BCP)*
10am *Choral Eucharist with Sunday School during term time*
12noon *Holy Baptisms*

Monday to Friday

8.30am *Silent Prayer followed at* **8.45am** *by Morning Prayer*

Tuesday

9.30 *Mindfulness Meditation*

Wednesday

9.45am *Holy Eucharist*

Kingswood Community Baptist Church

Dulwich Wood Federation Primary School,
Bowen Drive, SE21 8NS
Pastor: Mawuli Doe
(info: Sandra Surrey 07986 002389)

11th Dec: Nativity. 10:30 am
13th Dec Christmas play 10:30am
18th Dec: Carol Service. 10:30am
24th Dec: Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm
25th Dec: Christmas Service. 10:30am
31st Dec: New Year's Eve Ser. 9:30pm
1st Jan : Sunday Service. 11:00am

Regular Services
Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm Non-denominational Bible Study Ketra Rooms
Saturday Prayer Group 10am-12noon
37 Kingswood Drive, Pastor Mawuli's home

St Margaret Clitherow RC Church

4 Kingswood Drive, SE19 1UR
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Christmas Eve - 6.30pm Children's Mass
Children are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds
11.30pm Carol Service
12pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day
- 9am Mass with the Brazilian Chaplaincy
- 10.30am Mass of Christmas Day
Monday 26th - St Stevens Day
- 9.30pm Parish Mass

Regular Services

Sunday Mass 10.30am
Portuguese Mass 9.00am
Wed – Fri Mass 9.30am
Holy Days: Mass 9.00am & 7.30pm