

Further Notices for 15th May

Sunday morning services continue to be broadcast live on *Facebook* and *Youtube* for those not attending services in person. Here is the Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OrncOrgGreenwich/live>

Covid Restrictions

All restrictions relating to Covid -19 have been lifted. This means that there is no longer a mandate to wear a face covering. However, we would encourage those attending worship to wear face coverings and to be mindful of the risks but also that some are exempt and others find face coverings difficult.

Chapel Lift

If you wish to use the Chapel lift to attend Sunday Worship, there will be a member of staff on hand from 10.30 to 10.50 to assist you in using the lift. You may find the outer door closed when you arrive but please wait as we may need to close the door for a few minutes whilst we help others, and someone will be with you. If you are a wheelchair user please pre-book via the Chapel Manger, Debbie Robson, drobson@ornc.org

Platinum Jubilee Chapel Picnic on 5th June

Debbie and the Foundation have given us permission to have a picnic in the grounds outside the Chapel on 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, following the main Sunday Choral Eucharist. Bring your own picnic, chairs, table, blankets, etc, and join in!

After our picnic lunch, there is an opportunity to continue the celebrations at the Bandstand in Greenwich Park with Tequila Brass, starting at 3pm!

Service for Confirmation and Reception into the Church of England :

At this service, on Sunday, 15 May, 6:30 pm at St Alfege, **Natalya Reutova**, from our Chapel congregation, will be received into the Church of England. Please come along to support her in this commitment if you can. She will be presented to the Bishop by Susan, Assistant Chaplain Emeritus.

Ascension Day Eucharist Service

There will be an 8 am said Eucharist at St Alfege on **Thursday, 26 May**, to which all are warmly invited. We are hoping the combined evening Eucharist will resume in 2023 for the St Alfege and Chapel congregations, but due to a number of current circumstances, it won't be possible to hold it this year.

The funeral for Michael Vining Wilson

The funeral for Michael Vining Wilson be held at the Chapel, on **Wednesday, 1 June at 11 am** : followed by refreshments from 1 pm at the Trafalgar Tavern. Members of the Chapel congregation are most welcome to attend.

First Friday Social starts again in September

Covid disrupted our regular First Friday Social. It is one of the ways our Chapel congregation can get to know each other better by sharing a meal on the first Friday of each month either meeting in the home of one of the congregation or in the Old School Room on the Foundation site. **First Friday Social** will resume on 2nd September.

The Bridge

The **May** edition of the Diocesan Newspaper, The Bridge, is available to read from www.southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

UKRAINE CRISIS: The Trustees of the Chapel Fund have on behalf of the congregation made a donation of £1000 to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal which the Disasters Emergency Committee has set up to provide assistance to people suffering the consequences of the Russian invasion. Individual donations may be made through www.dec.org.uk.

Charity of the Month

Our Charity for May is **The Mission to Seafarers** which is a Christian welfare charity serving merchant crews around the world. Through its network of Chaplains, staff and volunteers, it provides practical, emotional, and spiritual support. More information about this charity and how you can donate can be found in our weekly service sheet, on the notice board at the back of the Chapel and on their website: <http://www.missiontoseafarers.org/>

Food Bank

Please continue to support the local Foodbank, there is a drop off point at the Reception of the Forum(Christchurch) Trafalgar Road or even your local supermarket. You can also donate via their website <https://greenwich.foodbank.org.uk/>

Planned work on the Benjamin West painting behind the Altar

Scaffolding is due to be erected in the week commencing 9th May to facilitate the cleaning and restoration of the Benjamin West painting of St Paul's shipwreck on the Island of Malta. Disruption to our services will be kept to the minimum but the work will continue until late August.

A Taster Evening for The Bishop's Certificate

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship is Southwark Diocese's exploration of the Christian faith. It lasts for ten months, starting in September, and it's for anybody who wants to be more informed and confident about what they believe, read the Bible with more understanding, and reflect on their journey as a Christian. It covers the Old Testament, the New Testament, what it means to be Anglican, what Christians believe, everyday discipleship, and what your future with God might look like.

People exploring whether God might be calling them to a specialised ministry such as being a pastoral leader or a priest often take the course. **However, anybody who wants to love and serve the Lord faithfully will benefit from it - most people do it simply for the joy of growing in faith.** The evening will be led by Peter Graystone, who will be the host of the 2022-23 Bishop's Certificate. Come yourself, or suggest it to someone you know. Some members of our congregation have taken this course. Faith or Susan can give you details of the course.

Monday 16 May, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

To book your place or ask for more information, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Needing Help?

In the interregnum, if you know of anyone who is unwell and /or would welcome a phone call or other support please contact Faith Wakeling, our assistant Chaplain faithwakeling@gmail.com 07837968967.

Dates for your Diary

26th May: at 8am Ascension Day Eucharist Service at St Alfege

1st June: at 11 am. The funeral for Michael Vining Wilson

5th June: Platinum Jubilee celebration Picnic in the grounds outside the chapel after Sunday Choral Eucharist

12th June: Chapel AGM: In the Undercroft after Morning Service

26th June: Patronal Festival: I I am – Drinks in the colonnade after the Service

26th June: Chapel Choir Concert: 3pm

2nd Sept: First Friday Social (venue to be decided)

25th Sept: Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch in the Undercroft

A prayer for refugees

Lord of the journey, we ask for your protection

for all those who have fled their homes,

from Ukraine, from Syria, from Afghanistan, from South Sudan, from Myanmar.

Give them strength on their journeys;

grant that they may find places of compassion in which to shelter;

ease their fear as they throw in their lot with strangers;

and Lord God, keep alive their vision of returning to a secure and welcoming home.

Amen.