**Churches Together in Windsor**

**Newsletter**

***Autumn 2021***

***Message from the Chair:***

***‘Accept one another… just as Christ accepted you’***

The recent Olympic and Paralympic Games events had me wondering… is God’s Church an Olympian or a Paralympian movement? Often our first instinct is that we need to attract the wealthiest, most gifted, most attractive people into our congregations to strengthen and equip us for ministry and mission – people who we might regard as ‘Olympians’ by the world’s standards. Yet we know that the Gospel of Jesus invariably points us in a counter-cultural direction. The opening statement of Jesus’ ministry was that he came to *‘…proclaim good news to the poor… freedom for the prisoners [and the oppressed] … and recovery of sight for the blind.’* (Luke 4:18). He went on to recruit ‘tax collectors and sinners’ to follow him and to establish the Church.

The apostle Paul realised the significance of this, when he claimed that his strength lay, not in his natural abilities, but in God’s grace at work through his weaknesses, as he concluded *‘when I am weak, then I am strong’*. (2 Corinthians 12:1-10). If he were around today, I therefore imagine he would liken the Church to the Paralympian movement – full of people who by God’s grace excel despite their limitations. The implication is that the more we realise our weakness and our need for God, the stronger the Church becomes.

No wonder Paul elsewhere encourages this assorted bunch of flawed individuals to *‘Accept one another… just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.’* (Romans 15:7) We are works in progress, not the finished product, and so both within our congregations and between our congregations, God calls us to accept one another ‘warts and all’, and to take things from there. It won’t be easy – but in doing so we show God’s love to a broken world, and so hold out the hope that God’s love is for everyone, especially those most in need. That’s why we were so thrilled recently at the success of the first ‘Windsor Church Fest’ initiative, where our churches worked together to show God’s love to our community. Read on to find out more about what’s been happening and what’s coming up in our life together…

**Rev Matthew Scott,** Chair, Churches Together in Windsor

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**Church Fest**

A BIG thank you to everyone who put in lots of effort and encouragement in support for our CTW Church Fest on Bank Holiday Sunday. The day went really well. Lots of fun and games, activities and crafts and even some water shooting!

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The feedback has been really positive and it seems there might be some enthusiasm to hold this again. It was lovely to hear faith stories and share our faith within our community in such a public place and share a Welcome to Revd Paul from ASD, it was great to meet you.

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Thank you again to all those on the fest team for helping to bring the vision alive.

With prayers and thanksgiving

Revd Rosie

**New minister for Windsor Fellowship Church**

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It was a pleasure to have other local ministers with us at the commissioning service and we look forward to working together as we share the Gospel and serve our community in Windsor. We are also very thankful to the URC for their generosity in enabling Windsor Fellowship to meet in their building on William St.

Rev’d Vicci Davidson, being very musically talented, along with her family, has formed **“ALOUD!!”** This involves **young people learning to play the ukulele and singing**, it is well attended and great fun. Also, the Methodist Church now have a choir and band all under the professional leadership of Vicci.

***For your diary:***

**September:**

**Sunday 19th September: 10.30am** **Service** at the Methodist Church to remember those members & friends who have died since the start of the pandemic. To be followed by a **Faith lunch.**

The Windsor Christian Aid Group is organising a Taize-style ecumenical **Prayer Service for Climate Justice**, to be held at **St Edwards Catholic Church,** Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HJat **4 pm on Sunday 19 September**. Many churches in Windsor are focussing on issues around climate change. We hope this will be an important opportunity when Christians across Windsor come together to pray about issues relating to climate change, climate justice, and in particular to pray for world leaders and the UK government leading up to COP26 in Glasgow in November. This will be an ecumenical service of prayer, reflection & song to encourage us all to take action on climate change and to act justly. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall at 5pm.  
  
2021 is a significant year for Our Planet. In November, the UK hosts the UN Climate Summit (COP26), when world leaders will present their goals for halting the rise in global warming. To highlight the Summit and the issues that will be considered there, Windsor Christian Aid is setting up a **‘Creation in Crisis’ trail** with 15 stations, **around Windsor town centre for the weekend of 25-26 September**. The trail will highlight key issues of the current global environmental crisis using artwork, factual summaries, reflections and suggested actions. The trail will be marked on a specially prepared map which people can use to locate each station. Our ambition for the Trail is to raise people’s awareness of the State of Our Planet, of how our behaviours can exacerbate or diminish this State and of the significance of COP26 for all our futures. We hope that the Trail will be fun and educational and will encourage people to act.

For more information on these two Christian Aid events, please contact [tracytickle@hotmail.com](mailto:tracytickle@hotmail.com) or [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

**26th September** is the anniversary of John Wesley first preaching in Windsor. At

**6.30pm in the Methodist Church** there will be a **"Victorian Tent Mission Revival"** service, commemorating one of John Wesley’s visits to Windsor. This will be a Cafe-style Service. You are encouraged to come in Victorian dress befitting the times.

The **licensing of the new Priest in the New Windsor Team**, The Reverend Richard Terrado-Reardon, will be on **Wednesday 29th September at 7pm in St Stephen and St Agnes, Vansittart Road**.  The Archdeacon of Berkshire will take the service.  All are welcome.

**October:**

**2nd/3rd October Harvest weekend:** Praise, worship, fish & chips, dancing...lots of fun & fellowship at the Methodist Church.

On **Friday 15 October**: Windsor Christian Action are holding their **Homeless Project Sleep-Out.** Donations can be made at: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/whpsleepout2021](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/whpsleepout2021) If you want to sleep out yourself, contact: [kimhlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:kimhlewis@hotmail.com)

On **23 October at 2.30 pm** there will be a **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of **Dr John Long CVO** at the Methodist Church. John was widely known in Windsor and all will be welcome.

**November:**

**The Churches Together in Windsor Annual Assembly** will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 18 November at the Methodist Church**. All are welcome to attend. The short business meeting will be followed by a talk from Rev. Rosie on the Clewer 1816 Trust.

**The Churches Together in Windsor** aims and functions from the constitution are described as follows:

Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed for his disciples, and thus for the Church, in these words: “that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are one in Me and I am one in You. May they also be one in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” (John 17 vv 21-22) To help us answer that prayer, we recognise that we need to:

a. encourage the local churches to work together wherever and whenever possible;

b. worship and pray together;

c. learn more about the Christian faith together;

d. co-ordinate resources for Christian evangelism and service to the Windsor community as they arise;

e. keep each church informed of the work and developments in the churches of CTW;

f. promote and support the ecumenical movement.”

Churches Together in Windsor comprises member churches who – at the Annual Assembly – elect a Core Group, who hold four meetings a year, including planning the key events: Good Friday Witness, Thy Kingdom Come (around Pentecost) and Carols on the Hill.

The Core Group includes a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and additional members (lay or clergy). We are seeking **new members for the Core Group**, in particular one new person to take on the role of **Treasurer** (there will be a handover from the current Treasurer), one person who would like to be involved in **Carols on the Hill next year** (who would shadow at meetings this year) and more **lay members**.

**Nominations for anyone who would like to join the Core Group** should be sent to [jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com](mailto:jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com) by 1 November please.

**December:**

**Saturday 11th December:** 11 am to 2 pm - Live Nativity event at the Methodist Church! All are welcome!

**Carols on the Hill** will be held **on Friday 10th December** at **6.15pm (band to play for 15 minutes, then service to start at 6.30pm)** near the statue of Queen Victoria by the Castle.

***Ongoing activities:***

**Messy Church:**

Dedworth Green Baptist Church: **2nd Sunday of the month**

St Andrews and All Saints Dedworth together at Clewer Green First School, **quarterly**, the next one on **10th October** and then **12 December, 3pm**

Methodist Church: **Saturday afternoon** (3.45 to 5.30 pm) **in school holidays** including **Saturday 6 November:** includes craft activities, a short, fun act of worship and a meal. All are welcome. Children to be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Methodist Church **Sunday Evening Service, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**. These are friendly, peaceful, spiritual Services including prayers, Bible readings and a Sermon. One each month is a **‘Café Style’ Service** which often include interesting discussions. Our numbers of attendees vary, but normally about 12 of us. Any friends would be warmly welcomed!

The Methodist Church would also warmly welcome friends to **Prayer Group meetings** which are **6pm to 6.30pm on alternate Wednesdays in the Cornerstone Chapel**, which is the door nearest the traffic lights. Dates are published on the website and in the weekly newsletter which is circulated electronically. If you would like to receive the Methodist newsletter, please email our Church Council Secretary at [rosemarycracknell@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemarycracknell@btinternet.com) Prayers are said for Christian growth in our Windsor Churches, our community, and anything else folks may be prompted to pray for.

**Toddlers’ Group each Thursday (term time)** welcomes all Toddlers with an appropriate adult from **09.15 to 11.15am at the Methodist Church.**

**Windsor Carers Group:**

The Carers Group meets on the **2nd Monday of the month from 10.30-11.30am at Dedworth Green Baptist Church, Smiths Lane.** The group is largely for mutual support and to provide a ‘Time Out’ for carers. From time to time we have outside speakers on related topics. The group is open to anyone who is in a caring role, whatever the condition. Further information can be obtained from Carol Edwards [caroledwards91@btinternet.com](mailto:caroledwards91@btinternet.com) or Pat Targett [pat.targett8@gmail.com](mailto:pat.targett8@gmail.com)

***Report from Windsor Christian Action:***

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***Contact details for the churches are as follows:***

***CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCHES***

**Windsor Parish Church: Parish Church of St John the Baptist**

The High Street, Windsor SL4 1LT

**Telephone:**  01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** team@windsorchurches.org.uk

**Website** [www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk)

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**All Saints’ Church**

Frances Road, Windsor, SL4 1HU

**Telephone:** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** [team@windsorchurches.org.uk](mailto:team@windsorchurches.org.uk); windsor.rector@ gmail.com

**Website** [www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk](http://www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk)

**Services** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

*Sunday Xtra*: Short, informal, contemporary, all age worship: 2nd and 4th SUNDAY 10.00am

**Holy Trinity** (Parish and Garrison Church),

Claremont Road & Trinity Place, Windsor, SL4 3AX

**Telephone** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**email** holytrinitychurchwindsor@gmail.com

**Website** holytrinitywindsor.org.uk

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**St Stephen & St Agnes, Clewer**

Vansittart Road, Windsor, SL4 5EA

**Telephone:** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** team@windsorchurches.org.uk

**Website:** www.ststephenwindsor.org.uk

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**All Saints’ Church**

Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JW

**Telephone:** 01753 841710

**Minister:** Revd.Paul Walker

**E-mail:** via website contact us page (<http://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/contact/>)

**Website** <http://www.allsaintschurchdedworth.com/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: 9.15 am – Traditional Service with Communion; 11.00am – Family Service

**St Andrew’s** **Clewer**,

Mill Lane, Windsor, SL4 5JH

**Telephone:** 01753864169 (Church Office -staffed part-time)

**Minister:** Revd. Rosie Webb

**email**: [rector@clewerparish.org](mailto:rector@clewerparish.org); [office@clewerparish.org](mailto:office@clewerparish.org)  
**Website**: <http://www.standrewsclewer.org>

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.30am

**St George’s Chapel**

Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1NJ

**Telephone:** 01753 848888; recorded information line 01753 865538

**Minister:** Dean and Canons of Windsor

**email** [chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org)

**Website:** <http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/>

**Services:** WEEKDAYS**:** Holy Communion 8am; Evensong 5.15pm

SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 8.30am; Mattins and sermon 10.45am

**Windsor Fellowship Church**

Christ Church URC, William St, Windsor SL4 1BA **Telephone**: 01753 257868

**Minister**: Rev Tim Hiorns

**E-mail**: [hello@windsorfellowship.com](mailto:hello@windsorfellowship.com)

**Website**: [www.windsorfellowship.com](http://www.windsorfellowship.com)

**Services**: SUNDAY: 4pm

***NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH***

**Kings Church International**

Office: King's House, 77a Frances Road, Windsor, SL4 3AQ

**Telephone:** 01753 832444

**Ministers:** Pastors Wes & Adriana Richards

**E-mail:** [hello@kcionline.org](mailto:hello@kcionline.org)

**Website:** kcionline.org

**Services:** SUNDAY: service 10am onlineTHURSDAYevening weekly prayer meetings online

***KERITH COMMUNITY CHURCH***

Unit 3B, Fairacres Industrial Estate,

Dedworth Rd, Windsor SL4 4LE

**Telephone:** +44 (0) 1344 862699

**Minister:** Leon Johnson

**E-mail:** [info@kerith.church](mailto:info@kerith.church), [leon.johnson@kerith.church](mailto:leon.johnson@kerith.church)

**Website:** <https://kerith.church/>

**Service: SUNDAY** 10am

***BAPTIST CHURCHES***

**Dedworth Green Baptist Church**,

Smiths Lane, Windsor, SL4 5PE

**Telephone:** 01753-832002

**Minister:** Revd. Matthew Scott

**E-mail:** [minister@dgbc.org.uk](mailto:minister@dgbc.org.uk), [secretary@dgbc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dgbc.org.uk)

**Website:** http://www.dgbc.org.uk/

**Services:**  SUNDAY: 10.30am

**Windsor Baptist Church**,

Victoria Street, Windsor, SL4 1EH

**Telephone:** 07971 298158

**Minister:** Revd.Kat Bracewell

**Community Manager**: Kate Saunders [wbckate@gmail.com](mailto:wbckate@gmail.com)

**E-mail** [windsorbaptists@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:windsorbaptists@yahoo.co.uk); kathryn.bracewell@yahoo.co.uk

**Website** [https://windsorbaptistchurch.org.uk](https://windsorbaptistchurch.org.uk/)

**Services:** SUNDAY 10.30am

***METHODIST CHURCH***

Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HH

**Telephone:** 01753 536357

**Minister:** Revd. Vicci Davidson

**E-mail** rev.vicci@mail.com

**Website:** <http://www.windsormethodist.church/>

**Services:** SUNDAY *Morning service* 10.30am

*Evening service* 6.30pm

***UNITED REFORMED CHURCH***

**Christ Church**

William Street, Windsor, SL4 1BA

**Telephone:** 01753 862007

**Minister:** Revd. Alan Wickens

**E-mail:** revawickens@gmail.com

**Website** <http://www.windsorurc.org.uk/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: 10.30am (also on zoom – see website for details)

***ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES***

**St. Edward’s Church**

44 Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ

**Telephone:** 01753 865163

**Minister:** Canon David Hopgood

**E-mail:** [canondavid@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:canondavid@catholicwindsor.org)

**Website:** <http://catholicwindsor.org/>

**Services:** SATURDAY: Mass 6.00pm

SUNDAY: Mass: 11.00am.

TUESDAY: Mass: 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Mass: 10.00am

THURSDAY: Mass: 10.00am

FRIDAY: Mass: 12.00am (weekday service times may change due to funerals etc)

**St Mark’s Church**

Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JS

**Telephone:** 01753 865163

**Minister:** Canon David Hopgood

**E-mail:** [canondavid@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:canondavid@catholicwindsor.org)

**Website:** <http://catholicwindsor.org/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: Mass 9.30am