

# An Occasional Newsletter

**W**elcome to Issue 28 (Autumn 2023) of our Occasional Newsletter. Please do feel free to photocopy this for distribution amongst your congregation.

**“MEET THE NEIGHBOURS” HELD AT  
ST CYPRIAN’S (ANGLICAN) CHURCH,  
GLENTWORTH STREET, LONDON NW1 6AX**

Our MTN visit took place in the evening of Thursday, 28th September, and we were warmly welcomed to this interesting and beautiful Grade II\* church, which has what they describe as a “small but flourishing” congregation who worship in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

To begin our visit to St Cyprian’s we were invited to join them for First Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, led by Reverend Michael Fuller. We then looked around the church and learned more about the history and architecture of St Cyprian’s from Churchwarden, Willian Nye. Finally we enjoyed some welcome refreshments, and the chance to socialize further.

Built in 1903 to a design by Sir Ninian Comper, the church exterior is red brick with stone dressings, under a slate roof. Internally the colour scheme is gold and white. An interesting account of the history of St Cyprian’s can be read at <https://stcyprians.weebly.com/history.html>

Although from the outside it may not appear especially exciting, this church contains a number of very interesting features, and is well worth a visit. An essential purchase is their little Guide Book entitled “A Walk Round the Church” which is very helpful and informative.

For further information about the church and their services, please see website <https://stcyprians.weebly.com/> or Email their Priest in Charge the Reverend Clare Dowding at [rec-tor@stpaulsmarylebone.org](mailto:rec-tor@stpaulsmarylebone.org) She is assisted by the Hon Curate the Reverend Michael Fuller at [michaelfuller1946@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfuller1946@gmail.com)



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# Saturday 20 January 2024

Regent Hall Salvation Army, 275 Oxford Street, London

**SINGERS AND CHOIRS ARE INVITED TO JOIN  
A CELEBRATION CHOIR OF MASSED VOICES**

**Rehearsal 3pm-5pm** with the International Staff Songsters

**7pm Concert** will feature the celebration choir,  
International Staff Songsters, soloist Charlie Green and  
Regent Hall Band



**Sign up now to receive more details - email  
[kelvin.mercer@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:kelvin.mercer@salvationarmy.org.uk)**

[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/iss](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/iss)



# London Churches Refugee Fund

Charity Number  
1121108

***I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, and when I was in prison, you visited me. Matthew 25***

"In 2006, the London Churches Refugee Network established the London Churches Refugee Fund, an ecumenical body to raise funds for the many church and community led services supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Faith communities are regularly in the forefront, responding to emergencies and conflicts, and in their wake, striving to help people learn to trust again and re-build their lives far from home..

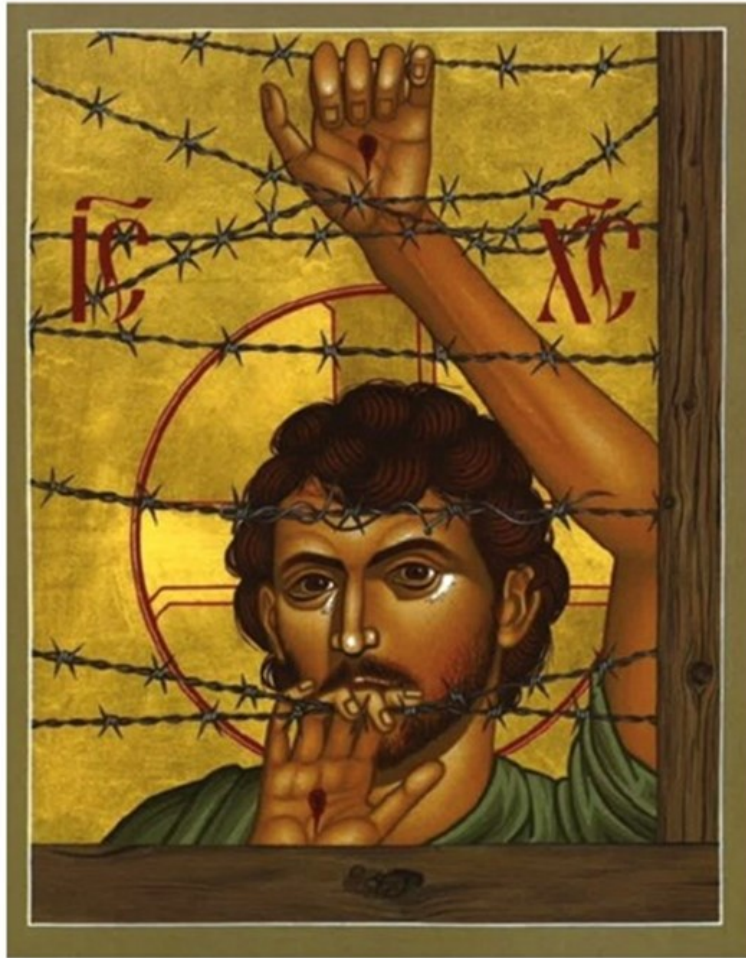
Twice yearly, funds are disbursed to numerous projects across London specifically to support the totally destitute in our midst. These hardship funds have been used to buy warm winter clothing, travel cards to enable the recipients to attend Home Office, legal and medical appointments and phone cards to keep in touch with distant families and friends to reduce their isolation and loneliness, emergency food packages, toiletries, nappies and other essential items.

No matter how these desperate people reach these shores, whether they are legal or illegal, fleeing violence and persecution, all need our Christian compassion and understanding and an opportunity to hope for a brighter and peaceful future in which they can flourish and their dignity respected. Jesus always respected the dignity of every individual he met, however much they might be condemned or rejected by society, never stopping to ask them how they were in this situation or how they got there. All were transformed by their encounter with Him. We hope you will be encouraged and inspired to show the same compassion.

Please consider making the LCRF the recipient of a special Christmas mission initiative by your church, come and sing at the Carol singing at Highbury and Islington tube station on 1 December, a wonderful and joyous community event, and buy the beautiful specially designed Christmas cards. They all contribute to raising the funds to help us ***all*** to fulfil the Lord's command, and if you are free, come to the monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office and join the united prayers of Christians."

See website <https://www.lcrf.org.uk/>

Alasdair Mackenzie



**Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil  
for refugees and asylum-seekers  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month  
outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF  
12.30pm to 1.30pm**

*Praying for:*

- \*Those who died trying to reach the UK*
- \*Victims of current wars*
- \*Those in detention & who are homeless*
- \*The UK to be a more welcoming nation*

*Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes or  
cancellations at : [homeofficevigil@gmail.com](mailto:homeofficevigil@gmail.com)*

# Koestler Arts: Freedom

27 Oct – 18 Dec, 10am

Closed: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 November

Exhibition Space, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall  
Art & exhibitions

## FREE

Koestler Arts marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Koestler Awards  
with an ambitious exhibition of art by people in the UK's  
criminal justice system, curated by Ai Weiwei

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/art-exhibitions/koestler-arts-freedom>



## Prayers and statements on violence in Israel and Gaza

### From Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

**Churches and Christian organisations are responding with prayers and statements to the violence in Israel and Gaza:**

O God of all  
Of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:  
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.  
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.

Comfort those who grieve,  
Console and heal the injured,  
Be close to those in fear,  
Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do,  
That our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all.  
Amen.



*Revd Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary,  
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*

**For further prayers from various religious denominations see  
[Prayers and statements on violence in Israel and Gaza \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://ctbi.org.uk)**





Churches  
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Westminster

Churches Working Together  
in Central London



# ADVENT SERVICE

At 6pm

Sunday, 3rd December

2023

at St James's Church

197 Piccadilly

London W1J 9LL



Light Refreshments

All Welcome