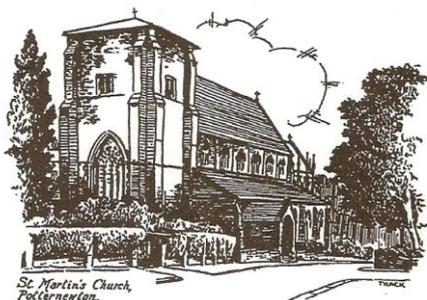


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Editor's Comment:

Do take a careful look at our April calendar to make sure that you do not miss out on any of the Holy Week and Easter services. Also, please note that our Parish Eucharist on Sunday April 7th will start at 9.30am to allow time after the service for the Annual Church Meeting. Set your alarm clocks half an hour earlier for that day!

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a joyous Easter.

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Pastoral Letter

When in April the sweet showers fall
And bathed every vein in liquor that has power
To generate therein and sire the flower ...
And many little birds make melody
That sleep through all the night with open eye
(So Nature pricks them on to ramp and rage)
Then folk do long to go on pilgrimage,
And palmers to go seeking out strange strands,
To distant shrines well known in distant lands.
And specially from every shire's end
Of England they to Canterbury went,
The holy blessed martyr there to seek
Who helped them when they lay so ill and weak.

So begins Geoffrey Chaucer's famous poem, *The Canterbury Tales*, a story of a group of pilgrims travelling from London to pay homage at the tomb of St Thomas à Becket in Canterbury. (The poem was written in the 1300s, and this is a modern translation from Chaucer's Middle English.) Chaucer's lines remind us that April is a time when we start to feel invigorated after the winter months and we make new plans: in his day, people expressed their sense of revival in the religious devotion of the pilgrimage.

The idea of pilgrimage runs through the Christian tradition: it has given us famous texts like Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* and its associated hymn 'To be a Pilgrim'. Some Christians continue to make pilgrimages, such as the famous route, Camino de Santiago. Although pilgrimage has less of a place in our faith and our practice than, say, the *Haj* journey to Mecca has for Muslims, we must not forget that we are on a journey, travelling through life facing dangers, temptations, and joys, but with God around us and within us. The ultimate goal of our lives is fuller knowledge of God that we are promised in the hereafter: as St Paul says, 'now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.' (1 Cor. 13: 12)

However, we also travel towards more immediate goals. The period of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on 6th March, is one such journey as we travel towards Easter Day on 21st April. In the earliest days of Christianity, Lent was a time when new Christians prepared to be baptised into the faith at Easter, and we follow in their

footsteps. This is a time for us to become more aware of walking with God: a time for us to examine our lives, which can sometimes be a painful thing; and a time to practise discipline by giving something up and so face up to our temptations. In doing this, we try to put an end to those unhelpful, hurtful ways that we have slipped into, and pray and reflect on the Bible in order to grow closer to God.

There are many things that can help us in our pilgrimage this Lent. The Church of England has a Pilgrim Lent programme of daily readings, which can be found in a booklet or online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim>. At St Martin's we are meeting weekly to discuss our experience of these readings. Every Friday, we meet to follow Christ's journey to the cross by praying the Stations of the Cross. Then, in the days leading up to Easter, our journey intensifies as we mark Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and his betrayal on Maundy Thursday, and his Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Like many journeys, Lent can be hard. But through our trials and tribulations we reach Easter Day when, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead, so we open our hearts and minds to new life and new possibilities. May we experience what Chaucer wrote about: Nature coming into bloom with the sweet showers of April, and our own hearts and minds becoming fully alive too.

My love and prayers for a blessed Lent and Easter

Jane



We publish our magazine online halfway through the month so if there are any photos that you would like to take a closer look at in colour you can find them at:
<http://www.stmartinleeds.org.uk/magazine-issues/>

Caribbean Songs of Praise

On Sunday 28th April we will holding a Caribbean Songs of Praise at 2.30pm in church. Do come along and join in with the singing of favourite Caribbean hymns



Calendar



Holy Week

April

Weds 3rd	9.30 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Home Communions
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 5th	2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross in church
Sat 6th	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm
Sun 7th	<u>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</u>	
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist followed by APCM
Weds 10th	9.30 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Home Communions
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs 11th	7.00 pm	Garden Party preparation meeting
Fri 12th	2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross in church
Sat 13th	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm
Sun 14th	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist including Palm liturgy & procession followed by Lent pilgrim conversation.
	12 noon	Holy Baptism
Weds 17th	9.30 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Choir practice
Thurs 18th	<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	
	7.00 pm	Eucharist and Watch until 9.30pm

Fri 19th

Good Friday

- 10.30 am Easter Garden Children's service
- 12.30 pm Churches Together Good Friday Witness (venue TBA)
- 2.30 pm Stations of the Cross in church
- 3.00 pm Good Friday Service

Sat 20th

- 12 noon Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm

Sun 21st

Easter Sunday

- 5.30 am Easter vigil with lighting of Easter candle
- 10.00 am Easter Day Eucharist

Weds 24th

- 9.30 am Eucharist
- 10.30 am Tots Easter Service

Sat 27th

- 12 noon Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm

Sun 28th

The Second Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with children & Guides
- 2.30 pm Caribbean Songs of Praise

Tues 30th

- 7.00 pm Standing Committee



100 Club (drawn in church on 3rd Sunday of the month)

February winners:

- 1st prize: £60: L Williams
- 2nd prize: £20: E Forbes
- 3rd prize: £10: J France

For a chance to win these monthly prizes you just need to pay an annual fee of £60 to join the 100 Club- see Maddy or Carrie.

March winners:

- 1st prize: £60: Revd J de Gay
- 2nd prize: £20: S Sampson
- 3rd prize: £10: D Balmforth

News

World Day of Prayer Service – “Come, Everything is Ready”.

On Friday 1st March 2019, a great wave of prayer was going around the planet. The wave of prayer started at sunrise and finished at sunset in American Samoa with people praying in over 120 countries and islands throughout the world.



Here at St Martin's we took our turn with the World Day of Prayer Service at 2.00pm. The service was written by the women of Slovenia. The theme at the heart of the service was an open invitation to all to sit at God's table: "Come, Everything is Ready."

The service combined music and drama. We sang well known hymns and songs set to Slovenian folk music. At the start of the service, a table was set for a celebration with items which are commonly produced and used in Slovenia. The vase of red carnations and rosemary on the table was a symbol of celebration. We heard the voices of some of those who came to the table: wives, mothers and grandmothers, Roma people, refugees and migrant workers. Their stories reflected the political and economic situation in Slovenia from the time that it was a socialist- communist state to the present day.

After listening to their stories, we asked forgiveness for being silent in the face of injustice and prayed that God would open our hearts to compassion and understanding.

We also prayed for God's blessing to mutually support one another on the path of freedom, justice and peace. We prayed that we would not become complacent but would share God's invitation: "Come, Everything is Ready" with family, friends and neighbours.

World Day of Prayer service cont...

Grateful thanks go to Father Nicholas, Jane and the participants and helpers from both St Martin's and Roscoe who all contributed to the success of the service.

Jennie Collins



World Day of Prayer - "Come Everything is ready" Prayer:

Lord, it's been a busy day preparing food for the event at church. Everything is ready now.

It feels sometimes that throughout the ages, women have been slaving away in kitchens, preparing feasts for others to enjoy.

The bible is full of these stories.

- *Abraham telling Sarah to go and make bread and roast a calf for his visitors at Mamre*
- *Abigail making all those fruitcakes for King David*
- *Esther producing a banquet for King Xerxes and wicked Haman*
- *Martha producing a meal for Jesus*

But Lord, please:

- *Remind me that I am blessed to have food to prepare like this while so many go hungry*
- *Remind me that it is a privilege to serve like this and what I do for others, I do as unto you*

And thank you Lord, that YOU have prepared a feast for me- a feast of abundant life and rich blessings. And this is all of your grace, not anything that I have done.

And you call me to enjoy it saying, "Come, Everything is Ready!"

Amen

News

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Evening

I was working a double shift on Pancake Tuesday, but had a two hour window between 5.20 and 7.20, in which to help cook and stockpile pancakes. Caroline, Georgette and I, quickly got to work thanks to Kim having donated all the ingredients and Caroline preparing the mix, so all Georgette and I had to do was get four pans on the go and soon we had a nice hoard of pancakes in the oven. Two of our valued customers, Olivia and Emily Colbourne were keen to tell us that she, Emily, "enjoyed eating the pancakes." She sneaked into the kitchen and helped to toss pancakes "everything was going so well until I dropped one on the floor - oops!" Olivia enjoyed seeing friends from church, playing tag and eating pancakes with syrup and sugar on. So far £72 has been raised from this evening



Pamela Colbourne

Ash Wednesday

'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.' These are the solemn and thought-provoking words that are spoken over each worshipper as a sign of the cross is marked in ash on her or his forehead. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, when we reflect on our sins and commit ourselves to turn to Christ. However, preaching on John 8: 1-11 ('Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone'), Fr Nicholas reminded us that it is also important to have care and compassion. For the service, led by Revd Jane, the congregation of around 22 gathered in the choir stalls, which made it a very peaceful act of worship. The choir sang beautifully, leading us in the haunting tones of Psalm 51, with its refrain of 'Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned', and the Lenten Prose. We sang 'Forty days and forty nights', to remind us that Lent recalls Jesus's time in the wilderness, 'Jesu, lover of my soul', reflecting Fr Nicholas's message of compassion, and 'Rock of ages', affirming God's unflinching help. The service ended with 'To be a pilgrim', sending us out on our Lenten journey to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ.

Revd Jane

News

Mothers' Union Tea Party

On Wednesday 13th March our intrepid Mothers Union members braved the worst that Storm Gareth could do to us and we met to enjoy a party together. We



were joined by visitors from other churches and other guests and we used the occasion to remind ourselves what the aims of the MU were and to discuss our future here at St. Martin's Church. After the initial hymn and prayer our chairperson, Doris, began by telling us of the warm and loving support she had received from MU members during the past year which had been so difficult for her.



Valerie followed by reminding us of the wonderful work the MU does for women in Third World countries and Fr. Nicholas supported her by telling us of his own experiences in South Sudan.

Our guest speaker, Mrs Margaret Bentley (our Episcopal Area MU representative), then described the wide areas of work being carried out by the MU right now in our own Diocese and a short discussion followed concerning the possibilities of working and praying in God's service in our local area.

Finally, true to tradition, we enjoyed informal fellowship together over a cup of tea and shared the magnificent spread of cakes and sandwiches the ladies had prepared for us to make sure we were well fed in body as well as in soul!

Brian Pearmain

Regulars

Mothers' Union

Youth Crime

The government is under constant pressure to take action to drastically reduce crime amongst young people. Knife crime has become a significantly important aspect of youth crime. Stories of youth killings, stabbings and violence regularly hit the headlines. As Mothers' Union members and as Christians, we need to become more involved in efforts to bring peace to the streets. We need to work with parents and charities to help young people make positive life choices to avoid getting drawn into such violent acts. Mothers' Union members are ideally placed to show love through prayer and practical support for families. After all, working with families is what Mothers' Union is about.

One organisation helping to reduce youth crime and violence is "Street Pastors" and Mothers' Union works with this organisation. It was founded in Birmingham in 2003 by Revd Les Isaac, Revd David Shosanya and Ian Crichlow PC. There are around 14,000 Street Pastors who patrol the streets and work with the police as well as nightclub and bar owners.

Young people are often drawn into gangs because they are desperate to belong. Churches need to work together with other groups in their communities and to offer an environment where young people feel at home. At ARC Church in Forest Gate, London, Pastor Peter Nembhard has succeeded in reaching young people by focussing on building relationships and disciplining them. Some of the teenagers that came to the church in the 'noughties' are now Christian preachers and leaders.

We are glad to say that our Parish Church is actively involved with local Churches Together leaders, including local Street Pastors, in possibly having two street "knife bins" installed in our area as a focus for further action. St Martin's has also offered its hall for possible future use by any church-led activity group for local teenagers.

The biblical quotes below remind us of how we can help to promote a more peaceful, crime reduced and rewarding life:

"Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody" (Romans 12:18)

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight" (Matthew 5:9)

From All Souls

Dear friends as I write this we are all on our Lenten journey. We walk our tentative steps together through the wilderness of temptation, loneliness, depression, physical pain, and at this moment in time many of us are in the wilderness of grief. We at All Souls are grieving for our dear sister, faithful disciple of Jesus and faithful servant and friend of All Souls church, Marilyn Walwin. I have only known Marilyn for just over a year but she has left a lasting impression on me and I am sure on many of you who are reading this today. Through her eyes I could see her love for her dear Lord Jesus and for every person she met old or young, she had the gift of embracing everyone in Jesus' love just by being in her presence. Marilyn doesn't have to walk anymore through Lent, she is with her Lord Jesus in the resurrection kingdom, no more waiting for Easter morning for Marilyn she is enjoying the fullness and joy of Easter everyday walking through the garden of new and peaceful life looking on the face of her dear Lord and Saviour and I am sure receiving her great reward!

We walk together through Lent. We walk and we wait maybe with great anticipation, excitement, a touch of fear for the dawn of Easter morning? From the events of Good Friday to Easter morn, I Wait! Each year the Waiting becomes more intense as I have grown in my Christian life. A time of Waiting to reflect on the services of Holy Week, may be take part in the washing of the feet and The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, to be at The Foot of The Cross taking part in our Lord's pain, suffering, rejection and death, and for me in particular, the stillness of Holy Saturday, The Waiting truly begins!

I Wait once again for The Risen Lord to call my name as He did with Mary Magdalene on the first Easter morning with the command "TO GO and TELL the brethren I ascend to my Father and your Father to my God and your God" (John 20:17). "GO and Tell". It is the duty of every Christian to "Go and Tell" that The Lord is risen. This year at All Souls we are very pleased to have the children from Blenheim school into our beautiful church to hear the Easter story. It will be so good and refreshing for all of us who take part seeing the Easter story once again through the eyes of children. Oh! yes there will be interesting and difficult questions to answer but what a way to enjoy and share our Christian faith and our church with children and teachers of all faiths and none and embrace everyone in the love of Jesus just as our sister Marilyn did.

So this Easter let us Wait for Jesus to call our name and then
"GO AND TELL"

"The Lord is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"

"Blessed are those who believe and have not yet seen"

Love and prayers,
Mother Helen.

Obituary

Helen Broadbent

Helen Broadbent, a stalwart member of St Martin's and faithful member of the Mothers' Union, died on 9th February 2019. Helen was an intensely private person, a quiet lady who could nonetheless express her views firmly, someone willing to help out but never one to push herself forward. But she was also a woman who met a host of celebrities, such as Frank Muir and Rod Hull and Emu; who sent Edward Heath a copy of one of her poems; and who went hiking with Sherpa Tenzing. She was even a Kentucky Colonel!



Helen was born in Hull on the 3rd November 1932. She had one sister, Mary, who was four years older. Mary died in 1952, which was a great shock to the family and Helen never stopped missing her.

So, for most of her life Helen had no close family. She had cousins in Huddersfield, Scarborough and Australia, however, and she discovered distant relatives in America through researching family history. After finding the letters of her great, great uncle John, who died on a Vegetarian Colony in Kansas, she made contact with 11 cousins, mostly in Kentucky, and went to visit them. For her research work, Helen was made a member of the Allen County Historical Society in Kansas and a Kentucky Colonel.

Helen was an intelligent person who took a great interest in many things, but she was not a very good pupil. Her teachers were very surprised when she got her matriculation in 1949 and went to work

Helen Broadbent obituary cont...

in Hull Public Libraries. After 17 years at the library, she happened to see an advert for a job in Austicks Bookshop, Leeds, where she stayed for the rest of her career (apart from a short spell at Hudson's Bookshops, Birmingham from 1968-73). Helen thrived as a bookseller: she quickly got her Bookseller's diploma and, later a diploma for indexing, and she spent most of her career as a manager, moving to the very specialized job of cataloguing Antiquarian books at Miles's (part of Austicks) after a serious illness in 1983, before retiring in 1997 at the age of 65.

If you ever thought that bookselling was a staid profession – think again. The archive that Helen created about life in Austicks records a whirlwind of literary lunches, champagne receptions, and book launches. And it was through this that Helen met many celebrities, including Lord Longford, Vidal Sassoon, Fred Trueman, Joyce Grenfell, Lynne Reid Banks, Harold Macmillan, Yehudi Menuhin, Richard Adams, Jeffrey Archer, Delia Smith, James Clavell, and of course Rod Hull and Emu. Helen was quite an autograph-hunter, though she noted with regret that she forgot to ask for the signatures of Frank Muir and Shirley Conran when they called at the shop. Helen met Ted Heath at a luncheon at the Queen's Hotel, leading to her sending him a copy of her poem.

Helen was quite a wit, and this won her a competition organized by Hamlyn books with a slogan: 'Gifted books presented by Hamlyn.' She also had a great sense of humour and she loved to collect 'Bookshop funnies'. Here are a few:

'I want a book. I don't know much about it but it's by a man'
'I want a book. I can't remember the title but it begins with "The".'
'Do you sell Audience Survey maps?'

Customer: Have you got *Which*?

Staff member: 'What?'

Customer: Have you got *Which*?

Staff member: Which *Which*?

So, how did Helen go hiking with Sherpa Tenzing? Well, Tenzing came to Austicks for the launch of his autobiography, *After Everest*, in 1977. Helen had planned the event herself: she had researched the Everest Climb thoroughly, as a self-professed 'armchair mountaineer' and she designed a window display with gear borrowed from Blacks Outdoor shop next door. Helen commented on how friendly Tenzing was, and how he put all the customers and visitors at their ease, including some lads from Leeds Grammar

Helen Broadbent obituary cont...

School who beamed from ear to ear and got his autograph. Tenzing sat next to Helen at lunch and when she confided in him that she would love to visit Everest, he gave her his card and said 'When you come and see Everest you come and stay with me.' The hike came in the afternoon, when Tenzing, Helen, and a group of reporters, set off for a photo-shoot on Otley Chevin.

Tenzing made a big impression on Helen for his kindness and his humility, and she took an interest in his activities until the end of his life. She had a great concern for the welfare of the people of the Himalaya and also the children of Peru.

Helen was always a church person. She attended St John's Church, Newland, Hull – a church that was 'very dear to her heart' and taught Sunday School there in the 1950s. She came to St Martin's after meeting Richard Peacock, who owned the shop next to Austicks, attending the 8 a.m. Communion with him and Anita. She was a member of the Open Group then the Mothers' Union, but she also helped out behind the scenes doing cleaning with the Peacocks and the Padgetts. She was always at church, not just on Sunday mornings but at seasonal services and at Lent and Advent discussion groups. When she became too frail to attend, she received communion at home and continued to look after the church archives and be treasurer for the Mothers' Union.

Helen was a private person, and her faith was very private too. She simply served God in church and she prayed at home in private. One of her favourite Bible readings was St Paul's sermon on The Fruit of the Spirit:

The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ... If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:22-23, 25-26)



Helen's peaceful and patient life, the carefully-chosen words of care and concern that she shared with so many people, all bore the fruit of the spirit. Many lives have been enriched by knowing Helen Broadbent. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd Jane

Articles

Faces of faith

An article by Joanna Moorhead - *The Tablet's* arts editor - from *The Tablet: The International Catholic News Weekly*, 22 September 2018, p.18. Reproduced with permission of the Publisher. Website address: <http://www.thetablet.co.uk>

ARE YOU near the church, I ask artist Nicola Green on the phone, as I struggle to locate her studio. "Near the church?" she repeats. "We *are* the church." And sure enough, a few minutes later I am admiring her work in the nave of St Saviour's in north London. She rents the space during the week, and tidies her work away each Friday evening so the worshippers have it back for Sunday services.

It's a serendipitous arrangement: the church's congregation is smaller than it once was, and a new revenue stream was needed; but also, the cavernous building with its huge echoey interior and constantly changing kaleidoscope of light has brought a new dimension to her work. "It gives you the most incredible headspace," she says. "Most people only visit a church to pray or to look at an artwork, but when it becomes your working environment it takes on a different perspective."

It's all go at the St Saviour's studio when I visit, because it's the eve of the opening of Green's new London show. "Encounters", staged at St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square ..., is a series of portraits of world faith leaders ... and aims at encouraging us to think differently about our own relationship with faith, about those who represent faiths as leaders, and about what we learn from how they interact.

For Green, the exhibition is the culmination of a 10-year project that at times seemed to have no clear agenda. Having studied fine arts and art history at Edinburgh in the 1990s, Green, 45, embarked on a career in portraiture that was strongly influenced by her marriage, in 2005, to Labour MP David Lammy. Green is white, from a London family; Lammy is black, with Caribbean heritage. Suddenly, she realised that their three children would have a significantly different experience of identity than her own. "I grew up seeing myself reflected in every area of art and culture," she says. "But that's not the case for my children."

IT WAS with this very much in her mind that, in 2008, Green approached an American acquaintance of her husband, a US politician, to ask if she could document his campaigning. "Lots of people thought I was mad, spending all this time following a guy they said could never win the election," she remembers. She pressed on: the result was "In Seven Days", a series of seven silkscreen prints that tells the story of Barack Obama's historic journey to the White House; it has been described by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York as "an artistic and historic masterpiece".

As the Obama project was taking shape, Green found herself increasingly fascinated by another sort of leadership – faith leadership. It began when she saw a newspaper story about a visit by the Dalai Lama to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. She persuaded them to let her sit in on their meetings to sketch and photograph them.

Following much research into meetings between religious leaders, she came to the startling conclusion they were modern events. "Pretty much the first major one was in 1893 when there was a meeting of world religious figures at the World Fair in Chicago," she says. "And then through the twentieth century there was more of it, and also the civil rights movement, and later the anti-apartheid movement, saw religious leaders from different backgrounds holding hands and working side by side."

But it's since 9/11, she says, that interfaith organisations have really taken off in a big way. It wasn't easy, as she points out: "How do you talk about another faith when your own faith is missionary: it's not an easy thing to do, without undermining in any way the absolute truth of what you yourself believe."

The Williams-Dalai Lama meeting fascinated her, and led her to look for more meetings between faith leaders. In 2010 she again persuaded Williams – and with a lot more difficulty, the Vatican – to allow her to sit in on a private meeting between the archbishop and Pope Benedict on his UK visit; and the following year she travelled to Assisi for the gathering of 200 religious leaders from across the world. That, she says, was an extraordinary experience.

More opportunities followed, including a chance in 2015 to be present for a gathering of 20 religious leaders in St Peter's Square. By this time Francis was Pope, and he talked to her about her project and gave it his blessing; at an earlier event, Benedict had

wandered over to ask to see what she was sketching. (Obama did the same, apparently, though she turned him down, explaining that he wouldn't share a half-written speech, and she couldn't share an unfinished drawing.)

HER SHOW draws on all these meetings, and has two distinct types of portraits: the first is a series of 12 life-size images of world faith leaders on Perspex, and the second consists of 30 collaged images. The 12 have features and are clearly individuals, including Pope Francis; the second set have blank features and are set against colourful backgrounds that relate to their faith history. And although their faces are obscured the portraits represent individuals, ...but they're deliberately faceless to prompt thought about what it means to be a "leader" and a "follower".

Green is interested in the oft-repeated line that religion is what causes war; what she'd like people to think about is who [*sic*] do religious leaders represent? In other words, we can't simply hide behind blaming faith for conflict – we must acknowledge our own relationship with these faiths. It's not to do with believing or not: all of us have a heritage with faith elements. "I wanted to make a piece of work where the viewer can project him- or herself in there," she says. No artist has ever previously put all the world faith leaders together in this way, giving each equal status: she wants her audience to think about difference and how they respond to it.

Spending time with world faith leaders has given her – a practising Anglican – a huge respect for what they do. "They're not saying they think the same, and they're not even trying to compromise: instead, they're trying to work out how they can sit alongside someone with whom they have a different belief."

As a woman she was aware, time and again, of how under-represented female leaders were in almost every faith group she encountered; she'd clearly love to have included more, but she has at least managed to include two, Laura Janner-Klausner, a senior rabbi, and Buddhist Miao Guang, among the collaged portraits.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

From the book: *Peace of Heart in All Things*, by Brother Roger Shutz, founder of the ecumenical community of Taizé, GIA Publications

Risen Jesus, mystery of a presence, you never want us to be tormented; you clothe us in your peace.

Church Notice Board

Sun 7th Apr: 9.30 am – Parish Eucharist followed by Annual Church meeting

Thurs 11th Apr: 7.00 pm –Garden Party preparation meeting

Sun 14th Apr: after service – Lent conversations

Weds 24th Apr: 10.30 am –Tots Easter service in church

Sun 28th Apr: 2.30 pm – Caribbean Songs of Praise

Every Friday in Lent: 2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross in church

From the Registers

Weddings:

23/2/2019 – Christopher Raddings & Deborah C. Powell

Funerals:

4/3/2019 – Helen Broadbent

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Readings



April 7th	Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8	P Daniel Priest
April 14th	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	M David P Smithen
April 21st	Luke 22:14-23:56 Isaiah 65:17-end	Priest J Collins
April 28th	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end	A Hylton Priest C Rowsell Priest

Sidespeople

April 7th	V Richards; I Maynard; M David
14th	L Williams; L Carty; N Mayne
21st	J France; M Hunter; H Baxter
28th	L Thompson; E Mills; E Shannon

Refreshments

April 7th	J Collins; P Adams
14th	M Hunter;
21st	L Thompson; E Mills
28th	M Hunter; H Baxter



Sunday Club

April 7th	Caroline; Myrla
14th	Georgette; Apostol
21st	Caroline; Myrla
28th	Children in Church





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