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**On Friday 7th December, from 5 - 8pm, Kew Sparkle is celebrating the start of the festive season whilst supporting local charities — this year it's the Mulberry Centre: see page 8 for further details**

**Armistice Day** this year was a very special occasion, marking the centenary of the end of the "war to end all wars". At *The Link* we are particularly grateful to John Elstone who, every quarter throughout the last four years, has given details of all those who appear on the Honours Board in St. Luke's. Each issue made sober reading but it was good to be given the opportunity to remember those mostly young local lads who made the supreme sacrifice.

**Stop Press:** The London Welsh Rugby Club Choir event at the Barn on 17th November raised over £1,500 for the church. Very grateful thanks are due in particular to Penny Sharman and Veronica Willoughby.

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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

The season of remembering has passed, and we are fast approaching the season of light. Now we must look forward, to all that is possible when we embrace the light.

The holy season of Advent starts on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It is a season of penitence – the dominant colour in church is purple, the colour of confession – and we will have stripped out all the decoration, all the things that appeal to the senses in church – flowers with their vibrancy and scent, the music of glory and praise that usually celebrate our forgiveness – and replaced them with simplicity and a greater consciousness of our need of God's intervention in our lives. And out of that initial darkness and sense of disappointment will grow an increasing joy at the ever-increasing light and hope that God will transform this world into a better place, and that our lives will reflect that.

So we start with one solitary candle, lit in expectation, and will arrive at Christmas Day with five blazing lights amidst the glory of Christ's birth, and, we hope, we will be fully prepared to welcome him.

If we are to reflect properly, we have to start somewhere. What, over these past 12 months, has dragged us down the most? What needs fixing most in our own lives, in our community, in our world? As a nation, we are hopelessly divided over Brexit – what does Advent have to say about that? As a city, we are torn apart with knife crime and social exclusion – what does Advent have to say about that? As a community, we are only too aware of loneliness and suffering within such a pleasant environment. What has Advent got to say about that?

The holy season of Advent addresses each concern in turn, personally.

What am I doing about the divisions, the strident voices, the despair that surround Brexit? How am I supporting those affected most by it – those whose future is uncertain, who fear for their work, who fear for their safety, who question whether they are welcome here any more. Advent penitence requires us to ask, to offer to help – go with EU citizens to Citizens Advice, who will guide them through the processes as they currently stand. Sit and listen to their fears. In our workplaces, what just structures are we putting in place to maintain the confidence of our co-workers?

How can I support young people, help in their development, walk alongside them as they grow up to maturity? Is my voice one of encouragement, or of fear or criticism?

Am I fully engaged with all my neighbours? Do I have contact details of family and friends? Am I aware of the restrictions on their lives, through health or mobility issues? Do I know, and care, about what they will be doing on Christmas Day?

Advent sets us a challenge – to increase the light in our world in practical ways, over a four week period. If we properly engage with that challenge, then we will have the right to let rip and make merry when Christmas Day dawns.



**Peter**

### Baptisms

#### St Luke's

26 <sup>th</sup> August	Megan Karen Brant
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Emilia Carolyn Lowry
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Clark James Cain
	Rebecca Louise Edmonds

#### The Barn

18th November	Oscar Joseph Polydorou
	William Inigo Polydorou

### Funerals

30 <sup>th</sup> August	Nadia Weller
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Juniper Montgomery-Campbell Upton
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Hilda Bush
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Vivienne Dring





## St Luke's - WW1 Roll of Honour Board: those who died October — December 1918

1 **Private Charles William Carder** G/70304, ("D" Company) Labour Battalion, 11th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Killed in action 1st October 1918, aged 18. Son of Charles John and Amelia Carder of Chiswick. Husband of Mrs Kitty Carder of 55, Alexandra Road, Richmond. Born in Acton and enlisted in London. Buried in Hoge Crater Cemetery, Belgium B. 112.

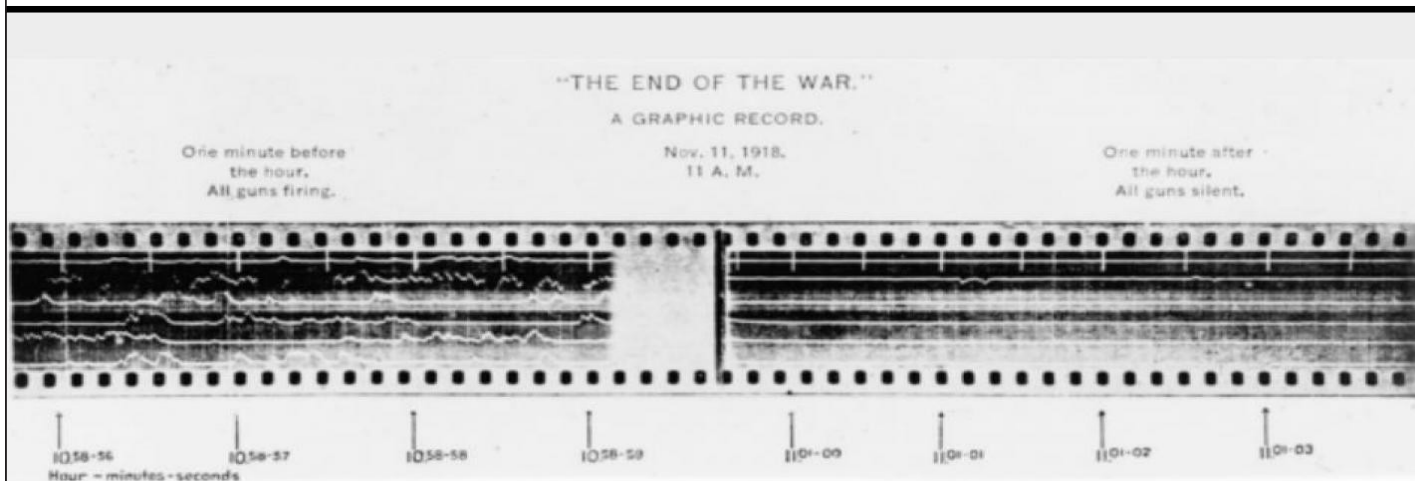
N.B. go to <http://www.queensroyalsurreys.org.uk> to understand more about this young man's regiment. There is a WW1 diary section and on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1918 the 11<sup>th</sup> received orders with disastrous consequences. Most regrettably for this young man the "fifth" battle of Ypres finished on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

2 **Private Sydney Duncombe** L/15042, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, 29th Division. Regular soldier. Died of wounds 21st October 1918. Born in Wimbledon and enlisted in Hounslow. Next of kin residents of Kew Gardens. SDGW spelling: "Duncombe". Possibly connected with Ernest Duncombe. Buried in Staceghem Communal Cemetery, Harlebeke, Belgium B. 141.

3 **Private Gerald Edwards** 52928, 38th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) Killed in action 8th October 1918. Son of Mr and Mrs A. Edwards of 13, Thornton Road, East Sheen. Enlisted in Colchester. Formerly with the Essex Yeomanry. Resident of Clapham. Buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy. F. 234

4 **Lance Sergeant Alfred Wright** 10485, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment. Died at home, 20th November 1918, aged 30. Born in Woodford, Essex and enlisted in Richmond. Next of kin 30, Windsor Road, Richmond. Buried in Richmond Cemetery 27. 11. 18.

5 **Second Lieutenant John Walter Bruce Rowland**, "D" Battery, 175th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 1st November 1918, aged 19. Son of Dr. Ernest Daniel Rowland & Edith Stratford Rowland of 78, Church Street, Georgetown, British Guiana. Educated at Cheltenham College. Buried in Querenaing Communal Cemetery, F. 1257



...and the guns fell silent

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### and bring a Syrian family to safety

Most of us reading The Link will feel safe where we live with a roof over our head, friends, family, a doctor if we need one, free schooling for our children, and freedom to say or write what we think. Picture living in Kew and suddenly with a few hours' notice having to leave home with a suitcase, abandon our land, our language, our career, our children's education and flee for our lives. If we are lucky we would get to another country to a camp where we would feel safer.

But we would have no rights, minimal access to education or healthcare, and a tent for a home in all weathers. This scenario or worse is the experience of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees who languish in this limbo land, stuck in the many camps bordering Syria in Lebanon and Jordan.

The good news about this desolate situation is that in the borough of Richmond we have the chance to help a little, thanks to the organisation, **Refugees Welcome in Richmond**. On 2nd September 2015 the image of a drowned, three-year-old Syrian toddler provoked David Cameron to grant 20,000 refugees five years' permission to remain in boroughs across the UK under what is known as the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. Very quickly a local group of young mums got up a petition with over a thousand signatures, asking *what are we doing in Richmond?* A meeting was arranged with officials of Richmond Council who agreed to participate in the scheme, as long the housing could be found. Richmond is chronically short of housing.

**Refugees Welcome in Richmond** was formed and now nearly three years later they have found homes for three Syrian families, but there is an urgent need for more homes. The families are totally vetted by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the Home Office, and Richmond Council have now approved the following measures for landlords:

- Rent paid direct to landlord by Government (local Housing Allowance rates)
- Standard short-term tenancy agreements with the Council as guarantor
- 2-5 year tenancies
- Rent and council tax paid from date property is available
- No letting fees if dealing direct with the Council
- The Council handles all logistics and provides all necessary support to the family, e.g. housing and other benefits, helping families to find schools, health services, English classes etc.

One of the current landlords has let her mother's cottage in Teddington. Her mother has gone into care and she doesn't want to sell now, so this has worked well. There may be people in the borough with a similar situation or with a spare house or flat.

The other aim of **Refugees Welcome in Richmond** is to befriend the families. Evidence shows that refugees do much better if supported by and involved in the local community. This could involve visiting the families, e.g. to practise their English, read to the children, advise what to grow in a garden, help with homework and generally support them where they need it. One of the refugees is an artist and is being befriended by an art teacher. Helping in this way can hugely enrich both the receiver and the giver.

The organisation is currently a group of like-minded people. There are about 15 active members and 50 on the contact list. If you feel you can help in any way in this very worthwhile and important endeavour please contact the Resettlement Team at:

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### Is The Avenue Club the Kew Day Care Centre?

Well, it used to be 30 years ago but things are very different now, although on Mondays we employ a 'cabbie' and a carer to look after our less-able members. When the Council stopped running it, a local Trust was formed to continue providing activities for the community and a social space for locals to enjoy. We serve lunch 4 days a week, and tea and coffee is always on tap. In addition, we offer a wide-ranging programme for anyone with time to spare in the day.

### Is The Avenue Club mainly for women?

Recently our programme has expanded to include activities that appeal to the men as much as the women. Some of the most popular new classes are Jon's film lectures, Alan's History of London and Ross's opera lectures twice a month. Ian Bloomfield leads our choir and Garry runs our Friday pilates classes plus our Men's Wellbeing Group



The Men's Wellbeing Group enjoying the garden

### Is The Avenue Club run by the church?

No – St Luke's church is our landlord but we are a completely secular organisation.

### Do you have to commit to termly attendance for a class?

No – all our classes are pay-as-you-go and very reasonably priced.

### So what is on offer?

For those interested in fitness we have Pilates, yoga, aerobic classes, line dancing and Tai Chi. If it's culture you're after, join us for opera, art history, film and History of London. Are you creative? Come to mosaics, creative writing or art. Want to learn something new? We offer 3 different language classes, choir, ukulele, bridge and book club. We also offer lots of services such as hairdressing, chiropody, massage and manicure.

Our members love our varied choice of outings: to name just a few, these have included visits to Denbies' Winery, The William Morris Gallery, The Cinema Museum and 'behind the scenes' at The Royal Opera House.

If you'd like to know more, drop in to see us or give us a call — all our contact details are at the top of the page!

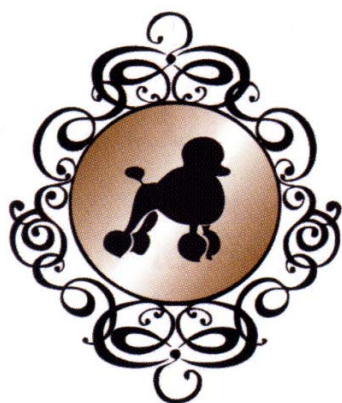


Kew's annual community Christmas event, Kew Sparkle, will get the festive season well and truly underway on Friday 7 December 2018 in Kew Village from 5-8pm. Once again, Kew Sparkle is celebrating the start of the festive season whilst supporting local charities.

Choirs from Kew primary schools and local singer, Shelle Luscombe, will be setting the musical scene with some festive Christmas carols. The arrival of Father Christmas and Santa's Grotto along with vintage carousels and old-fashioned game stalls will provide entertainment for the younger visitors, whilst over 30 stalls will provide a Christmas shopping opportunity for adults. Food and mulled wine will be aplenty.

Profits raised are being donated to another local charity this year: the **Mulberry Centre**, West London's cancer support service, based within the grounds of the West Middlesex Hospital, for anyone affected by a diagnosis of cancer to visit for information, advice and support. The Centre delivers a range of services to the cancer patient, friends and family, carers and those bereaved by cancer, including counselling sessions and support groups, complementary and relaxation therapies, a well-stocked library, information on relevant welfare and benefits, and a wide range of workshops — all available on a drop-in basis at the Centre, or via e-mail or telephone. Kew Sparkle is pleased to be supporting such a worthwhile cause.

For more information about Kew Sparkle, or if you wish to volunteer to help on the night, or are a local business wishing to donate a raffle prize, please email [kewsparkle@gmail.com](mailto:kewsparkle@gmail.com) or visit <http://kewtw9.org/event/kew-sparkle-2018/>



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St Luke's Living and Giving service certainly lived up to its name. This special service held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September was truly about *living* our Christian values and *giving* not just to St Luke's, but also to a really worthwhile charity. We had a special all age worship where we explored how we could offer our time and talents to support the work of St Luke's Church, followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning where we raised £675.30 towards the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. We enjoyed lots of delicious homemade cakes with a giant Colin the Caterpillar chocolate cake a particular favourite with both children and adults! A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and to those who came along to this special service.



A wonderful and colourful selection of foodstuffs collected by St Luke's parishioners at Harvest Festival. A similar altar-full was presented at the Barn, and both collections were immediately dispatched to Spear, the homeless charity in Richmond:

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## **ST LUKE'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

St Luke's Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October and was attended by about 100 parishioners from St Luke's and The Barn Churches. 24 children had fun with craft activities in Junior Church.

The Preacher was Rev Judith Roberts who gave fascinating insights into her work as a Chaplain at Kingston Hospital.

75 people enjoyed the delicious after-service lunch, ending a very happy occasion.



The Vicar with Rev. Judith Roberts and LLM Michael Tonkin after the service





With Harvest Festival over, it was time to clear the floor of the Barn Church for the seasonal Barn Dance. Dancers of all ages “promenaded” and “stepped to the right” under the instruction of the “Garlickhythe Occasionals”’s caller. Having

worked up an appetite, everyone was treated to an amazing buffet prepared by a team of local cooks. Then it was back to the dance floor for more “do-si-do”ing.

The evening raised £1000 for the Barn Church and £300 that will be going to charity. An update will be provided in the next edition of *The Link*.

## KEW VILLAGE MARKET



Come and support your local market — first Sunday of the month (except January). All operating profits to local charities. [www.kewvillagemarket.org](http://www.kewvillagemarket.org)



**Many congratulations to Richard Jeffries and his team of indefatigable gardeners for all their hard work, which resulted in this Award! The following is the Kew Society's report:**

We do live in a beautiful borough. This has just been re-confirmed as Richmond Borough won Gold awards in multiple categories in the 2018 London in Bloom awards. Kew played an important part in this success, and it was therefore not a surprise that at the awards ceremony for the Richmond Borough in Bloom ‘Best Village in Bloom’, Kew won an overall Silver Gilt award while areas of the Village also won individual awards for the beauty of their gardens. The gardening team receiving the Silver Gilt award for ‘Best Village in Bloom’ In their overall comments, the judges acknowledged the continuing development of existing gardens in the Village, such as the Station gardens, High Park Corner, and the Pocket Park at the National Archives. The judges were interested in new initiatives and developments, acknowledging these with a Gold award for Kew Riverside’s landscaped gardens, a Silver award for Neighbourhood Cafe Yukari’s transformation of the corner of Kew Plaza, and **a Silver Gilt award in the Community Building category for the lovely gardens at the Barn Church.** Not surprisingly, the judges were dazzled with the beautiful, colourful presentations on the pubs on the Green, with both ‘The Coach and Horses’ and ‘The Botanist’ taking home Gold awards, while the displays at ‘Maids of Honour’ also impressed, gaining a Silver award. In addition, individual front gardens were recognised with a Kew resident taking home a Gold award, winning this category. Congratulations to all the winners. The wide range of success across almost all the categories of the competition is a testimony to the hard work that many put in, often voluntarily, to make Kew such a lovely place to live. The Kew Society wishes to thank them all for their hard work, particularly in keeping their gardens so pretty in the tough drought conditions this summer. Of course, if any other Society members are interested in giving up some of their precious time to help with the gardening effort in making Kew even more beautiful, please would you let Richard Jaggard know at [environment@kewsociety.org](mailto:environment@kewsociety.org).

## Diary of Events & Services at St Luke's and The Barn

### November

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm Pub Theology at The Kew Gardens Hotel

### December

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Advent Music & Readings by Candlelight at St Luke's

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm Barn & St Luke's stall at Kew Sparkle in village

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 5pm St Luke's Brownie & Junior Church Play in the Hall

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Barn: Nine Lessons & Carols  
6pm St Luke's: Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm Crib Service at The Barn

4pm Crib Service at St Luke's

11.30pm Midnight Mass at The Barn

Christmas Day 9.30 & 11am Christmas Eucharist

### January

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30 & 11am Epiphany

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 8pm St Luke's PCC

### February

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 & 11am Candlemas/Christingle

### Invitation to a Wassail Party at Pensford Field

Sunday 6th Jan 2019  
at 2.00pm



*A Wassail is an old English custom from Pre-Norman times. The Wassail gives fruit growers the opportunity to drink to the good health of their fruit trees and scare away any evil spirits. Everyone is invited, young and old and all in between. **Funny hats, costumes, and noise making instruments are encouraged.** Remember to wrap up warm. To fight the cold, traditional mulled cider and refreshments will be served.*

*Music - Singing and Dancing - Bonfire  
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## KEW FOR YOU

**Food Forever** is a new initiative to raise awareness of the importance of crop and livestock diversity. RBG Kew is a partner of Food Forever and Kew's Director, Richard Deverell, is one of its Champions, aimed at educating people about the importance of food crop diversity, in a form which plant breeders can easily use. For example, *Hyphaene Thebaica* with, common names Doum Palm or



Christmas Lights in front of the Palm House

gingerbread, is a type of palm tree with

edible fruit. It is native to the Arabian Peninsula and also to the Northern half of Africa where it is widely grown in damp places. The Doum Palm has been cultivated for its various uses for thousands of years in Egypt.

An important local food source, the plant is also utilised for medicine and various other commodities by the local people. Interestingly, during the First World War the powered fruits of this palm were used for treating wounds in West Africa.

**Visitor learning** recently launched a new community horticultural programme with 15 group leaders from community gardens, growing and wellbeing projects in the Lion Gate community allotments. Other plans for the community include Kew workshops for targeted groups.

**Kew Trees:** I am tremendously fond of oak trees and was delighted to learn that people are now taking action to protect one of our native trees. A new project was launched by Michael Gove and Lord Gardiner called the Action Oak Partnership. Our oaks are under significant threat from diseases and pests, including the oak processionary moth. Kew Gardens are key partners in Action Oak and have the backing of many important people, including HRH the Prince of Wales, who has a strong interest in plant health and biosecurity. The combined knowledge involved will be vital in projecting these splendid oaks.

**Majestic Oaks:** The Shirley Sherwood Gallery has an exhibition of some wonderful drawings of trees by the artist Mark Frith, called a Legacy of Ancient Oaks. The exhibition runs until 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**Food for Thought:** Plants and fungi contain many active ingredients which can affect our health and this is now an important research area for Kew scientists. Interestingly, work is now being studied into how this is affecting brain function.

**Chihuly at Kew:** this event is coming soon, from Easter 2019 and I am delighted that the amazing work of American glass artist, Dale Chihuly, will be on show across the Gardens at Kew. Look out for further details at [kew.org](http://kew.org) soon.

**Raise a glass to Kew's Award Winners:** Kew's range of gins, created in partnership with the London Distillery Company, is now very popular. Kew Organic Gin: Explorers' Strength won a gold and silver medal in different categories at the 2018 International Wine and Spirit Competition. Kew Organic Gin, Kew Organic Horseradish Vodka and Kew Orangery Triple Sec all gained medals. All these are available in Kew's shops. I was especially interested to learn that all such purchases go towards supporting Kew's vital conservation around the world, so one can feel virtuous whilst enjoying a tipple!

**Christmas at Kew:** Now for something completely different. A favourite for a welcome event, this will be along the same route as last year, with splendid lights and the amazing Palm House pond finale of lights, water jets and projections. Extra days have been added and it will start on the 22 November and run until Saturday 5 January.

**Rosalind Eagleton**



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In Kew's theatrical undergrowth, something is stirring .... hedgehog hopefuls are preening their prickles, as Toad, Rat and Mole master their moves. It's

### **"The Wind in the Willows"**

coming to the Barn Church in January. This hour-long musical is adapted from the Kenneth Grahame story by Adam Forde and David Perkins (licensed by Stagescripts Ltd), and is the latest inspirational project produced by Mary Noyes. Jane Corpetti and Robin Morrison are the stage directors, and Mike Oxborrow as

prop-master has the small task of turning the stage into a river. A stellar cast of local thespians play the menagerie of animal leads. Andy Cox is reckless Mister Toad, with Jane Corpetti and Leo Copland playing Rat and Mole. Jean Utshudiema will be Badger, and Nelson Neves is Otter. Hugh Cox, Alison Arnold and Helen Stumcke preside as Weasels and Minnie the Mink, those dastardly Wild Wooders.... Many local children are taking part, and a live band of talented musicians will perform the music, supporting the Kew Community Choir. Showtimes are Saturday 12 January at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 13 January at 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. at the Barn Church, Atwood Avenue, Kew.

Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 concessions (over 65 and under 12 years). A £30 family ticket is for 2 adults and up to 4 children.

Tickets may be purchased from Mary Noyes, 26 Castlegate, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2HJ. Please make cheques payable to St Luke's PCC and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. This will be a lovely family entertainment to welcome in the New Year, so save the dates for your seats by the riverside!

**Liz Holden Bithell**

## **Climate change:**

### **What can the Church learn from the work of Kew Gardens?**

Talks by Richard Deverell, Director, the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and Brother Sam SSF, St Anne's Church, Kew Green, on October 13.



About 120 people were privileged to hear these two speakers, who were invited under the auspices of St. Anne's Social Justice Forum and Churches Together in Kew. Regrettably, space does not allow for a full report on their speeches, both of which were very thought-provoking. Briefly, Richard Deverell spoke about the general scientific consensus that climate-change is a product of human activity. There is a close link between loss of plant life, including deforestation, and climate change, and he described the work that Kew Gardens is doing to preserve species which are in danger of extinction.

Brother Sam said that St. Francis understood creation as a gift: creation points us towards the giver. There is a fundamental inter-connectedness between people and nature, between our care for each other and for the planet. He stressed that we must change our life-style and be willing to pay the price of that change.

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