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On 30th June, after very special services at the Barn and St. Luke's, celebrations took place at St. Luke's with cake (of course) to mark the Admission to Communion of a number of children, all of whose names appear on page 3. All those children took part in the intercessions, producing some lovely prayers. The following, by Joe Staheli (aged 9), is an example:

Dear God, Thank you for giving me a lovely family, a place to live and lots of friends. Thank you for letting me see green grass and letting me hear birds tweet. Please let us preserve this wonderful thing.
Amen.

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Hello from *The Link* team

Just before we went to press we heard of the sad and untimely death of John Elstone from motor-neurone disease. He was a much-valued member of this team as well as a regular attender at the Barn. We all send our deepest condolences and sympathy to Lydia at this saddest of times for her and for us.

Link 65 will be published on 1st December. All copy to the editor by email — including photographs — by 10th November latest, please.

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8am Holy Communion
11am Parish Communion (Junior Church and Crèche in term-time)
11am first Sunday in the month - All-age Worship: Parish Communion with Junior Church participation

Every Thursday

10am Holy Communion

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

The summer has been mixed – heat, rain, wind, storms, more talk about cake than cricket commentary – we have had a quite a lot of everything. We have enjoyed beaches and hills, visited new towns and cities, eaten different food and spent time with family and friends. But now, it is beginning to feel like settling down time, to press on with a new school year and to focus on what we do locally and who we are as a community. Not far down the line comes the resumption of the winter night shelter project in collaboration with Glass Door – that begins again in November – the Richmond Food Bank needs our donations after its summer closure to install a ramp, so that there is fair access for everybody, Junior Church has begun again and it is nearly Harvest Festival time. The Church has taken to referring to this season as “Creationtide”, and so asks some serious questions of us.

What have we done with our world and with our community already this year? At the Barn, clearing and planting has taken place, with harvests of beans and fresh herbs. A bug hotel has been created, and plans are being laid for mixed flower planting for next year, to supplement the lavender border. At St Luke’s, stonework repairs are in the offing, to make the building watertight against the winter weather. We have also recycled and reused, walked rather than driven, maybe cut down on meat – there are some great vegetarian recipes out there, and they are quick and much easier to wash up after than meat dishes.... And yet the clamour to do something about climate change continues. Will the local 20mph speed limit make a difference to air quality? Or are our roads so parked up that 20 mph is the only feasible speed a car can travel at?

What does God have to say about all this? God delights in his creation, and sees it as good in all its ways. God has put us within it as part of it, not as its lord and master, but as a creative, interactive element of the whole. God has put enough resources on the earth for every living thing, but we are the ones who grab it to ourselves and crowd out the rest of creation. There is a beauty and a joy in creation, not just colour and shape and smell, but in its amazing interlocking relationships that we are still only just beginning to explore – trees talking to each other through the maze of roots and fungal threads that connect them, flowers with shallow nectar stores for short-tongued bees, flowers with deep nectar, for long-tongued bees, or bees with sharp teeth to short-cut the problem and come in to the nectar from the side. We are part of God’s beauty and delight, but we are asked to “walk gently upon the earth”, to value it and to feed it, to put back into it as well as taking from it, to see God within it and so to recognise God’s love and gracious provision within it for all creation.

This is not woolly tree-hugging theology, it is a practical way to live in God’s world, a love-response to the initial creative love of God. If we delight in God, then we will delight in creation and all that makes it up, and so live lovingly upon the earth. Each of us has to work that out for ourselves, how our choices affect the world around us. God calls each of us to examine our lifestyle and respond to the divine love expressed in creation, so that our choices are God-directed and love-initiated, rather than being self-centred and unthinking. Join with us through this Creationtide, then, and let us explore together our response to God’s amazing creation.

Peter

Baptisms

The Barn

16th June

Annora Joy Arndt

Guzal Mamaeva-Arndt

18th August

George Zebedee Rixson

1st September

Sebastian Leicester

St Luke’s

16th June

30th June

Mia Kara Ophelia Row

Ajay Gandhi

Reuben Hubert Guy Britnell

Funerals

25th July

Desanka Djokic

29th July

Terry Burke

6th August

Barbara Purvis

8th August

Helen Cullum

Admitted to Communion - 30th June

The Barn

Grace Strong, Matilda Goose, Joshua Rasi de Mel, Noah Rasi de Mel, Alexa Kirrage,

St Luke’s

Reuben Britnell, Alexander Durrani, Ajay Gandhi,

Oscar Gause-Batra, Charlotte Huby, Jacob Rigby,

Edward Samwell, Joe Staheli, and on 7th July Ethan Human

BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHURCH

Recently the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, gave a talk at St. Anne's (see page 5) and what I particularly remember is his emphasis on the idea that Christianity provides a places in its churches for all people from whatever walk of life, young and old, to be together as equals. The word communion comes to mind as in Holy Communion, and also as in the idea of a community coming together and becoming involved in something bigger than itself. Part of that, in a very positive way, is sharing and making sure the church can continue to function in the way that we are so lucky it does at the Barn and St. Luke's churches.



For this to happen volunteers are always needed, and we have many wonderful volunteers. To quote Beth Elliott who is a church warden at the Barn church together with Andrew Rankin, 'Being a volunteer brings more to life than you can imagine, gives you skills you thought you would never have, and enables you to become friends with people you thought you would never meet'.

There are currently many projects that need urgent attention at the Barn. The boiler that heats the church has broken and needs to be replaced by the winter. The cost will be between £17,000 and £41,000: a decision has recently been made but the funds now have to be raised. The church wardens, supported by other volunteers on the PCC, have approached the Richmond Parish Lands charity for a grant which involves complex form filling. Parish Lands specifies that 'the building' must be used by non-religious groups as well as religious ones; luckily this is no problem at the Barn. There are at least seventeen diverse groups which use the church building, ranging from 'Heart Beeps', a child sensory playgroup, to the Extinction Rebellion, and including such groups as Naked Dragon (music and sound healing), Bach for Babies, elections and yoga.

Attached to the Barn church is the Barn Nursery, housed in a 'temporary' building, built 40 years ago and in urgent need of repair. Stage one involves the much-needed refurbishment of the 'girls' toilets and the church wardens have to grapple with such issues as who uses the toilets – just the little girls, or the female staff too? - and decide what kind of loo seat might be needed!

Raising funds for 'reps and maintenance' might sound dull but when you consider that much of this is done by the Entertainments Team, headed by Felice Oxborrow, responsible for four highly successful events throughout the year – the barn dance, the jazz evening and the summer and winter fairs – the activity, although hard work, becomes something shared and fun.

The churches look outward too. The Outreach Team run by Clare Vollum and Nicole Potulski provides Vineyard lunches for the homeless with warm, substantial food, delicious enough to rival any foody programme on TV - and lots of it. This magazine, edited by Charlie Grace aided by another team of volunteers, provides information and inspiration, reaching out to both parishes and beyond. Charlie would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to contribute to the content or be part of the *Link* team. There are opportunities too to help with the Night Shelter scheme that is run by many of the churches in the diocese during the winter months, offering overnight shelter to the homeless. Within the churches there is, of course, the music in both churches and the choirs run by Mary Noyes at St Luke's and Mike Oxborrow at the Barn, and the beautiful flower arranging. There are also the working parties that keep the gardens at the Barn neat and tidy, and this year the gardens again won a Bronze Award in the Richmond in Bloom competition.

Supported by Peter, the churches could not function without the vital support and work of so many volunteers behind the scenes. More volunteers are always needed and I can only say from experience that there is something precious and life-enhancing about being offered the opportunity to give and receive within the church and the community.

Harriet Grace

Dr. Rowan Williams at St Anne's

[The words in *italics* are direct quotations from Dr. Williams' lecture]

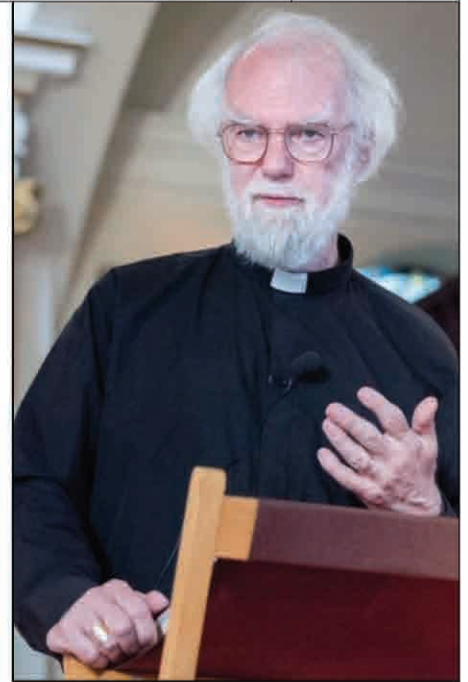
On 12 July, St Anne's Church was full to hear Dr. Rowan Williams lecture on **The Challenge of Affluence: lessons for a parish, from the life of Conrad Noel.**

The Reverend Conrad Noel (1869-1942) was born on 12 July 1869 in Royal Cottage, Kew Green. Dr. Williams began by explaining how the problem of poverty prior to World War I vexed many people, particularly in the Church. Conrad Noel, who had been ordained (not without difficulty) in the 1890s and found it difficult to get a job as a curate, was a committed socialist. However, his particular brand of socialism was bound up intimately with his approach to liturgy, his understanding of the creed and his commitment to what Dr. Williams called 'a kind of localism'.

He became vicar of the very beautiful Thaxted Church in north east Essex in 1911 and proceeded to institute changes that reflected his understanding of Christian socialism. For Conrad Noel, *'liturgy was a worked example of redeemed community... it was a form of politics'*. This was because it showed how human beings could do something together, something beautiful, something orderly, that expressed their solidarity. His understanding of the Trinity led him to an absolute belief in difference in equality – *'difference is not fatal or threatening or competitive. Difference is not winners and losers'* Dr Williams, with his trade-mark gentle courtesy, then used these points to challenge us with a number of fundamental questions about our liturgy and to what extent it speaks of an alternative way of being human together from the one that is all around us. Do we discover, with a sense of delight, something about our humanity that transforms how we usually carry on? Our Christianity should enable us to think of a political world, nationally and locally, oriented not towards the **exercise** of power, but the **giving** of power - the setting free of every human individual to be both giver and creator.

Dr Williams concluded his lecture as follows: *All I wanted to do this evening is introduce you a bit to a quite extraordinary figure... Someone worth remembering, worth celebrating, someone who travelled a fair way from the house across the road, but who travelled with a consistency, a courage and above all a level of joyful flair.*

A transcript of the lecture will be available shortly on the St Anne's website. www.saintanne-kew.org.uk



Claudine McCreadie



Junior Church @The Barn - our Autumn Term has begun!

Autumn Term was welcomed in on Sunday 8th September, when we were joined by all of the children back from their summer holiday adventures. Autumn Term sees us through to 15th December, and includes Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, and will end with an early celebration of Christmas at the Christmas Fair.

We are very grateful to have the support of Lisa Skipp who leads the older children's Junior Church sessions, and are pleased to welcome our new coordinator for the pre-school sessions this term, Vasiles Polydorou. All

volunteers or parents who would like to contribute as pre-school session volunteers are welcome — we would love to hear from you at thebarnjuniorchurch@gmail.com.

As Beth Elliot has moved on from her role as Junior Church coordinator to serve The Barn as a Church Warden, a word of thanks is owed to her for her vast contributions to developing this role, and for her consistent support of the church during her time in the role.

Jackie Rixson

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Come along and try one of our activities - we offer a wide variety from Men's Wellbeing Classes and Yoga to Mosaics, Art and Choir.

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This is just a sample of what is starting again in the Autumn - please contact the Office for details of all our classes.

Opera Masterworks : Puccini

Thursdays 10.00—12.00 £7

(2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)

Ross Alley returned on 12th September for his Autumn series of Lectures which will focus on opera masterworks, starting with Puccini.

Spanish Classes

Starting Tuesday 16th September

10.00, 11.15 or 12.30 £5

Our new Spanish teacher, Marietta Freeman, will be running classes on Mondays:

Beginners 11.15am

Intermediate classes 10am or 12.30pm

Afternoon Cinema & Film Club

Tuesday Afternoons
Starting 24th September
12.45—2.45 £7

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Tuesday Mornings
Starting 24th September
10.30—12.00 £7

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History Lectures

Thursday Afternoons
Starting 26th September
12.30-2pm FREE

"Sugar, Cotton and Slaves:
a History of the Atlantic World
from Columbus to the end of
Slavery in the New World."

We hope the following talks will be of interest to you. All our talks are free and any donations will go to the Charity giving each talk.

Could you let the Office know if you intend to come along.

Sustainability & Our Environment

Monday 23rd September, 2pm

Come along and hear from Colin Cooper, Chief Executive of South West London Environment Network (SWLEN) on how we can be more environmentally friendly and help our local environment.

Death Café

Hosted by Princess Alice Hospice

Monday 21st October, 2-3pm

A Death Café aims to bring people together to drink tea, eat cake and talk about death and dying. They can be very interesting and empowering, allowing you to talk about things that might seem 'taboo'.

RNLI Lifeboats on the Thames

Monday 28th October, 2pm

David Clarke will describe the search and rescue service operated by the RNLI on the Thames based on his experience as lifeboat crew and role as Press Officer for Chiswick Lifeboat Station.



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The Kew Churches Summer Festival on Kew Green on 14th July marked the start of our End of Term Celebrations for the Junior Churches of St Anne's, St Luke's and the Barn, organised by Jennifer Powers from St. Anne's.

The spirit of summer was unleashed by teams of children who competed in sack races, three legged races, and culminated in a show of fearsome strength in an almighty tug of war! The children competed among themselves, and then took on the mums and dads and still had energy left for the many games on offer.

St Luke's and the Barn also had their Summer BBQ events, which saw more family fun and a chance to relax, take in the sunshine and embrace the start of the long summer break. A great show of fun, and a chance to show our competitive spirit while enjoying the summer sun!

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Kew for You

Tremendous Trees: We have recently moved to a flat on Kew Road with a view into the Gardens. Unfortunately, the view is restricted by too many trees! If you like trees, this autumn you can join a walking tour to see Kew's beautiful, diverse and fascinating tree collection, in its autumn glory.

1 Oct-30 Nov, 2pm only until 27

Oct, then 12 noon & 2pm, from Victoria plaza, at no extra charge, limited capacity, register from 15 minutes before the start. Groups of 6+ must pre-book a bespoke tour (fee applies).

For a booking form email tours@kew.org.

The Order Beds have changed: The area is now The Agius Evolution Garden. Richard Barley, Kew's Head of Horticulture, has written that the newest garden is the product of extensive collaboration between Horticulture, Science and many others at Kew. The Garden reflects how the thinking and understanding of plant classification and relationships has changed over the years. It tells the story of how plants are related to each other and how they have evolved. Some of these relationships are amazing, did you know that nettles and roses are close cousins, while buttercups and peonies once thought to be in the same family have been shown to be completely unrelated? The garden displays the current understanding of plant families, based on their DNA. It perfectly illustrates Kew's work in classifying plants.

Kew welcomes Sir Paul Nurse: the distinguished life scientist and Nobel prize winner will join Kew's board in October. Paul originally studied Biology at the University of Birmingham, which included a placement at Kew's Jodrell laboratory as a Sandwich Student. Kew's director Richard Deverell says: I am absolutely thrilled Paul has agreed to become involved with Kew. He will be joining us at an important time. The biggest opportunity facing Kew now is to shape an ambitious trajectory for our science, and our trustees will play a critical role in this".

A Pioneering Princess: Augusta, the mother of King George the third, employed architect William Chambers to create a series of elegant and fashionably exotic buildings for her garden, including the Orangery and Chinese style aviary. After her husband's death in 1751, Princess Augusta went to considerable effort and expense to put together a significant botanical collection of beautiful, highly prized and newly discovered plants from all over the world.

Kew Gardens Needs Help: The Gardens are excited to let you know about a new volunteering opportunity at Kew: **Volunteer Family Community Connectors**. They are looking for friendly people with good links to other families within the local community of Richmond Upon Thames and an interest in the work of RBG Kew. To apply you need to be a resident of the borough and have an interest in plants.

For more information please fill out the on-line application form:

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

September

Monday 16 th	8pm	St Luke's PCC meeting
Monday 23 rd	8pm	Barn PCC meeting
Monday 30 th	4pm	Memorial service for Christopher Springate at St Luke's

October

Saturday 5 th	Noon	Memorial Service for Rev Irene Ahrens at The Barn
Saturday 5 th	6.30pm	Bingo Evening at St Luke's
Sunday 6 th	9.30 & 11.0	Harvest Festival
Saturday 12 th	7.30pm	Barn Dance at The Barn
Monday 14 th	8pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting
Sunday 20 th	11am	St Luke's Patronal Festival

November

Sunday 10 th	2pm?	St Luke's Church Choir and KCC Tea Party
Saturday 23 rd	10.30-1.30	St Luke's Christmas Fair
Saturday 23 rd		Confirmation at Southwark Cathedral
Saturday 30 th	11-2.30	Barn Christmas Fair

December

Sunday 1 st	midday	St Luke's Vineyard Lunch
Sunday 1 st	6pm	St Luke's Advent Music & Readings
Sunday 8 th	midday	Barn Vineyard Lunch

Veronica Willoughby, Barn PCC Secretary

Veronica Willoughby, vibrant and willowy,
 (I wish I could find her a suitable simile:
 A tree full of birds, a calm flowing river,
 An orchard in autumn, the grace of a giver)
 Served the Barn Church with elan and alacrity
 And then was elected as PCC secretary,
 A role she fulfilled with finesse and efficiency
 And even, I venture, a hint of astringency,
 For her minutes were terse to the point of the minimal
 And all surplus words were regarded as criminal;
 She liked to keep matters unfussy and sturdy,
 And refused to pen anything woolly or wordy;
 This left her time for her other proclivities,
 Choral or floral or arty activities;
 She'd invest a few pence on a tentative horse
 Attempting a fence on some treacherous course,
 Or support the brave feats of the Irish fifteen
 As they battled at Twickers in emerald green;
 But it is her work for the church we'll remember
 When she resigns from her post in September;
 So for ten years of service we thank her and bless her
 As she hands on the torch to her worthy successor.

Paul Gregorowski

Annual Barn Dance and supper

12th October at the Barn

- Doors open at 6 –
- First dance at 6.30
- Supper at 7.30, then more dancing.
- Live band with caller
- An event for all ages

It's a fundraiser for the church, so suggested donations: adult £20, child £10, concessions £15.
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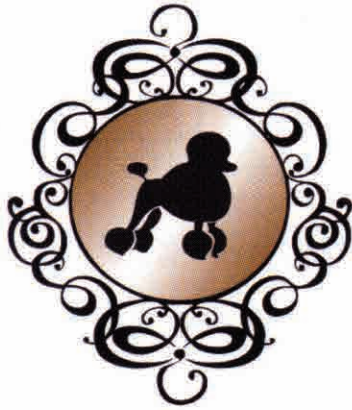
Barn Dance

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A story of timeless friendship

Q2 are pleased to announce that their autumn show will be **Living Memory**. This is a brand new play and Q2 are honoured to be the first group ever to perform it.

It is 2018, and Jo has just moved into her dream cottage with her loving husband. But what is she running from? Back in 1945, Ruby battles to save her marriage to Sam, after a family tragedy threatens to tear them apart. Will the two women find in each other the strength they need to survive?

28th – 30th November, 2.30 pm and 7.45pm
at The National Archives, Kew
£10 standard, £9 concessions—see flyer

Q2 Players, Kew's only amateur theatre group, presents

Living Memory

A new play, written
and directed by
Geni Trickett

28th & 29th November
at 7.45pm
30th November at 2.30
and 7.45pm

The National Archives,
Kew
Tickets £10 (£9
concessions)

Online: www.seaty.co.uk/livingmemory
Email: tickets@q2players.org.uk
Phone: 07484 893 942

Q2 Players are affiliated to Arts Council. The production of this play is entered for the Swan Awards for Drama and Music.



Caroline Blomfield opened **Kew Bookshop** on 12th October 1989. We, Adam and Wendy Hewson, took over the shop 2nd December 2016. It is quite a thing for a bookshop to last so long, particularly for such a small independent bookshop, so we felt a two day celebration was in order: Friday 11th & Saturday 12th October. We'll have loads of cake, wine, cookery book sample tastings, more cake. We are going to have a series of 'Authors in Residence' who will be able to talk directly to customers about their books and their inspiration. (The shop is too small to have big readings and talks when it is busy). Kes Gray, author of the Oi! Frog books will feature. The list will be on our website. www.hewsonbooks.co.uk. We shall have a Kew Bookshop Boardgame created by a couple of authors who specialise in make at home boardgames.

There will also be Adult's & Children's Kew Bookshop goody bags for people who shop with us on the day. And we'll have the Bookshop Band coming down from Scotland! <https://www.thebookshopband.co.uk/> <https://www.youtube.com/>



**Join the line dancers at
St. Luke's on Wednesday
nights from 7.30!**

(The *Avenue Club* news can
be found on page 7)

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Debbie Fife **8940 2791**

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Rotary Club of Kew

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Richmond and Kew Quilters

every 2nd Monday of the month. 7.30-9.30pm, St Winefride's Church Hall.
www.richmondandkewquilters.org.uk

Richmond Local History Society

Talks, usually 2nd Mon. monthly Oct/May, 8pm. Duke Street Church, Richmond TW9 1DH. Elizabeth Velluet **8891 3825**
rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk
www.richmondhistory.org.uk.

Kew Village Market

First Sunday of every month (except Jan) 10am to 2pm. Community food/crafts market, live music. All operating profits to local charities.
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Q2 Players

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noyesmary@hotmail.com

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www.prioryparkclub.org.uk
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KIDS

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Brownies (7-10 yrs)
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Guides (10-14 yrs)

Thursdays: Barn Church (5th Kew) Raleigh Road (1st Richmond)
guides1strichmond@outlook.com

Kew Scout Group HQ

Station Avenue by Kew Gardens Station (rear of Pether's Butchers Shop).

Beavers (6-7 yrs) Thurs 6 pm

Cubs (8-10yrs) Thurs 7 pm

Scouts and Explorer Scouts

(11+ yrs) Fri 7 pm

8940 2484

Kew Youth Club

Barn Church (entry Marksbury Ave): Friday nights during term time, secondary school years 7-9. Entry £3.00. jabbraddock@sky.com

Kew Park Rangers Football

North Road Recreation Ground. Ages 3-18, boys and girls. Sat morning (training), Sun morning (matches). **07770 755 538**
www.kewparkrangers.co.uk

Kew Young Musicians

Saturday morning music school for 5-18s. Drums, bass, electric and classical guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute, recorder and singing.
kewyoungmusicians@googlemail.com
8401 6950

Toddler Groups

Barn Church Mon. Wed. and Fri. 9.15-11.00
Windham Rd. Tues 9-11 term-time

Toy Library The Old Court House, Sheen Lane, Mortlake.

£1 membership, plus 30p per toy for 2 wks, plus family drop-in. Thurs. 9.30-11.45. **8876 7294**

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The Children's Playground in Kew Gardens



Finally, after two hard-working years, the Children's Playground in Kew Gardens is open! We adored it and found it magical. We thought it was suitable for all ages. It is a fun-filled adventure for all occasions.

Initially though, when the playground first opened, people had to queue from nine in the morning to get a secure place.

Fortunately, they have now changed the system so you can book online.

It's an amazing area where children can play endlessly. Each section represents a part of what a plant needs to live so it can grow. There is also a treetop walkway and mini River Thames. For older children there is an adventure course which is a bit like Go-Ape and a big tower you can climb up.

There is a water play area for younger children, where you can pump water out of a pump and watch it trickle down through the grooves all the way to the mini River Thames. There is also a vast sandy area with multiple slides and wooden beach huts. If you want to have lunch there, you can use a specially designed picnic area with benches and AstroTurf to make it soft.

Overall, we highly recommend it and hope you will enjoy it and give it a 5 star review just like us.

Lydia Pannett & Melody Moppett

St Luke's Junior Church Summer Barbecue



On Sunday 1st July the barbecue took place in the church garden, after the service. It was a great opportunity for members of the congregation, from across the generations, to socialise. The sun was out and there were barbecued sausages (meat and veggie) to enjoy as well as a delicious range of side dishes and deserts provided by members of the congregation, including fruit kebabs made by the children in their Junior Church session. There was even a game of swing-ball for anyone feeling particularly energetic. A great time was had by all, with lots of calls for the BBQ to make a return next year.



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