

REFLECTION

Hi my name is Dominic (or Dom) and I've been coming to St Anselm's for around 8-9 years. You've probably seen me playing the French Horn



or more recently singing in the choir. I freely admit I have found returning to the church difficult after a lengthy absence since my teenage years. I had an unusual childhood and was incredibly lucky in some ways; my parents were (still are) keen musicians and very ambitious for their children; perhaps to the detriment of family life. I was reasonably talented at singing so I was sent away to choir school in Cambridge; a long long way from rural Devon. That's me - Christmas Eve 1979 - singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City at Kings College Choir; I'm proud of this now but for a long time I was embarrassed. 6 times a week singing in Chapel and spending much of the holidays away from your family is really tough. As a teenager I was angry, and then I just erased it from my mind and got on with life, but I avoided the church. But I kept up the music, playing the horn and loving the opportunities it gave me; its how I met Fiona! And now having stepped timidly back into church 8 years ago I love seeing the choir and instrumentalists grow in St Anselm's. It's fun, inclusive, and an important part of churchgoing for me, and it deserves your support. And it is helping me to rediscover God; as the reading from Acts says today: 'The Lord is my strength and song, and become my salvation'. That means a lot! Happy Easter.

Dominic James,
St Anselm's

HAPPY EASTER!

Revision of the Electoral Roll

Today is the last day to return completed application forms so names can be added to the Roll in time for the Annual Parish Church Meeting. Forms received after today will be held back until after 29 April.

Morning Prayer

There will be no Morning Prayer from now until 16 April.

Confirmation

There is still time to decide you would like to be confirmed this year. Please speak to Jenny if you are interested. Preparation days are on **Sat 28 Apr** and **12 May**. We will be visiting the National Gallery the St Anselm's Community, based at Lambeth Palace.

The confirmation service itself will be on **Sun 13 May at 4pm** at All Saints Church in West Dulwich.



Blessing and dismissal from Palm Sunday Service, at the site of a recent violent knife attack on a young person. We pray for peace on our streets



Some displays from the Kennington Garden Society exhibition

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's meeting will be on **Sun 29 April at 12pm at St Anselm's**. All are invited to join this review of the past year and elections for the forthcoming year.

Children's and Youth Minister

We are recruiting for a new Children's and Youth Minister. Full details are available on our website: www.northlambethparish.org.uk/jobs. The closing date is **29 April**.

North Lambeth Parish Fete

Save the date. This year's fete is on Sat 30 June. Please think about how you can contribute this year.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick or in need – Antony Dale, Angela Charles, Jean Smith, Milka Ashby, Tetla Goulbourne, Dexter Nicholls and Roseanne Goodhew