

REFLECTION

Today's readings speak of blessing and transformation: the blessing of Abram and of families who 'fear the Lord'; the transformation of ordinary elements in our lives, through Christ; the transformation of saints so that the church may be clothed as the bride of Christ.



When we explore our faith we grow in deeper understanding of its mysteries, and the layers of meaning in the familiar stories of the Bible. The Monday Group is a few individuals who want to explore faith by sharing prayer, reading, and our thoughts with others, supporting each other in the quest. We started as an Emmaus group looking at how our faith relates to everyday life in our community and in the world at large.

Recently we have been reading Patrick Woodhouse's 'Life in the Psalms', taking one or two psalms at a time, and marvelling in the treasure trove of trust, honesty, and worship within them. We meet as regularly as we can, but feel blessed, and sometimes even transformed. We would love you to join us.

Carol Woollard and the Monday Group

"I love attending the Group, as it gives me an opportunity to reflect on the Bible and life as a whole. I always seem to be rushing around and I don't seem able to relax and reflect. It is so homely in Carol's flat. She always looks after everybody so well, and I really look forward to going there."

Janet Redling

NLP takes safeguarding seriously

NOTICES

Monday Group

If the reflection in this week's News Sheet has raised your interest, why not pop along to the next Group meeting on Mon 29 Jan? We meet at 17 Tamar House, Kennington Lane and it starts at 7:30. Call 02077353147 for more info.

Confirmations in 2018

We are thinking of putting on a confirmation course in Lent 2018 to prepare people for confirmation. You will need to sign up in January, so please think if this might be something you or your child would be interested in. Speak to Jenny or Luke for more info.

Clothes for Syria

We are collecting clothes again with Samara's Aid for Syria (no holes or stains). Please could you bring donations to St Anselm's by 20 January. Thank you!

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer you can gift aid your much welcome donations and the Parish will receive an extra 25p from the Government for every pound you donate. To do this, please ensure your name, address and signature are completed on the blue donation envelope you put in the collection.

Don't worry, these are not shared with anyone outside the Parish office, but they are needed for our reports to HMRC.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick or in need – Antony Dale, Enid and Eric Ward, Milka Ashby, Tetla Goulbourne, Dexter Nicholls and Richard Craig.

News Sheet Reflections

If you have not already written a reflection for the news sheet, and would like to do so, please contact nlpnewsse11@gmail.com so you can be added to the rota.

Youth trip to BBC Radio 1xtra

On **Thurs 25 Jan**, the St Anselm's Radio Youth Club will be taking an exciting trip to the Radio 1xtra studios in the early evening. If you are 10-16 yrs old and would like to come along, contact Luke our Youth Minister, lukerhsteven@hotmail.com.

Radio Youth Club runs on Thursdays in term time at St Anselm's 6:30-7:45.

Release to Change



A Change Up project, which works with ex-offenders to ease their path back into society. Change Up needs donations of food, utensils and bedding, which you can leave at the back of St Anselm's.

Alternatively, you can make a financial donation, either by posting a cheque (payable to "Change Up at Kennington Cross") to 11 Sancroft Street, London SE11 5UG, or transferring money to Change Up.