

**The Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Walthamstow**

**Newsletter for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

30 July 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was a joy to welcome so many people to St Michael’s for Maurice Labonte’s memorial service last Saturday, and a pleasure to meet the neighbours who have been supporting Brenda and Maurice over the years.

**Blackhorse Road Baptist Church: Bereavement Support Group**

Brenda has asked me to let you know that there is a Bereavement Support Group at Blackhorse Road Baptist Church, to help those who have lost loved ones and would welcome meeting up with others and if they wish, have a chat about it.

It is an entirely ecumenical group, and meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Baptist church. If you would like to speak to someone about the group, contact: Ruth on 020 8923 5949 or Malcolm on 07913 268918. The website is: [Bereavement Support Group | brbc](https://www.brbc.org.uk/bereavement-support-group)

**Coffee morning/afternoon**

We are hoping to put on a coffee morning or afternoon as a way of welcoming members of the community into our church, and we need volunteers to assist. A sheet is at the back of church for you to sign if you are interested in helping (it’s not a sign-up sheet), so that we can get an idea of whether we can run the event. I should emphasise that it is not a fund-raiser, nor are we going to preach at people, but simply show hospitality and welcome neighbours in for a cuppa and a chat. Please put your name down if you are interested, or speak with Becky Rajaona.

**Minibus to Portsmouth 16 August for Bishop of Richborough’s Assumptiontide Festival**

It is good to report that 9 people have booked and paid for a place on the minibus, and I have let Fr William know that there are 7 places still available. I very much hope that the bus will be full and therefore viable. I will check and let you know what time it leaves and where from.

**Confirmation classes start Saturday 2 August**

Although Bible Study and Theology Club are taking a summer break, confirmation classes start on 2 August at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome to refresh their faith and to support Emmanuela. If you know of anyone who wants to be either baptised or confirmed please do let Michael and me know.

**Saturday 9 August 10.00 a.m. Walsingham Mass with Fr James**

Come and join us to pray for the future of St Michael’s at our monthly Walsingham Mass! Fr James will be celebrating on 9 August. The confirmation class will start at 11.00 a.m. on that day.

**Arts and Crafts Workshops for 8 – 16 year-olds at Harmony Hall Truro Road**

London Borough of Waltham Forest with the Department for Education are putting on free workshops, trips and other events for children aged 8-16 from 29 July to 8 August. See the poster at the back of church for further details.

Best wishes,

Glynne