

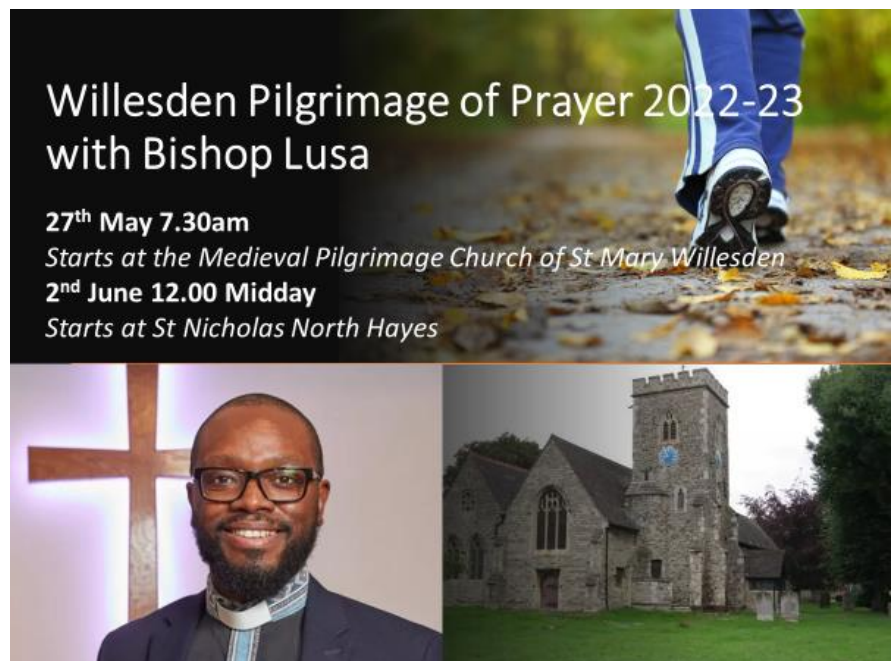
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The last few months have been very encouraging as I start to get to know you and your congregations. I wanted to let you know about three events which Willesden teams are planning which I'd love you and your relevant teams to join me for over the next few months. Finally, we are recruiting for the first year of Ministry Experience Volunteers in Willesden (Sep 2022) and would love you to commend the opportunity to young people aged 18-30.

Willesden Pilgrimage of Prayer 2022-23

First is a Willesden Pilgrimage of Prayer which I will be undertaking walking from parish to parish stopping to pray for the mission of our churches in Willesden. The pilgrimage will start on 27th May 2022 and will last the best part of a year, ending on Pentecost 2023. I'm hoping that you and as many of your church members may be able to join me on one or more parts of the pilgrimage, demonstrating unity, as we make prayer a foundation and priority in Willesden for all we do and the inspiration behind the 2030 vision.

The first two days fall within in the Thy Kingdom Come season this year.



Friday 27th May 2022

7.30am Morning prayer at St Mary's Willesden, then walk to St Matthew's Willesden, St Michael's Stonebridge, All Souls Harlesden, St Mark's Kensal Rise, St Martin's Kensal Rise, St Ann's Brondesbury Jubilee Service, then Christ Church School Brondesbury for Jubilee Celebration Lunch, then walk to Christ Church, St Gabriel's Cricklewood, St Catherine's Neasden and back to St Andrew's Willesden Green. End **3pm**.

Thursday 2nd June 2022

12.00 Midday Prayer St Nicholas N. Hayes, then walk to St Joseph the Worker Yeading Lane, St Edmund's Hayes, St Mary's Hayes, St Anslem's Hayes, St Peter and St Paul Harlington, St Mary's Harmondsworth, St Martin's West Drayton, St Matthew's Yiewsley. End **7.30pm**.

An exact route with timings are in a separate attachment.

Children and Youth Volunteers Training

Sat 18th June 9.30-2pm

St Gabriel's Cricklewood and then 173 Willesden Lane

The second is a children and youth volunteers training morning. I'm very conscious that for many of us this has been a season of challenge with regard to children's work but as we rebuild over the coming months, this training morning will inspire and encourage our teams to think of how we can do children and youth ministry effectively going forward. I want to invite all who come to join me for lunch in our garden afterwards as a way of saying thank you and begin to get to know those who serve across our churches in this important area of ministry. Growing younger is one of the priorities of the 2030 vision.

Bishop Lusa invites you to:
A WILLESDEN GROWING YOUNGER TRAINING EVENT

'RE-IMAGINING CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK POST-PANDEMIC'


Saturday 18th June 9.30am – 2pm

*Starting at St Gabriel's Cricklewood, NW2 4RX
 finishing with lunch at Bishop Lusa's garden
 173 Willesden Lane, NW6 7YN*

How can we rebuild the volunteer team?
 How can we do great Inter-generational Worship?
 How can we equip families to nurture faith?
 How can we get young people involved in our Services?

A mix of talks, seminars and youth-led worship.
 A chance to network with others, share stories, hear from guest speakers and local youth & children's leaders.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/332815208247>



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Creation Care Training

Sat 24th Sep 9.30-2pm

St Ann's Brondesbury, and then 173 Willesden Lane

And thirdly I'm also going to host a training morning on creation care on the 24th of September. This will serve to inspire and encourage us to think practically about how we can work towards the 2030 targets of net zero carbon. Again all who come will be invited to our garden for lunch afterwards and also some creative outdoor worship. Creation Care is the one universal strand of the Compassionate Communities ambition of the 2030 vision.

Bishop Lusa invites you to:
A Willesden Creation Care Training Event.

'Looking forward in prayer and hope to a Net Zero Carbon Willesden'


Saturday 24th Sep 9.30am – 2pm

*Starting at St Ann's Brondesbury, NW6 6RG
 finishing with lunch at Bishop Lusa's garden
 173 Willesden Lane, NW6 7YN*

What is net zero carbon?
 Why has the C of E said it is aiming for 2030?
 How can we help our churches get there?

A mix of talks, seminars and outdoor worship with:
 National guest speakers
 and local leaders giving case studies

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/333502594237>

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As my colleagues you are welcome to come to any of these events if that helps to bring a team from your church. But of course, you can send them without you, if they're happy to do that. Please do get your team to book in with the links above.

Ministry Experience Scheme

This year we are joining the national scheme giving young people 18-30, a year's voluntary experience in a parish to explore ministry, and for some the possibility of ordination. I do hope you will encourage young people you know to apply either from Willesden or others you may know further afield. We believe this investment in young people will pay dividends for the church in Willesden and wider long term. We provide accommodation, pocket money and all expenses.

We are hosting an open evening on zoom for those thinking about applying on 14th June.

the ministry experience scheme

The London Hubs
Online OPEN EVENING
14th June 2022
7.30 – 8.30pm

- A year out, in a church, exploring vocation
- Growing in faith, trying ministry.
- Are you aged 18-30 and want to know more?
- Join us for a Zoom introduction – with no obligation
- Register [HERE](#) to receive Zoom details nearer the date

Register [HERE](#) to receive Zoom details of the open evening, and do recommend our Willesden website page about our scheme:

<https://www.london.anglican.org/support/ministry-and-vocations/ministry-experience-scheme/willesden-ministry-experience-scheme/>

It will be great working together on these opportunities.

Every blessing,

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