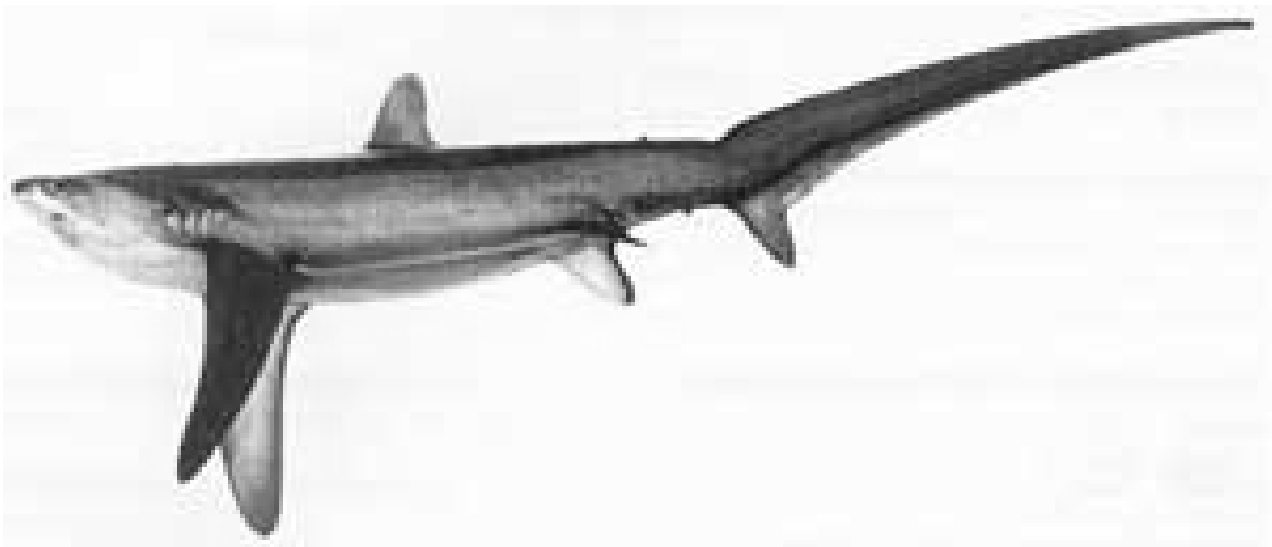

The American Church *in London*



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The American Church *in London*
is a Christ-centered community of faith for all people, in the heart of this great city.
Join us for fellowship, worship, discipleship and opportunities for service!

Visit our church website: www.amchurch.co.uk

SECURITY NOTICE: DO NOT LEAVE BELONGINGS UNATTENDED

◆ **Introit** *Ave Verum* Mozart
(*Hail, True Body*)

◆ **Welcome and News of the Church** Stuart Brown

◆ **Hymn of Praise** *Praise the Lord His Glories Show* Pilgrim Hymnal 19

◆ **Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon** Stuart Brown

Gracious God,
Our sins are too heavy to carry,
Too real to hide,
And too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to say out loud,
What our hearts can no longer carry alone,
And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;
Open us to a future in which our lives can be transformed,
And grant us grace,
Grace so that we can grow more fully into your likeness,
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord and Light of this world.

(Offer your own confession in silence.)

◆ **First Reading** Psalm 30 Bryan Tedford

◆ **Worship in Song** *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* (insert)
You Are My Strength When I am Weak

◆ **Mission Focus** *The Cold Weather Shelter* Zena Martin

◆ **Our Gifts to Christ's Church**

◆ **Doxology and Prayer**

Pilgrim Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ **Anthem**

Cantique de Jean Racine
(*Word of God From on High*)

Fauré

◆ **Message**

Shark Church: Loose Ends
What John Was Trying To Say
Matthew 28: 16-20

Stephanie Kremmel

◆ **Song of Preparation**

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Pilgrim Hymnal 288

◆ **Celebration of the Lord's Table**

Rev. Tom Barlow
Stephanie Kremmel

◆ **Charge and Blessing**

Leader: You go nowhere by accident!

People: **Wherever we go God is sending us**
Wherever we are, God has put us there
He has a purpose in our being there

Leader: Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you
where you are. Believe this, and go in His grace and love and power.

All: **Amen.**

◆ **Choral Response**

Amen

Brahms

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Main Hall!

Junior and Youth Choirs Rehearse in the Choir Room

Welcome to The American Church in London!

- ❖ **The flowers on the altar** are given by Rivers Smith. “I thank the good Lord for giving me the most wonderful recovery. I pray that He will continue to lay His healing hands on me daily.”
- ❖ **A Warm Invitation** to our Coffee Hour. Join us in the Main Hall downstairs for refreshment and fellowship. is our host.
- ❖ **If you are a visitor**, please PRINT your contact information on a BLUE card which can be found in the pews. Regular attenders please find the black folders at the end of the pew and sign the attendance sheet.

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid (a tax rebate) on your plate offering! All you have to do is fill out the Gift Aid declaration. Please put your offering in the YELLOW ENVELOPE, including your first and last name, signature, and date. Thank you!

Special Start to the Lent Season February 21st

The Covenant Players, a Christian theatrical troupe, will lead us in worship as we begin this season of reflection and repentance. Make your plans to be here!

Announcements

- ❖ **Mission Opportunities!** There are many ways to serve Christ’s Kingdom both here and abroad. Stop by the information table at Coffee Hour to learn more about some exciting new opportunities in **Ghana** and **Hungary**, as we partner with our brothers and sisters at the **American Church in Paris**.
- ❖ **The Cold Weather Shelter:** We’re hosting the shelter on Wednesday nights, providing great food and a warm bed to 14 homeless men and women. To sign up for this great ministry please contact Stephanie Kremmel or the church office.
- ❖ **Calling ACL Men!** Many of you have asked about a Men's Fellowship at ACL, and the time has come to take some action! So come and join us for an informal evening of fellowship: Tuesday, February 23rd from 7pm. We’ll have something to eat and drink and chat about how we’d like to proceed. Marlborough Arms, 36 Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7HJ. Contact: Mark Snelling: mark_snelling@yahoo.com; Ben Cooper: ben.cooper7@gmail.com

- ❖ **CBS women's bible study.** Meetings at ACL every Tuesday during term-time from 10.30-12.30. Creche facilities available. Contact Pauline for further information pbakson@aol.com
- ❖ **Youth Fellowship Groups.** Upcoming Dates: High School – *Tonight*, February 7 (6-7) meeting at local restaurant for dinner - contact Stephanie for details. 7/8th Grade – Feb 10 (6-7.30) at the home of James and Donna McClure. Contact Stephanie Kremmel for more information. Details about Youth Fellowship Groups and a full calendar are available on the church website.
- ❖ **Sunday School for All Ages** Our classes are back in action! The Adult Bible Study, "What the Bible Teaches about Faith, Wealth and the Good Life" resumes at 9:45 in the Choir Room. Younger kids (3-7) will go to Children and Worship during the 11:00 hour, and older kids (8-12) will participate in our exciting "Camp Iwilligoway" curriculum! See the church website for more information: www.amchurch.co.uk
- ❖ **Church Leadership** Our Nominating Committee is seeking those who are called to serve the church as committee or Council leaders. If you would like to nominate someone, or if you would like to serve yourself, please contact Scott James on nominating@amchurch.co.uk.
- ❖ **Coffee Hour Hosts** - If you would like to host the coffee hour in the coming months, please talk to Jan Bagby or email her at ACLCoffeeRota@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Flowers for the Altar** – if you would like to give flowers with a dedication please fill in the flower calendar in the Upper Vestibule or on the table during Coffee Hour. The cost is £35.

John's Suggested Reading

The Blue Parakeet, by Scot McKnight
Deep Church, by Jim Belcher
Everyday Justice, by Julie Clawson
The Life You've Always Wanted, by John Ortberg
Simply Christian, by Tom Wright
God Hides in Plain Sight, by Dean Nelson
Counterfeit Gods, by Tim Keller

Happy Birthday to...
Nancy Rousset ~ 5th February
William Gillespie & Vicky Jones ~ 9th February

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Sara Bonner (Katie Bishop's friend)	<i>Has gone to Haiti to join Tearfund's Disaster Management Team until the 23rd of April</i>
Howard Garrison (ACL Founding Member)	<i>Strength and recovery from an operation whilst in Madrid, Spain.</i>
Martin Fossett (Relative of Connie Jackson)	<i>Treatment for a brain tumor</i>
George and Therisa Nanos	<i>Relative diagnosed with cancer</i>
Steve and Julie Yates	<i>Death of Steve's Father</i>
Connie Jackson's Sister	<i>Healing and relief from pain of prolonged illness</i>
Joanna Davies' mother	<i>For strength and relief from pain</i>
Cynthia Toney	<i>Death of her cousin Mildred</i>

Please remain praying for the people of **Haiti**, *The vulnerable children and sick, all who have lost homes, loved ones and livelihoods.*

Cold Weather Shelter Prayer Requests

- The shelter atmosphere will continue to be one of calmness*
- The current guests will welcome new guests and no cliques will be formed*
- For all guests to engage with the help offered i.e. Attending to appointments*
- The number of those that are disengaging will continue to be low as we persistently seek to engage with our guests*
- Accessing appropriate services and support for the Eastern European guests*
- For those that are actively seeking and applying for jobs to secure work*

Prayer Requests for Guests

Chris, David, Sebastian and Guntis	<i>That they will settle into the shelter well</i>
Hassane	<i>A positive decision from the job centre</i>
Lily	<i>Get her travel documents from the home office</i>
Michael	<i>CWS to find the most appropriate accommodation</i>

To make a prayer request please make it known to John D'Elia or Stephanie Kremmel.

Welcome to the American Church in London!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on Jesus Christ and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. And so as God's church we live to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome—we're glad you've decided to join us today.

In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song
Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching
Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Offer prayers of petition and thanks
Confess our sins and receive words of pardon
Share freely in the sacraments, communion and baptism
Give gifts in support of the church's work.

An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our hopes and fears before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!

Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church
For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community
For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.