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# The American Church *in London*



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## MISSIONAL REFLECTIONS

“ In scripture, mission calls a people into a radically different vision on a journey bigger and other than ourselves. Scripture calls us into a memory of an amazing story of celebrative life – not for ourselves but for the sake of the world. The strangeness of this story is its illogical nature and irrepressible meaning: find life by losing it; only by leaving the place of security are the purposes of God discovered ”

Roxburgh & Boren  
*Introducing the Missional Church*

### **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](http://www.amchurch.co.uk)

**SECURITY NOTICE: DO NOT LEAVE BELONGINGS UNATTENDED**

◆ **Introit** *Jericho* M. Bonds  
(Soloist, Kimberley Hawkins)

◆ **Welcome and News of the Church** Rev. John D’Elia

◆ **Hymn of Praise** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Pilgrim Hymnal 68

◆ **Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon** Rev. Craig Hall

God of Amazing Grace,  
We are burdened with loads we were never designed to carry.  
The distance of our separation from you – weighs on us.  
Our sins of rejection and disobedience forge a heavy chain.  
We deny its mass,  
but we cannot lay it aside.

Free us from what we cannot change:  
A past with too many regrets,  
A present stubbornness to surrender,  
A future devoid of your company.

Hear us now, each one, as we are brave to make  
our own confession of sin directly to you.  
And touch us with the power that frees and heals...

Amen

*(Offer your own confession in silence)*

◆ **Scripture** Psalm 62: 1- 8 Rev. Tom Barlow

◆ **We Worship in Song** (Insert)  
*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*  
*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

◆ **A Time of Prayer**

◆ **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.

◆ **Special Music**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*  
(Soloist, Kimberley Hawkins)

M. Bonds

◆ **Message**

**Missional Reflections**  
*On Throwing Banquets*  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Stephanie Kremmel

◆ **Song of Response**

*Be Thou my Vision*

Pilgrim Hymnal 391

◆ **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.

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*Please join us for Coffee Hour  
in the Main Hall!*

## Welcome to The American Church in London!

- ❖ **Today we are assisted in worship by Kimberley Hawkins.** Please join us in thanking Kimberley for helping us in worship today!
- ❖ **A Warm Invitation** to our Coffee Hour. Join us in the Main Hall downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Our host today is Dick Biddick.
- ❖ **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! Please put your offering in the YELLOW Gift Aid envelope, with your first and last name, signature, and date. Thank you!

## Announcements

### Welcome Back Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

During the service there will be a children's welcome back event. Also join us after the service as we enjoy our annual picnic at Regents Park. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office.

- ❖ **Mission Report, Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Join us as we hear all about Zena and Natasha's experiences during this summer's Mission Trip with Habitat for Humanity.
- ❖ **Family Movie Night, September 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm.** The perfect way to spend a Friday evening! Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of fun with Monsters, Inc. as we kick off the school year in style!
- ❖ **Youth Fellowship** – The first middle school youth group of the year will meet at the Scout House from 6:45-8:30 on September 10<sup>th</sup>, join us for food, fun, and fellowship. See the insert for updated information about youth ministries for the upcoming year... lots to look forward to!
- ❖ **Stockholm High School Youth Conference.** Join us November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> in Sweden for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship! Contact Stephanie if you are interested in going. Deadline for application is Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ **Looking for a Way to Serve?** Having bid farewell to a few of our regulars, the children's ministry is looking for Sunday School teachers. Please contact Stephanie if you're interested.
- ❖ **Missed a sermon? Want to listen to a whole series?** Sermons are now available on our website in MP3 and PDF formats. Go to [www.amchurch.co.uk/sermons.htm](http://www.amchurch.co.uk/sermons.htm)
- ❖ **New ACL Directory** – if you would like to be included, please go to [www.amchurch.co.uk](http://www.amchurch.co.uk) and click on the Opt-in link at the bottom of the home page, state the details you want included and send the email to [directory@amchurch.co.uk](mailto:directory@amchurch.co.uk) It's as easy as that!
- ❖ **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](mailto:ACLCoffeeRota@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **ACL Prayer Team** – If you would like to be part of an email prayer chain ministry, please contact us at [info@amchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@amchurch.co.uk)
- ❖ **Flowers for the Altar** – if you would like to give flowers with a dedication please contact Marshall Lawhon who can allocate you a date in the flower calendar starting September. The cost is £35.

***John's Suggested Reading***

*The Monkey and the Fish*, by Dave Gibbons  
*The Dangerous Act of Worship*, by Mark Labberton  
*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...***

***Julie D'Elia, August 27<sup>th</sup>***

## *Please Remember These Friends in Prayer*

Melissa Willby and Family – *Death of Melissa's husband*

The Bandeen Family – *Death of Derek's father Dr. Robert Angus Bandeen*

Family and friends of Dicksie Harlow - *Passed away*

Friends and Family of Jo Darke - *Passed away from cancer*

Judith Chilcote's Husband - *Cancer treatment*

Suzu Gaeddert - *Cancer treatment*

Martin Fossett - *Brain tumor*

Cynthia Toney - *Bereavement*

Yossie Nazemi – *Recuperation*

Clayton Fossett - *Faith and strength*

Lelia Cummings - *Recuperation*

Cynthia Cycon - *Cancer treatment*

Sharon Fitzgibbon - *Terminally ill*

Judith Jackson Fossett - *Prolonged illness*

Maureen Davies - *Chronic pain*

Pakistan – *Please pray for the millions of people impacted by the floods.*

Gulf Coast Oil Spill – *Please continue to pray for the resolution of this disaster, the people, their livelihoods and animals affected.*

Haiti and Chile - *Please keep praying for the vulnerable children and the sick, all who have lost homes, loved ones and livelihoods.*

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

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**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.