



## St Vedast-alias-Foster

### Peace and Contemplation in the City

#### NEWS FROM FOSTER LANE

Newsletter No. 3

Welcome to our Foster Lane bulletin. A spicy medley of the quotidian and the serendipity to sample over a hot beverage.

A bumble bee like a Sea King helicopter landed on my window-sill and basked in the sun. This giant amongst pollinators can still buzz amongst a healthy number of honeysuckle blooms on my balcony before it reaches the end of its life-cycle. Balconies, window-boxes, and gardens have become so important to us all this year, especially for those who have been enduring months of self-isolation. What a delight it is to sniff the outdoors and listen to the sounds of nature over the pulse of the city and find comfort in a few calm moments!

If you have not already done so, I recommend joining a group led by Fr Paul on Mondays for half-an-hour after the 12.15 Mass, to experience guided meditation, Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515659932>, Meeting ID: 865 1565 9932  
A rewarding experience but be prepared for time to play tricks.

In these strange times when losing revenue is a reality for all City churches, it should be noted that our Treasurer, Richard, has been busy applying for special grants, to make up some of the shortfall and we are to receive an award from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage. As Glebe Warden, Richard also keeps an unfailing eye on maintaining St Vedast in its current fine state. As Barbara mentioned last week, work has been ongoing to stabilise the West Wall and Tower. This is now complete and we are stable and scaffold free once more.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 8 November and will be streamed live on YouTube with a Coffee via Zoom to follow. Do join us if you can. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210467362>, Meeting ID: 892 1046 7362

If, like me, you start searching for a poppy-seller on 1<sup>st</sup> November then, one place they have set up a large stall is at the underground station in South Kensington. A good use of the space made by fewer passengers. For the moment at least, travel by the tube feels extremely Covid-safe. I have to admit to being taken aback by the sheer lack of commercial posters, which have largely been replaced by TFL and NHS posters urging passengers to wear their masks, wash their hands and keep socially distanced.

I hope to see you soon, if not in person, then via Zoom. If you are feeling isolated and would like to speak to a fellow parishioner for a chat please do email or leave your telephone number with Joanna and one of us will call, [administrator@vedast.org.uk](mailto:administrator@vedast.org.uk), 020 7606 3998

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