

SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 2022

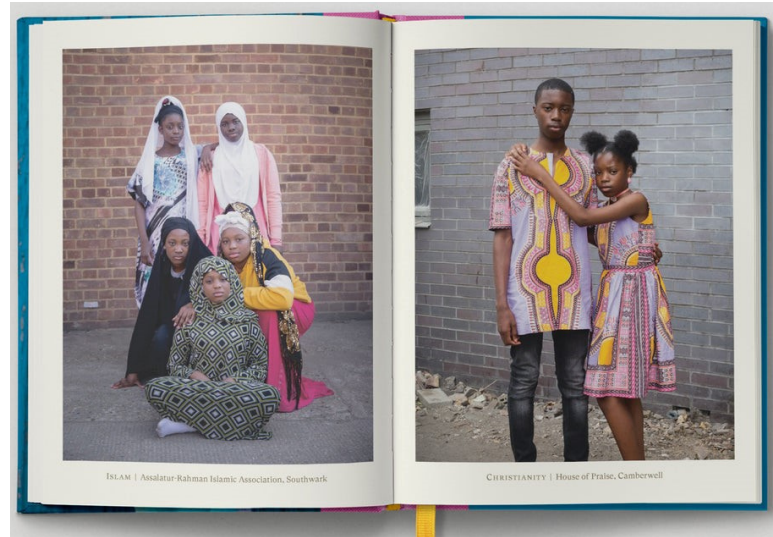
# ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

This week a primary school pupil told me about her class visiting a gurdwara, a Sikh temple. It was a fantastic experience. What was so special? "There was an amazing chandelier in the prayer room. But the best thing was that they gave us a wonderful lunch. The curry was delicious – some of the boys had four helpings!" The children and adults were asked to sit on the floor to eat, "so that everyone was equal." The hosts explained that they will feed anyone – "a billionaire or a homeless person" – and that they are taught to "treat everyone, as if they are royalty."

The discussion reminded me of the beautiful book published in 2020, created by photographer Katie Waggett, *Sunday Best: A Celebration of Diversity*. Her photographs of the people who worship in the many places of prayer across London – including St Columba's – are a wonderful reminder of the variety and creativity of humankind and the many approaches we take to the spiritual life. On the day that we mark Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January) we are reminded of the importance of welcome and hospitality, especially to those we think seem different to us.





Katie Waggett, Sunday Best: A Celebration of Diversity is available via <https://www.hoxtonminipress.com/>

### Dates for the Diary

Remember, Sunday School will meet at church, at 11am on the following dates. We very much hope you can be part of that.

- Sunday 6th February
- Sunday 6th March
- Sunday 3rd April

### Preparations for Lent 2022

Last year one of the really lovely contributions to our collective, congregational journey through Lent, towards Easter, were the recordings made by some of our St Columba's families for the church website <https://www.stcolumbas.org.uk/scripture-and-music-for-lent/>



We aim to do the same this year. Please let Angus know if you would like to record a reading and a prayer. It is very simple to do, with the resources provided for you. Seeing church families offer these moments really encourages others and is much appreciated. Do be in touch!

In the meantime, stay happy and healthy. And for those of you who may be poorly at the moment, get well soon.

Keep smiling!

Angus and the Sunday School Team