

# CHURCH STREET NEWS

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Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street

## DANCING IN THE STREET

If you were out on Church Street Market recently you may have noticed something out of the ordinary thanks to a walkabout masked street performance!

The performance, made up of local residents, took place to showcase the completion of a cultural project funded by the council's Inside Out grant fund. Residents joined free workshops at the Penfold Community Hub to make their own creations with the help of the Dende Collective, a London-based theatre company.

Traders, residents and customers got to see all their hard work with an interactive performance including music and dance. Thank you to all involved!

Read more on page 2.



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Participants take part in the parade at Church Street

## UNDERNEATH THE MASK: WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY

**R**esidents who regularly attend Penfold Community Hub, told us about their experience being involved in the project.

Helen, a local resident who has lived in Lisson Grove for over 50 years said "I really enjoyed the mask project and I liked walking along Church Street as part of the parade".

Ann, another local resident said "I came along to the mask project to try something new and really enjoyed the process

of making a mask. I wasn't sure when I first started, but once I did, it was fun and a great way to meet people".

The intergenerational project required no previous experience, with all materials and classes provided for free. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication and above all for bringing this unique project to life for the joy of the local community.

## TRIANGLE FIRST LOOK AT OPEN DAY

**P**otential businesses got a first look at the new Enterprise Space on the Triangle with the first Open Day hosted by operators Arbeit Studios.

Start-up businesses, local community organisations and creators from a variety of sectors were keen to learn more about this new space in the heart of Church Street which has had lots of local interest. They were shown around the space and had the opportunity to ask the team questions.

Nimrod Vardi from Arbeit said "Around 100 people visited and we have received submissions from around 30 individuals and businesses"

If you would like to know more about the enterprise space and café, it is not too late! Email [info@arbeit.org.uk](mailto:info@arbeit.org.uk)



Visitors at the Open Day

Come and join us at our  
**Breakfast Morning**

## RESIDENTS OF SITE A,B & C BREAKFAST MORNINGS

**T**hank you to all the residents who joined us at our breakfast morning in August at Derry Hall, it was great to see you and talk to you about the programme.

Residents from Site B are invited to join us for a free coffee and croissant at our next Breakfast Morning with the Church Street Regeneration Team.

This drop-in is your opportunity to ask us questions, stay up to date with the project and hear about next steps.

If you would like more information on this session, you can contact us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk) or call 020 7641 2968.

Join us on **Tuesday 24 October**

Time: **10am to 12pm**

Where: **Courtyard in front of Ravensbourne House, Broadley Street, NW8 8BE**



The new school library is now ready

## LAUNCH OF NEW LIBRARY AT CHRISTCHURCH BENEDICT SCHOOL

**L**ast month we were extremely pleased to support the launch of Christchurch Benedict Primary School's new library. Pupils, parents, staff and the local community got a chance to look around the new library which also has a dedicated sensory room.

The library was supported by the council's Create Church Street Art and Culture Funding and achieved its launch thanks to parents, staff, governors, volunteers and a range of community stakeholders.

If you're interested in finding out more about our art and culture funding, email [communities@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:communities@westminster.gov.uk)

## SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE RENTERS

**A**re you a private renter in Westminster and worried about the rising rent costs? You may be entitled to support.



Hardship fund



Register for Housing Advice



Discretionary  
Housing Payment

Learn more at

[www.westminster.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/help-financial-matters/are-you-worrying-about-rising-rent](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/help-financial-matters/are-you-worrying-about-rising-rent)

## PROMOTING A CLEANER CHURCH STREET

**V**olunteers from Elemis in collaboration with Baker Street Quarter Partnership and the Church Street Regeneration Team came to Church Street to take part in a litter pick and help promote cleaner streets with the council. Despite the threat of wet and windy weather, the team of 9 volunteers collected litter around the area.

Kim Fenn, Sustainable Project Lead at Elemis said

**“**Thank you to everyone who helped get this up and running, and it has been great connecting with the Church Street team, local businesses and members of the community. I am hoping this will be the beginning of a close partnership moving forward.  
**”**

If you would like to volunteer on future events, including gardening opportunities contact us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk) or call on 020 7641 2968.



Thank you to volunteers involved in the clean-up

# YOUR CHURCH STREET NEWS ROUNDUP

## Daventry House

Throughout September we welcomed the residents formerly of Penn House to their new home at Daventry House. If you walk along Lisson Grove, you will notice that the hoarding has now been removed from the pavement and over the coming months, new paving will be laid, a bus stop reinstated and new trees will also be planted along the street.



The scheme was named winner in the housing design awards in 2019

## Cosway Street Completion

Cosway Street is the latest addition to Church Street as part of the regeneration with 49 one, two and three-bedroom apartments set around a communal garden.

This milestone follows the completion of the nearby Ashbridge and Shroton Street developments as a trio of interconnected projects. Both Ashbridge and Shroton Street are fully social rent homes as part of our Fairer Westminster pledge. The income that is generated by selling the homes at Cosway Street will be reinvested back into affordable housing nearby and across Westminster.



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## DAVENTRY HOUSE

## Church Street Regeneration Community Group

Congratulations to Reverend Clare Dowding of St Paul's Church for being elected the chair of the newly established Church Street Regeneration Community Group. Clare said, "I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to chair the group, working closely with both residents, community groups and the council." You'll be able to read more about Clare in our next issue and what she hopes to bring to the group in the coming months.



Westminster City Council and Bouygues team

## Award for Fisherton Street

On Friday 29th September, Westminster City Council was awarded the 'Highly Commended Award' by Evening Standard for a Large Development for Fisherton Street and Church Street Community Sports Centre. The award is in recognition for all those involved in the project. Well done!

## FIND OUT MORE

### GO ONLINE

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at [churchstreet.org](http://churchstreet.org)

### IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at  
[churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk)

### SPEAK IN PERSON

Contact us to talk a member of our Regeneration Team at **020 7641 2968**

You can also visit us at **Regeneration Base, 99 Church Street, NW8 8EY**. Open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.