

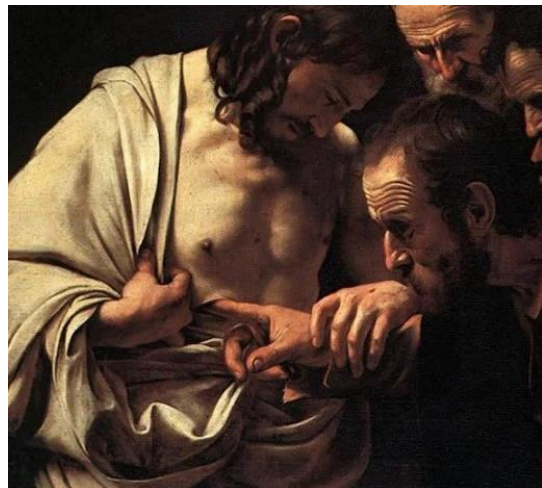
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Dear Friends

This week we welcome back the Rev'd Katharine Rumens as our locum during April. Katharine will lead our Eucharist on Sunday at 10.30.

Please note that the Milan marathon is being held on Sunday 7 April, which restricts and possibly prevents access to church by road.

This newsletter provides an update on our disabled lavatory project, which is proceeding apace. Gillian Hope and her team deserve huge credit for the drive and energy they are showing to make this happen.



*The incredulity of Saint Thomas -
Caravaggio*

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Disabled lavatory project update

Almost a year has passed since the DLP project was launched in April. Donations have been coming in and we have now raised just over €30k. A marvellous achievement. All thanks to an incredible effort from both within and outside our community.

On the building side, a lot has happened too. The original architect retired last summer and finally, after much searching, Arch. Elena Biffi took over the project at the beginning of the year. After a couple of site surveys with technical experts, she presented an outline of what was planned to the Comune on 18th March. The Comune agreed we could proceed in principle. Great news!

We must always remember that the project is about the conversion of a technical room into a disabled lavatory in a public building, plus the creation of safe storage for the church items currently in the technical room. We have a duty of care to all users of the building, and many other regulations to follow. A disabled lavatory is also a special category of toilet subject to additional regulation, including the sanitary ware you can put in it. It cannot be used as a storeroom and the way to it must always be kept clear of obstacles, so safe storage for the items we need to store is very important. We need qualified professionals and technical people to move the boiler, the electricity board and so forth. We do not know



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what is going to happen when we go to connect old plumbing with new plumbing for example, so contingency is needed for such eventualities.

Our target sum of €46k was based on the original architect's project quotation for the lavatory and storage creation, updated in January 2023. Now that the Comune has given agreement in principle to proceed, a detailed site survey took place on Friday 29th March and, by the end of April, we hope to have a revised and accurate quotation for the exact works to be done. Maybe, we will find we have already raised enough money? Let's see.

Many thanks to everyone for all their efforts and enthusiasm in making this happen. Keep up the great work! And we'll keep you posted.

Council Meeting

Our new Council will meet on 14 April with the following main agenda items:

1. Financial report for Q1 2024
2. Update on church activities and background for new Council members
3. Motion – to approve the Safeguarding Policy for 2024
4. Motion – to approve Rupert Dodds as legal representative for the Aruba PEC
5. Review of draft AGM minutes and any matters arising

If you want to comment on any of these, or any aspect of church life, please talk to a Council member beforehand. The new Council comprises Rupert Dodds (Lay Vice-Chair and Treasurer), Florine Postell (Secretary and Churchwarden), Lee Kirkpatrick-Smith (Churchwarden), Robert Morley (Clergy), Orla Ralph and Ozioma Onwhocei (Synod representatives), Ester Luconi, Pietro Vita Spina, Julia Holden, Rosemary Albero, Albert Adjabeng and John Sanders.

Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest's apartment), or email allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Links to our regular activities

Join the first Sunday of the month [pizza lunch](#) after church on Sunday. Sign up at the back of the church. There are alternatives to pizza. Come and enjoy good food and companionship.

[Sunday evening prayer](#) at 18.00 is [here](#). [Morning prayer](#) is not taking place this week, but restarts Monday 8 April at 9.00 with the link [here](#).

Bible study in person on Thursdays is led by Massimo at 12:30 for a start at 13.00. Bible study by Zoom will not take place on 2 April, but will resume on 9 April at 18.00, hosted by Fr Robert using the link found [here](#). All are welcome to both events.

The [Jolly Club](#) meets on Tuesday from 12.30 onward, in the church rooms.