

**Our Prayer Diary is posted weekly on our Twitter account @TheatreChaplain and on our Facebook page.**

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*Please feel free to phone or text us in confidence with any specific prayer requests  
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### **TCUK Prayer**

Creator God, Source of all life,  
from you comes the inspiration and the talent  
to create.

Encourage those who seek through the  
performing arts to portray faithfully the  
struggles, hopes, tears and laughter of life's  
journey.

Inspire them by your Spirit;  
give them humility in success and  
hidden reserves when the going is tough.  
Bless all who work in the sacred spaces of  
stage and studio,  
that their craft may be a source of healing,  
hope and unity in our broken world.  
Amen.

*Registered Charity No: 207315*



TCUK is proud to be a member of  
Acting for Others  
(The Combined Theatrical Charities)

**“Unconditional support and comfort  
for everyone”**

*Nica Burns OBE, Chief Executive, Nimax Theatres*

### **Forthcoming events –**

**all at The Actors' Church  
(St Paul's, Covent Garden):**

**Tuesday 5 December at 5pm**

### **Christmas Carol Service**

**including special guests, carols, readings and  
seasonal refreshments**

***Check our website and Twitter account to  
watch the video of our 2017 Spring Lecture***

**Mind Out!**

**Mental Health and Theatre**

***featuring keynote speaker***

**Stephen Fry**



Patrons:

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams,  
Dame Judi Dench, Nica Burns OBE,  
Bill Kenwright, Janie Dee  
Senior Chaplain: The Revd Lindsay Meader



## **In the Wings with a Prayer** October – December 2017

TCUK Mission Statement

TCUK offers pastoral and practical support to those of all faiths and none, who are engaged in the performing arts.

Through the work of its chaplains TCUK seeks to bring together faith and theatre for the enrichment of both.

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*Each week we pray for different groups of people working in the theatre and offer a short reflection.*

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Choreographers*

Courage is not the absence of fear — it is inspiring others to move beyond it.

*Nelson Mandela*

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

*London Theatres*

We mend and renew the world by strengthening inside ourselves what we seek **outside** ourselves, not by demanding it of others or trying to force it on others.

*Richard Rohr*

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Acting for Others*

Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel.

*Author Unknown*

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Stage Door Keepers*

When a person is down in the world, an ounce of help is better than a pound of preaching.

*Edward G Bulwer-Lytton*

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Puppeteers*

The ultimate gift of conscious life is a sense of the mystery that encompasses it.

*Lewis Mumford*

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Audiences*

It is in the shelter of each other that people live.

*Irish proverb*

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Bar and Catering*

Laughter is carbonated holiness.

*Anne Lamott*

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

*The Actors' Church*

Without worship you shrink, it's as brutal as that.

*Peter Schaffer*

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Teachers of Drama, Dance & Music in schools*

The only knowledge perfectly acquired is the knowledge of our limitation.

*Thomas G Long*

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Pantomimes and Christmas Shows*

Why, what makes a miracle?  
I know of nothing else but miracles.

*Walt Whitman*

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Agents*

Prayer doesn't wish the world away or make its problems disappear; it gives us the courage to live with them as they are, in the world as it is.

*Lionel Blue*

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Critics*

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

*Maya Angelou*

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Special Effects*

The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery. There is always more mystery.

*Anais Nin*

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Youth Theatre*

When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen you may learn something new.

*Dalai Lama*