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VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



The Healing and Creative Power of Relationship

A Reflection for St Peter's Quiet Day - 23rd July 2016

While working as a university chaplain I thought about the struggles about being, and becoming, which students faced, and the effectiveness of the support which they were given through the University Counselling service, which was generally between two and twenty weekly counselling sessions. Before encouraging them to seek that support, and often alongside it, I spent time listening to their anxieties, their sadness, and their anger. Some of it was about the practical things which they were not managing - usually work, or money, or alcohol. But a lot of it was about relationships, and the subtle interplay of feelings between them and one or more other people. For a few those other people were tutors and authority figures, for others it was romantic relationships or friendships. Lurking not far beneath the surface were issues to do with the families from which they had

come - and the relationships they did or didn't have with their parents

I trained as a therapist because of those people, and those I had known in earlier life who struggled to cope with their relationship to themselves, and to others. This was in complete accord with my understanding of Christian faith, which is rooted in relationship. We are in relationship with our loving creator God. God is love, and love has to have an object. We are the object of God's immeasurable love, and his command to us is that we love as he loves us - shaping through love our relationships with others and our understanding of ourselves.

Sigmund Freud is seen as the founder of modern Psychoanalysis or Psychotherapy, what has been called the talking cure. Psychoanalysis general means twice or thrice weekly sessions where the client lies on a bed with the therapist behind or to the side of them, over a year or more. Psychotherapy would usually describe the same techniques but with the client sitting with their therapist, and meeting once a week. Psychodynamic Counselling generally describes the same thing but over a shorter, usually fixed period, of weeks or months, where there is more focus on immediate problems rather than deeper emotion.

Although the teaching of Carl Jung, Freud's one time follower and friend, has been used a lot by Christians, with its more mystical ideas, he was *not professional* in his relations with female clients. No such accusation was ever made about Sigmund Freud, who remained devoted to his wife and children, and treated his clients with affection and respect, and sometimes lunch. Although not Christian, and not a believing Jew, he was

strongly committed to his cultural Jewish identity and in many ways was a product of Jewish faith and its valuing of life.

Freud, over his long working life, produced successive theories. He quickly identified the effect of trauma or abuse on early development and later life, and the mechanisms we use to manage its consequences. Much of his emphasis though was not on actual relationships but on the internal working of the mind - on what drives us, in fantasy and instinct. In his later work he recognised more clearly the importance of a young child's relationship to its mother or care giver. His daughter Anna Freud, who pioneered work with troubled children, developed these insights. Other Psychoanalysts like Donald Winnicott who was also involved in work with troubled young people coming out of wartime experience, were interested in very young children's real relationships, and on the effect of different patterns of parenting on infants and the adults they became.

Winnicott taught nurses and midwives, and broadcast about parenting, as he cared deeply about the bond between mother and baby. He taught that the relationship between a normal 'good enough' mother and her child is the place where we develop our sense of self, and a generous and realistic valuing of others. Through his study of infants at play he saw the emotional space between mother and baby as the place where our creative and conceptual abilities originate - including our ability to create culture, and our appreciation of religious ideas and sentiment. One might say, without taking too much of a liberty, that our ability to know God and to have a relationship with God emerges from the early bond we have with our mother. Winnicott said that there is no such thing as a baby - by which he meant that the

baby only exists in relation to the mother. From the original unity they slowly become aware that they are a separate being, and exist in relationship. So we too have a sense of our original unitedness to God, and of our relationship with him, our heavenly father and mother. Winnicott was brought up in a Wesleyan household and his whole thinking about relationship, love and the spark of life within each child is strongly shaped by a Christian understanding of life.

Other thinkers and practitioners went further. John Bowlby developed an understanding of patterns of attachment between children and parents which we use all the time when thinking of ourselves or others as insecure. And Ronald Fairburn, who in his twenties was a deeply committed Christian contemplating ministry in the Church, turned Freudian theory upside down and suggested that what we are really seeking is not pleasure, as Freud once taught, but relationship.

The last Psychotherapist I want to mention was a devout Christian called Harry Guntrip. He was in therapy with both Winnicott and Fairbairn, and like them he placed central importance on relationship. By 1969, when I was seven, Guntrip said that it is relatedness which enables us to understand ourselves and others and make life meaningful, and worth living. In other words, without relationship, we are no-one and our existence is meaningless.

This brings us back to the Bible. We were created by a loving God as people in relationship with him, and with others. The metaphor of God as parent is used sparingly in the Jewish scriptures, but it is there frequently enough, and Jesus took up

the image too, describing himself as a hen trying to protect her chicks.

Despite the ancientness of our scriptures, they bear witness again and again to the power and importance of relationship, whether it is Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together for the first clothes fitting, Hagar weeping for her son Ishmael in the desert, Ruth telling Naomi that she will go with her, come what may, or David's love for Jonathan, which was 'stronger than the love of a man for any woman'. In the New Testament of course we have the self sacrifice of Mary, which is the bread basket from which rises the sacrificial self-giving of her son Jesus. There is no Christ child without the Holy Mother of God, no salvation without that relationship of love.

Donald Winnicott, towards the end of his life, wrote a poem called 'The Tree' about Christ on the cross, in which Jesus looks back at his life and how he has given himself for others. In the poem Jesus speaks about his relationship with his mother and seeing his mother weeping below, thinks of how he once lay stretched out on her lap as now on this dead tree, and learned to make her smile.

I wonder at the power of the phrase, "you must be born again." For so many people, as much today as in the time of Freud, or the time of Jesus, early life is not blessed with good enough parenting. As a Counsellor I have heard horror stories which have made me weep, and there may be good reason for us not having any sequential memory of life before the age of two, when the earliest experience of relating and love should take place, etching into our neural pathways the possibility of a sense of self and being in relationship.

It seems that the difficult and confusing experiences of babies and children in relationship with struggling parents and carers create lives where relating in a healthy way to others is difficult and where religious faith in a loving Father might seem almost impossible. The phrase, 'you must be born again,' for me is a message of hope that whatever our own beginnings and the struggles to relate well to ourselves or to others this has left us with, there is the possibility of a new and formative experience of primary love, as newborns experiencing a relationship which is wholly good, and a safe and creative space in that relationship where we can begin to understand and love ourselves, and learn to relate in healthier ways to others.

Most of us here are likely to have had enough care in early life to believe that we might be loved by God too. But we all have our quirks or sharp edges, our soreness or aching needs, or our black holes of fear and longing.

Relationship with God is healing, in deeper ways than we often realise. It is rebuilding a true sense of our own dignity, a sense of our worth, it is an appreciation of the goodness and acceptance of the limitation of others. It is healing for us, and for our relationships. It is a refreshing and renewing well of life, in which we are reborn and remade in the image of the God who is the source of all relationship, Father, Son and Spirit.

Ralph

FROM JULIE



Summer is well underway and, as September will come around very soon, I am reflecting on my first year at St Peter's. As I can't possibly write about everything, I give a few highlights from this most amazing year.

When asked what I appreciate most about St Peter's, I say our mission of welcome, our focus on children and our commitment to growth and discipleship. At the heart of St Peter's vision is to welcome others as Christ welcomes us.

And we see this in a number of ways. For example, it has been a joy to see how the Welcomers have taken seriously their vocation to welcome visitors. It seems almost every Sunday someone new will tell me they have experienced a sense of hospitality as they entered the church. This says something about what it means to be an inclusive and outward looking church community.

Outreach has been a particular focus for me this year and I have enjoyed participating with others in the Outreach Group. Along with supporting the work of three charities, Saakshar, Samaritans and The Passage, the Outreach Group has engaged with creative ways to help us share our faith in our everyday lives. One way we might do this is through volunteering together at The Passage or taking part in the Welcome Boxes project. I am particularly excited about the Welcome Boxes, which involves delivering boxes filled with practical items to local refugee families. What

is most important about outreach, however, is reaching out to others in the midst of 'all of life', through our relationships, work, school and hobbies. This is an inspiring aspect of ministry and Fr Ralph and I hope to highlight the many ways we see this happening at St Peter's in the coming year.

One area of ministry that has brought me great joy is St Peter's work with the children. I have been richly blessed by the Family Eucharist and have learned a great deal from others about leading this wonderful, lively and joyful congregation. Each Monday morning we welcome toddlers, along with their parents and carers, to The Poppets, a fun and open space for play, craft and fellowship. Our close partnership with St Peter's School has been a particular joy for me. Fr Ralph and I have both enjoyed the weekly mass, assembly and various school events throughout the term time. It has been a privilege to experience the openness of the children as they grow in their love and understanding of the faith. And, my own faith has been deeply enriched by my experience with these very special young people.

And finally, I have been blessed with the gift of relationships at St Peter's. It has been wonderful to get to know many of you through the various courses, services and committees. Ivan and I have enjoyed our year living on the 'high street' and welcoming many into our home. And with the approach of autumn comes new life and new people to welcome. I am particularly happy that Catherine will be joining us. She brings with her many gifts and I happily anticipate her arrival and all she will add to our community. And lastly, it has been a joy working with Fr Ralph. I am grateful for his support, encouragement and friendship and look forward to a new year in ministry. And so, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and the blessing of autumn's new beginnings.

Julia Khovacs

REVD JULIE INTERVIEWS SAMANTHA SINGLEHURST



As I was thinking about who next to interview for the magazine, Olivia Reed suggested I interview Sammie Singlehurst, for Sammie, says Olivia, ‘has grown up in the church and has done much for St Peter’s through the years.’ Now I thought this a wonderful idea. I knew Sammie from the Family Eucharist and her help with the youth group. I found her to be full of life and willing to give to others and I was looking forward to get to know her a better.

Sammie was born on Hyde Park Corner in St George’s Hospital, now the Lanesborough Hotel. She grew up in Pimlico and lived near the coach station until she was 21. She attended St Peter’s School and Grey Coat Hospital, along with her sister Michelle and Vivien Reed whom she has known most of her life. Sammie remembers well taking the bus 11 to school and to regular visits with her Granny. She was married at 21 and her daughter Stephanie was born a few years later. Sammie is proud to say that Stephanie was the first baby to be baptised in the new St Peter’s font after the fire exactly one week before the church was consecrated. Stephanie also attended St Peter’s school and now works as a Personal Fitness Instructor.

Sammie has worked in housing for 21 years and currently works advising residents with condensation issues in their homes. She enjoys visiting a variety of people and offering help and practical advice which both reduces the environmental impact and improves personal and family lifestyle. After asking Sammie if

she has ever been involved with her own housing project, she explained that she is currently close to finishing a re-ordering project on her home in Norfolk. This has entailed more than a year of hard work but it is also where she met her partner Derek. Sammie, whose eyes light up at the mention of Derek's name, told me the day she met he, she felt "it was meant to be. He is a wonderful guy who 'swept me off my feet!" They have been good for one another and Derek too has become part of the St Peter's community.

Sammie has grown up at St Peter's and the church is her second family and home. She deeply appreciates St Peter's and the people who have encouraged her faith over the years. She has been involved with hospitality, prayers, reading and assisting with the youth group. She helped to set up the Family Choir and has been an important member for over 15 years. She has been involved in recruiting children and is hoping to encourage members of our youth group to join. Sammie's love for singing has also led to her involvement with the Salvation Army Gospel Choir. Personal faith and prayer is important to her and, as part of this, she reads the readings and Collect from the notice sheet each week. Sammie made a point of saying that she and Derek were especially touched by Fr. Ralph's sermon on the Lord's Prayer this past week.

Sammie volunteers with The Passage and has a strong conviction and compassion for those living on the margins of society. She has participated in a variety of volunteer opportunities there including the monthly collection at Victoria Station. Sammie has spent many hours chopping carrots, opening tins of tomatoes washing pots and assisting with the provision of meals for the homeless people. She clearly loves this work and I can imagine her caring, fun and accepting manner has made a lasting impact on many people. I am thankful for Sammie, for the way she is part of the heart and life of our church community and the lives she has touched.

Julia Khovace

PICTURE FOR AUGUST

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary
Peter Paul Rubens c.1626



READINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, 7 August: Eleventh
Sunday after Trinity**
Genesis 15: 1-6
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12: 32-40

**Sunday, 14 August: Twelfth
Sunday after Trinity**
Jeremiah 23: 23-29
Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

**Sunday, 21 August:
Thirteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
Isaiah 58: 9b-14
Hebrews 12: 18-29
Luke 13: 10-17

**Sunday, 28 August:
Fourteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

**Sunday, 4 September:
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Deuteronomy 30: 15- end
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33

**Sunday, 11 September:
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Exodus 32: 7-14
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

**Sunday, 18 September:
Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity**
Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13

**Sunday, 25 September:
Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity**
Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-end

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

21 June	-	Carina Rigby
10 July	-	Myles McIntyre
17 July	-	Maddison Ali

ST PETER'S WW1 MEMORIAL

Last month I looked at the stories of men who lived in Grosvenor Gardens. Another man, Edward Beauchamp, lived a little to the north in 26 Grosvenor Place.

2nd. Lt. Edward Archibald Beauchamp, 1891-1914 was the elder son of Sir Edward Beauchamp Bart. and his American wife Betty Campbell. Edward's father was MP for Lowestoft in Suffolk. He founded and ran a vegan-only restaurant for his commandeers known as Beauchamp Plate. Edward's brother Brograve also became an MP.



Edward Archibald Beauchamp

Birthdate: April 5, 1891
Birthplace: Brighton, East Sussex, England UK
Death: Died December 22, 1914
Cause of death: from wounds received in action
Immediate Family: Son of [Edward Beauchamp, MP, 1st Baronet](#) and [Betty Campbell Beauchamp](#)
Brother of [Brograve Campbell Beauchamp, MP, 2nd Baronet](#)

Edward was educated at Eton. He joined the special Reserve of Coldstream Guards in February 1914 and nine months later was gazetted as 2nd. Lt. He was wounded near Ypres and brought back to England. He returned to the front and again received wounds at Lillers near Bethune in France and this time he did not recover. He died in December less than a year since he had joined up.

Frederick Ernest Victor Bance, 1881-1916, lived in South Place Belgravia. He was educated at 'St. Peter's National Schools' (our school in Lower Belgrave Street opened in 1872, and the average attendance in 1889 when Frederick might have been there was 583 (212 boys, 208 girls and 163 infants). He trained at Messrs. Parry Blake and Parry, Grosvenor Mansions. He was a surveyor and joined the London Regiment (The Royal Fusiliers)



Grosvenor Mansions

in 1916. The next year he served with the Expeditionary Force in France. He was killed in action at Poelcapelle, Belgium, and he was buried there.

Arthur Northrop, 1899-1918, lived in Buckingham Palace Road. His widowed mother is recorded as living in The Royal Mews, Hampton Court, so

maybe his parents worked in the Buckingham Palace Royal Mews. He was a rifleman in the London Regiment (London Irish Rifles) and served in France and Flanders. He was killed in action at Bouzincourt, a village near Albert, Somme.



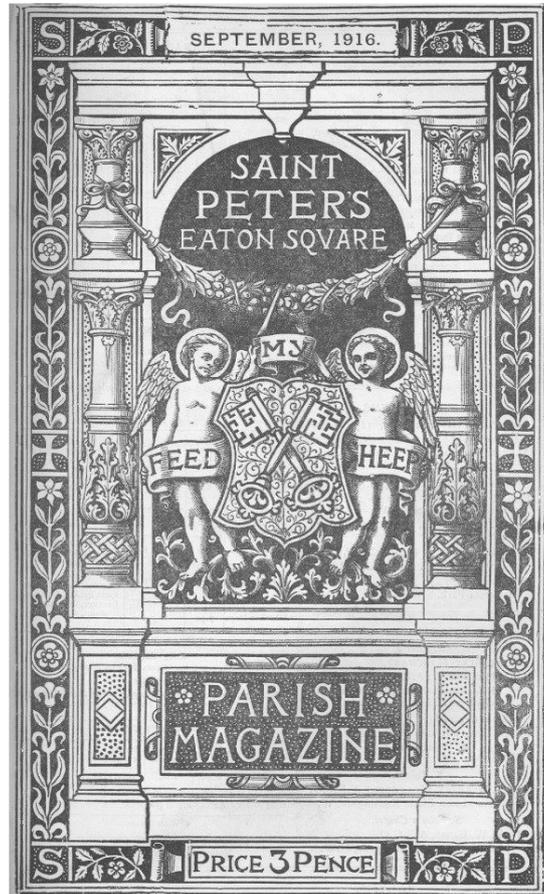
British Infantrymen resting on the roadside in Bouzincourt.



Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery

PHOEBE HILARY

FROM THE MAGAZINE -
SEPTEMBER 1916



Last November, a little old woman came to the Mission House to ask for a grocery ticket, stating that she was 79 years of age and had nothing but her Old Age Pension to live upon. She had been a servant, and her last situation had been in a lodging-house in St Peter's Parish; now all her savings were spent and she was too feeble for work. She was given a ticket, and her case referred to the C.O.S. for investigation.

The inquiries showed a pathetic case. The applicant had been a servant most of her life in lodging and boarding houses. Out of her scanty earnings she had helped to support her aged father for 22 years. Then her younger sister, who was in delicate health, was deserted by her husband, and her little savings (£15) went to support this sister when she was dying and to pay for her

funeral. Latterly the applicant had only been able to obtain board and lodging in return for her services.

The C.O.S. decided to raise a pension for her, and asked if St Peter's Parochial Council would help towards it.

As the applicant is not now resident in the Parish, the Council decided they were unable to contribute towards a pension. They, however, asked the Editor of the Parish Magazine to insert this statement in the Magazine, in the hope that some among its readers might feel moved to help.

Further information can be obtained from Miss Hunter, St Peter's Mission House.

Applicant's name is - Mary Anne Willis, 17 Moreton Terrace.

Comment:

That Charity Organisation Society (COS), in London associated with Octavia Hill among others, took up this woman's case is an indication of how genuine was her need. The COS was no pushover in giving assistance which it sought to distribute *"according to scientific principles to root out scroungers and target relief where it was most needed."* As the reference to St Peter's Mission House and its grocery tickets indicates, St Peter's was involved in assisting poor residents at this time; it is a pity that the PCC thought that contributing to a pension was a step too far especially as this woman had lived and worked in the parish. Perhaps it was the memory of the old system (long since abolished even then) when the ecclesiastical parish was responsible for the poor within its boundaries and did everything it could to minimise expenditure. It is to be hoped that a generous donor was found among the congregation or from one of the COS's other sources.

Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith

CHILDREN'S PAGE FOR AUGUST

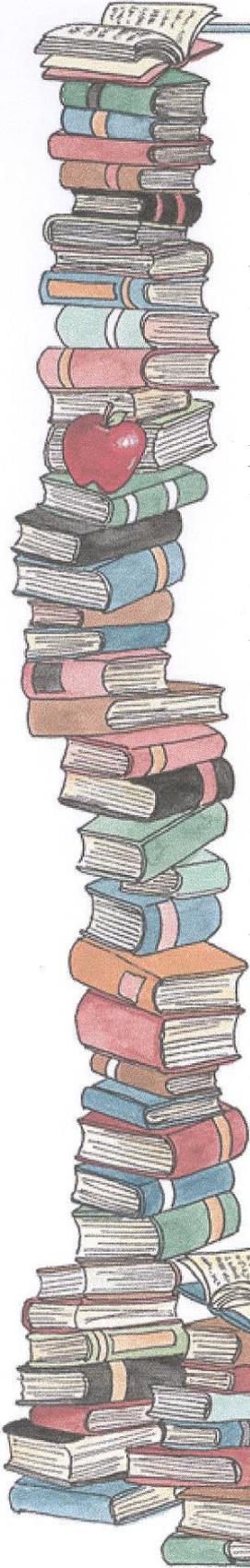
On August 8 we celebrate the feast of Dominic,
Founder of the Order of Preachers 1221

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



See if you can complete the following sayings of Jesus:

1. 'The right time has come and the Kingdom of God is near. Turn away from your _____ and believe the Good News.' (Mark 1:14)
2. 'Love your neighbour as you love _____.' (Mark 12:31)
3. 'Do not judge others, so that God will not _____ you.' (Matthew 7:1)
4. 'Do for _____ what you want them to do for you.' (Matthew 7:12)
5. 'Happy are the _____ in heart; they will see God.' (Matthew 5:8)
6. 'Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has _____ to lay his head.' (Luke 9:58)
7. 'Ask and you will receive, seek and you will _____, knock and the door will be opened to you.' (Luke 11:9-13)



The Book Club

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 24 August at 7.00pm at 54 Chester Row.

The book chosen is:

“The Apple of my Eye” by Helene Hanff”
A celebration of the author’s lifelong love of New York.

These are some of the books we have read this year.

“The Cruel Sea” by Nicholas Monsarrat

“The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer

“Gaudy Night” by Dorothy L. Sayers

“Blink: the power of thinking without thinking” by Gladwell Malcolm

“Acts and Omissions” (the fictional diocese of Lindchester) by Catherine Fox

“Fool for thy Feast” (biography of Tubby Clayton Toc H) by Linda Parker

Everyone is welcome to come and to bring ideas for books.

AUGUST CALENDAR

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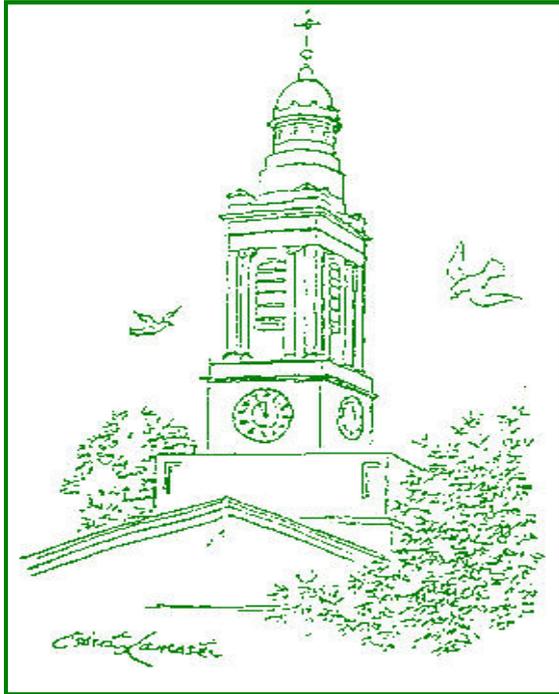
M 1		For all refugees
Tu 2		For St Peter's staff
W 3		For tourists who visit the parish
Th 4	Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, spiritual Guide, 1859	For spiritual directors and guides
F 5	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	For our discernment of God's glory in our midst
S 7	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 8	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Orders of Preachers, 1221	For the ministry of preachers
Tu 9	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921	For the MU worldwide
W 10	Laurence, Deacon, Martyr at Rome, 258	For the diaconate
Th 11	Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares) 1253	For simplicity of life
F 12		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 13	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667	For our pursuit of truth
Su 14	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish

CALENDAR CONTD

M 15	The Blessed Virgin Mary	In thanksgiving for Mary the God-bearer
Tu 16		For the businesses of the parish
W 17		For those who hire our parish rooms
Th 18		For our armed forces serving overseas
F 19		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 20	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153	For those considering religious life
Su 21	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 22		For good interfaith relations
Tu 23		For Z2K
W 24	Bartholomew the Apostle	For our discipleship
Th 25		For those who cannot afford a summer break
F 26		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 27	Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387	For our mothers
Su 28	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 29	The beheading of John the Baptist	For prisoners of conscience
Tu 30	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688	For writers
W 31	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651	For missionaries to these islands

Please note that requests left on our Prayer Board will now be prayed at the 12.30pm Eucharist every Friday.

PARISH NEWS



July began with a wonderful celebration of our Patronal Festival on Sunday the 3rd, and a really enjoyable lunch shared on the Portico after a Parish Eucharist together. Although we only have three of four of these joint services each year, they are enormously enjoyable and a very good chance to meet people who go to a different service, especially if there is food to share afterwards. That week Julie and I

had the chance to meet the parents of new incoming Reception Class children at St Peter's School, and I went to speak to the pupils at The Queen's College (on Harley Street) on their Annual Gathering. On Sunday the 10th we welcomed our local Amnesty International group who held an Amnes-tea on the Portico between and after the services, raising money and awareness for the important work of Amnesty.

The middle of the month was filled with school events as their year came to an end. The school's PTA Party took place



Petertide lunch

at school on the 14th of July and was a happy occasion. Both there and then at another event for school governors on Friday 15th, Mrs Nicola Cottier was presented with flowers and gifts to thank her for her great contribution to the school's life, as she moves on. We are very grateful too, and wish her every happiness. The new Head of St Peter's Church Primary School from September is Mr Miles Ridley, formerly an Assistant Head at the school. We hosted the school Presentation Service on Monday the 18th at which each child was presented with a book of their choice as a gift from the school, and the Leaver's Service on Wednesday 20th, at which each was presented with a Bible from the church - a gift which is paid for by our St Peter's Pimlico Trust. The outstanding Year Six play on Tuesday the 19th of July and was, 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' - a comical take on the pirate life which featured great acting and singing from a number of our regular children and servers.

On Sunday 17th the Youth Group met for the last time before the summer, and we had a barbecue on the Portico to which the school's Y6 children were also invited - we hope they will attend in the autumn. The Faith Group met on July 18th and we continued our reading and discussion of Mark's gospel.

On Saturday 23rd of July we held our second Quiet Day of the year. On a blazingly hot day, we enjoyed both the silence, the prayer, and one another's company over lunch. Prayer for healing was also available. There were two addresses, and the one I gave is my letter from the Vicar for this month, here in the Magazine.

The Royal College of Defence Studies came for their end of year service on Wednesday the 27th, a deeply moving Interfaith act of worship at which members of their international officers' training course contribute with readings from the Bible, the Koran, the Gita, from Confucius and the Torah, in their own languages. Our choir sang and were enormously appreciated by the several hundred guests, officers and their families, the

Commandant and staff. After the service, a presentation event at Seaford House on Belgrave Square continued the celebration for officers and their families who will return to their own forces and countries after having spent a year learning from and with their opposite numbers from around the world - a life changing experience and one with a great impact for world peace. We are delighted to be able to facilitate this each year.

We celebrated two baptisms, of Myles McIntyre on the 10th of July and Maddison Ali on the 17th.

Looking ahead to August, both Julie and I will be away a little, but the normal pattern of services continues, as will the Poppets every Monday morning. Our new Pastoral Assistant Catherine Ellis-Robson will be here for two days of induction alongside new PAs from St Matthew's, Westminster and St Dustan's, Stepney on September 1st and 2nd, and she will be meeting people during the following week. Her first Sunday with us will be September the 11th.

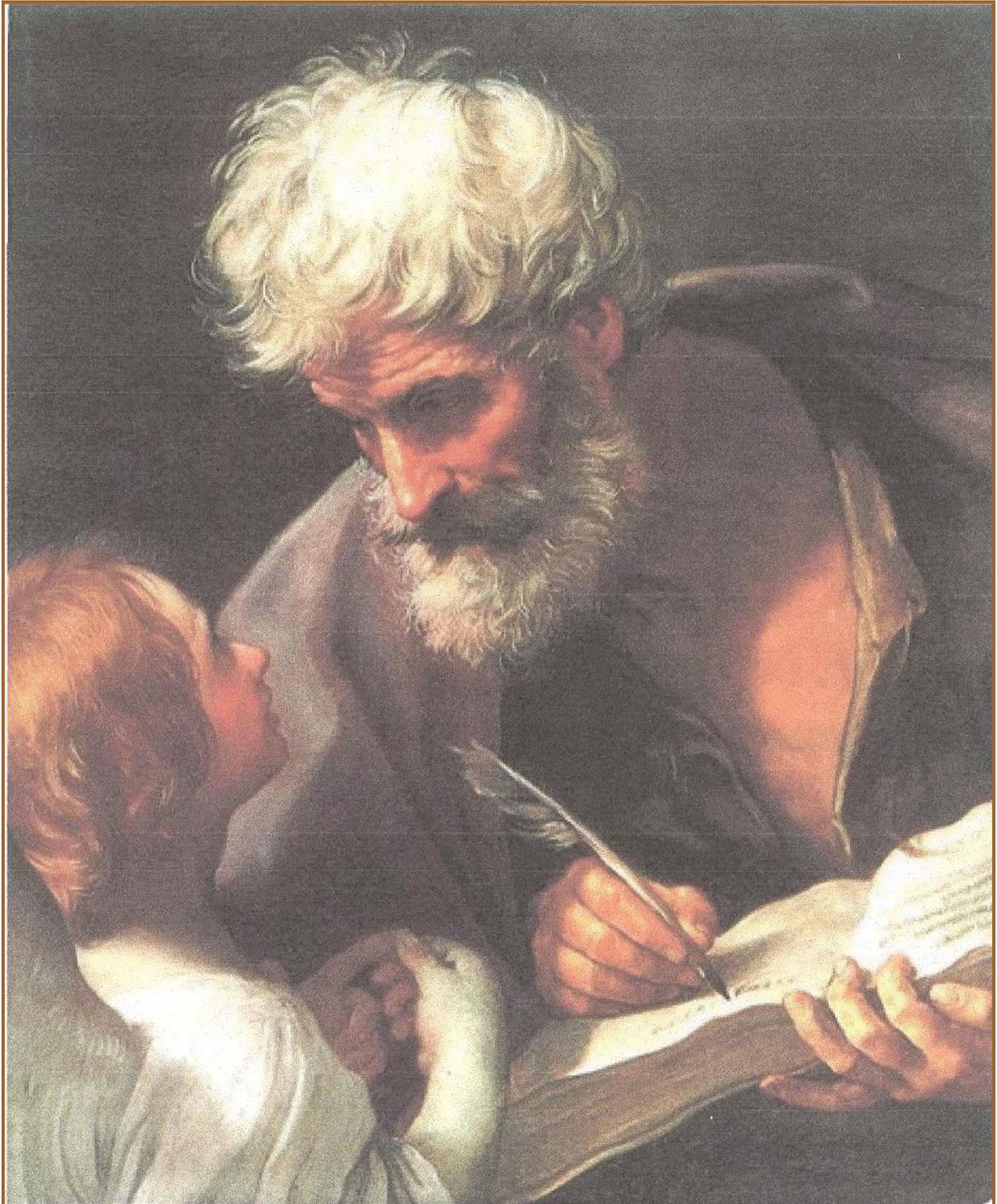
The PCC Away day will take place on Saturday 17th of September, at the Victoria Pavilion in Cardinal Place. The Youth Group begins to meet again for the first session on 18th of September, and the Faith Group will be on Monday the 19th. The month will end with a thank you evening for Welcomers, Servers, LEM's, Readers and Intercessors at Revd Julie's flat on Friday the 30th of September.

By then we also look forward to introducing new welcome leaflets, which will be available to give to friends and will be an attractive advertisement and reminder about the church. I hope you all enjoy the summer weeks ahead!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

PICTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

St Matthew and the Angel
by Guido Reni



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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F 2	Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 3	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the faith, 604	For Pope Francis
Su 4	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 5		For teachers
Tu 6		For all volunteers
W 7		For those working with children
Th 8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	For children beginning new school years
F 9		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 10		For our environment
Su 11	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 12		For young people leaving home
Tu 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407	For the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Churches in communion with him
W 14	Holy Cross Day	In thanksgiving for the Cross
Th 15	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	For the Governors of St Peter's CE Primary School

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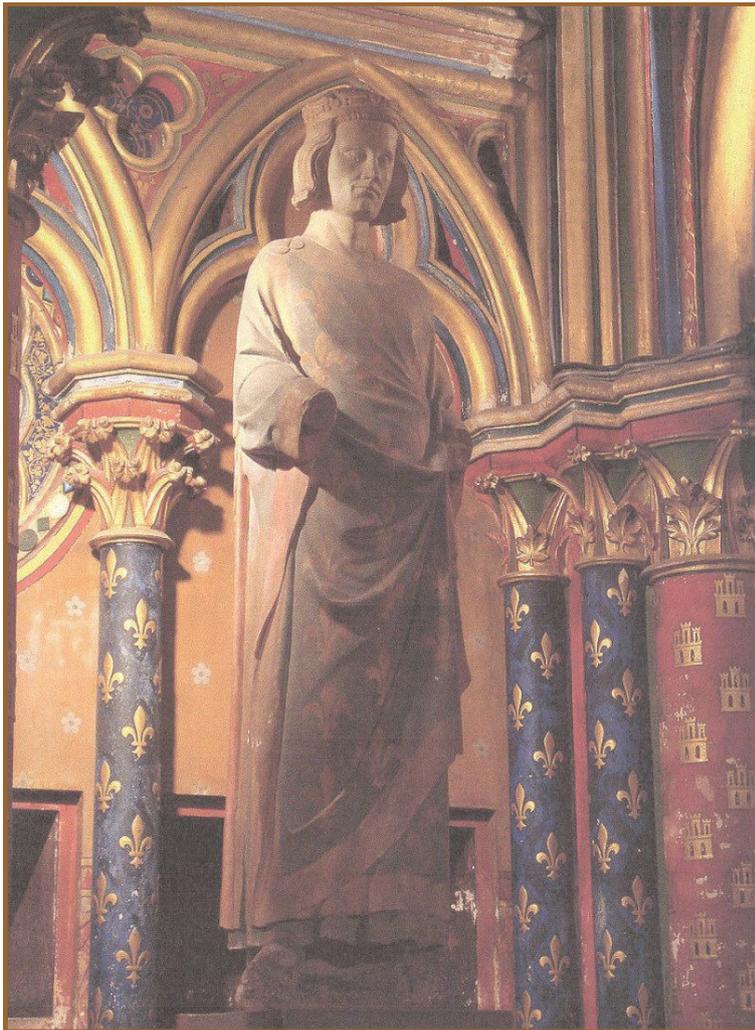
F 16	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	For song-writers and musicians
Su 18	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 19	Theodore of Tarsus, 690	For Westminster Street Pastors
Tu 20	John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871	For the Melanesian Brotherhood
W 21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	For our discipleship
Th 22		For our Deanery Synod
F 23		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 24		For our MP and Westminster City Councillors
Su 25	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 26		For the Archbishop & Province of York
Tu 27	Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660	For all who work with the poor
W 28	<i>Ember Day</i>	For vocations to ordination and for all ordained in this season
Th 29		For our growth in faith
F 30	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420	For our prayer Board requests

Please note that requests left on our Prayer Board will now be prayed at the 12.30pm Eucharist every Friday.

SAINT FOR AUGUST

Louis IX (25 April 1214 – 25 August 1270), commonly known as **Saint-Louis**, was a Capetian King of France who reigned from 1226 until his death in 1270. Louis was crowned in Reims at the age of 12, following the death of his father Louis VIII the Lion, although his mother, Blanche of Castile, ruled the kingdom until he reached the age of majority.

Louis's actions as king were inspired by Christian values and Catholic devotion. His policies were to punish blasphemy, gambling, interest-bearing loans and prostitution, and he bought presumed relics of Christ for which he built the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. He also expanded the scope of the Inquisition and, at the



Statue of Sr Louis stands in the lower Chapel of Sainte-Chapelle, Paris

request of the pope, ordered the public burning of Talmuds on the grounds that they blasphemed against Christ. He is the only canonised king of France.

Much of what is known of Louis's life comes from Jean de Joinville's famous *Life of Saint-Louis*. Joinville was a close friend, confidant, and counsellor to the king, and also participated as a witness in the papal inquest into Louis' life that ended with his

canonisation in 1297 by Pope Boniface VIII.

Two other important biographies were written by the king's confessor, Geoffrey of Beaulieu, and his chaplain, William of Chartres. The fourth important source of information is William of Saint-Parthus' biography, which he wrote using the papal inquest mentioned above. While several individuals wrote biographies in the decades following the king's death, only Jean de Joinville, Geoffrey of Beaulieu, and William of Chartres wrote from personal knowledge of the king.

Louis was born on 25 April 1214 at Poissy, near Paris, the son of Prince Louis the Lion and Princess Blanche, and baptised in La Collégiale Notre-Dame church. His grandfather on his father's side was Philip II, king of France; while his grandfather on his mother's side was Alfonso VIII, king of Castile. Tutors of Blanche's choosing taught him most of what a king must know—Latin, public speaking, writing, military arts, and government. He was 9 years old when his grandfather Philip II died and his father ascended as Louis VIII, and only twelve years old when his father died on 8 November 1226. He was crowned king within the month at Reims cathedral. Because of Louis's youth, his mother ruled France as regent during his minority.

No date is given for the beginning of Louis's personal rule. His contemporaries viewed his reign as co-rule between the king and his mother, though historians generally view the year 1234 as the year in which Louis began ruling personally, with his mother assuming a more advisory role. She continued to have a strong influence on the king until her death in 1252. On 27 May 1234, Louis married Margaret of Provence (1221 – 21 December 1295), whose sister Eleanor later became the wife of Henry III of England. The new queen's religious devotion made her a well-suited partner for the king.

Louis' patronage of the arts drove much innovation in Gothic art and architecture, and the style of his court radiated throughout Europe by both the purchase of art objects from Parisian masters

for export, and by the marriage of the king's daughters and female relatives to foreign husbands and their subsequent introduction of Parisian models elsewhere. Louis' personal chapel, the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris, was copied more than once by his descendants elsewhere.

During the so-called "golden century of Saint Louis", the kingdom of France was at its height in Europe, both politically and economically. Saint Louis was regarded as *primus inter pares* among the kings and rulers of the continent. He commanded the largest army and ruled the largest and wealthiest kingdom, the European centre of arts and intellectual activity at the time. The foundations for the famous college of theology which subsequently developed into the Sorbonne were laid in Paris about the year 1257. The respect felt in Europe for Louis IX was due more to the attraction of his sanctity and his benevolent personality than to military domination. For his contemporaries, he was the quintessential example of the Christian prince and embodied the whole of Christendom in his person. His reputation for saintliness and fairness was already well established while he was alive, and on many occasions he was chosen as an arbiter in quarrels among the rulers of Europe.

The perception of Louis IX as the exemplary Christian prince was reinforced by his religious zeal. Louis was a devout Catholic, and he built the Sainte-Chapelle, located within the royal palace complex, on the Île de la Cité in the centre of Paris. The Sainte Chapelle, a perfect example of the *rayonnant* style of Gothic architecture, was erected as a shrine for the Crown of Thorns and a fragment of the True Cross, precious relics of the Passion of Jesus. Louis purchased these in 1239–41 from Emperor Baldwin II of the Latin Empire of Constantinople, for the exorbitant sum of 135,000 livres (the construction of the chapel, by comparison, cost only 60,000 livres).

Louis IX took very seriously his mission as "lieutenant of God on Earth", with which he had been invested when he was

crowned in Rheims. To fulfill his duty, he conducted two crusades, and even though they were unsuccessful, they contributed to his prestige. Everything he did was for the glory of God and for the good of his people. He protected the poor and was never heard speak ill of anyone. He excelled in penance and had a great love for the Church. He was merciful even to rebels. When he was urged to put to death a prince who had followed his father in rebellion, he refused, saying: "A son cannot refuse to obey his father."

In 1250, he headed a crusade, but was taken prisoner. During his captivity, he recited the Divine Office every day. After his release, he visited the Holy Land before returning to France. In all these deeds, Louis IX tried to fulfill the duty of France, which was seen as "the eldest daughter of the Church" (la fille aînée de l'Église), a tradition of protector of the Church going back to the Franks and Charlemagne, who had been crowned by the Pope Leo III in Rome in 800.

Saint-Louis was renowned for his charity. Beggars were fed from his table, he ate their leavings, washed their feet, ministered to the wants of the lepers, and daily fed over one hundred poor. He founded many hospitals and houses, notable among them being the House of the Filles-Dieu for reformed prostitutes; the Quinze-Vingt for 300 blind men, and hospitals at Pontoise, Vernon, Compiègne.

Saint-Louis installed a house of the Trinitarian Order in his château of Fontainebleau. He chose Trinitarians as his chaplains, and was accompanied by them on his crusades. In his spiritual testament he wrote: "My dearest son, you should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin."

During his second crusade, Louis died at Tunis, 25 August 1270. As Tunis was Muslim territory, his body was subject to the process known as *mos Teutonicus* (a postmortem funerary custom used in medieval Europe whereby the flesh was boiled

from the body, so that the bones of the deceased could be transported hygienically from distant lands back home) for its transportation back to France. He was succeeded by his son, Philip III. Louis was traditionally believed to have died from the bubonic plague, but modern scholars believe he probably died of dysentery.

Tradition suggests that some of his entrails were buried directly on the spot in Tunisia, where a Tomb of Saint-Louis can still be visited today; and his heart and other parts of his entrails were sealed in an urn and placed in the Basilica of Monreale, Palermo, where they still remain. (Sicily was at that time ruled by his younger brother, Charles of Anjou, and the French army returned to France through the Kingdom of Naples and Sicily.) His bones were taken, after a short stay at the Basilica of Saint Dominic in Bologna, to the French royal necropolis at Saint-Denis, resting in Lyon on the way. His tomb at Saint-Denis was a magnificent gilt brass monument designed in the late 14th century. It was melted



Tomb of St Louis IX

down during the French Wars of Religion, at which time the body of the king disappeared. Only one finger was rescued and is kept at Saint-Denis.

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the canonization of Louis in 1297. He is honoured as co-patron of the Third Order of St. Francis. His acts of charity, coupled with Louis' devout religious

practices, gave rise to the legend that he joined the Third Order; although it is unlikely that Louis did join the order, his life and actions surely proclaimed him one of them in spirit.

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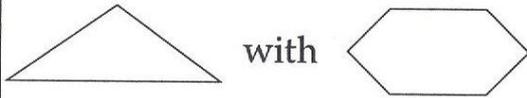
*Considering what people in past ages considered virtues and vices is always revealing. We would be unlikely to commend anyone these days for extending the Inquisition or burning the Talmud. We might find action against prostitution and gambling more acceptable though it would depend on the type of action. But the biggest surprise for the present day is the opposition to interest-bearing loans, the mainstay of much of the western world's economic functioning; this is an aspect of Biblical guidance notably not insisted on by most fundamentalist Christian groups. Our culture tends to find it difficult to sympathise with the world-view of other times, despite a very subjective approach to moral values. Interesting books on the views of earlier ages, and how their development throws light on our present attitudes, are R.H. Tawney's classic *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*"(looking at strong and weak parties to loans) and William Countryman's rather alarmingly named *Dirt, Greed and Sex*"(looking at the question of purity). Both books are available in the parish library, if you can find them.*

Saint chosen by Richard Carter and commented by Valerie Smith

CHILDREN'S PAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 29 Feast of St Michael and all angels

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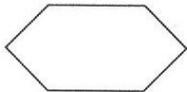
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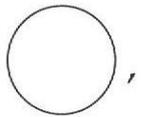
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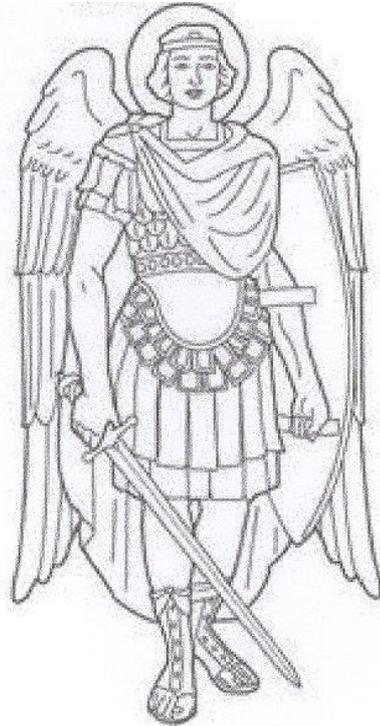


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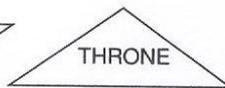
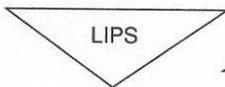
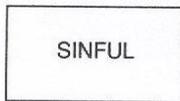
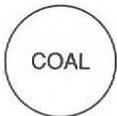
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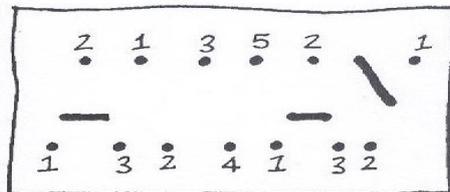
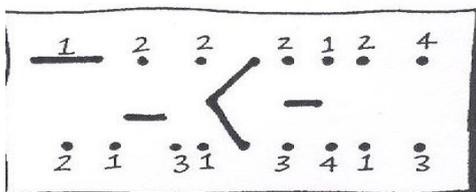
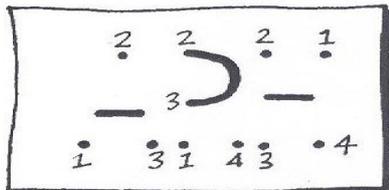
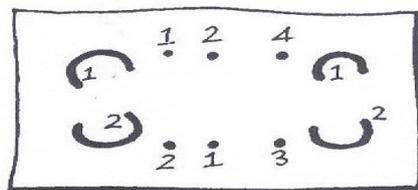
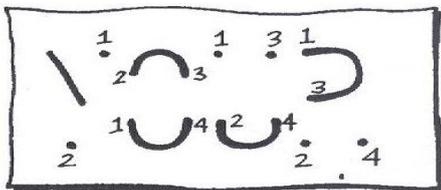
and touched his
with it.



Fit the words into the right shapes in the story.



What did the angel with the coal say to Isaiah?
Join the dots to find out.





HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER

Parish Eucharist -
10.30am

Please bring harvest
offerings of
non-perishable foodstuffs
and toiletries etc.,
which will be donated to

The Passage

a homelessness charity
based in Victoria

RECIPE FOR SUMMER

Chocolate Dipped Cherry Cake

Ingredients

- 150 g good quality milk chocolate
- 175g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 140g golden caster sugar
- 140g very soft, slightly salted butter
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 medium banana, mashed

For the filling and topping

- 200g white chocolate
- 400g cherries
- 150ml crème fraîche
- 2 tbsp kirsch (optional)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to fan 160°C/ conventional 180°C or gas 4.
2. Butter and line the base of two 20cm sandwich tins.
3. Coarsely grate two thirds of the chocolate and chop the rest. Set aside.
4. Put the flour, baking powder and sugar into a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the butter, eggs and milk (the butter must be very soft for this work).
5. Beat together with a hand held electric whisk for about 2 minutes until light and fluffy (or use a wooden spoon and beat well for 3 minutes). Lightly fold in the grated, chopped chocolate and mashed banana.

6. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins. Gently level the surface with the back of a metal spoon or spatula. Bake side by side on the middle shelf for 25-30 minutes until springy to the touch and beginning to shrink away from the sides.
7. Remove from the oven, leave to cool in the tins for 5 minutes. Turn out on a wire rack, remove the lining paper and leave to cool for about 1 hour before icing.
8. For the icing and filling break up the white chocolate into a heatproof bowl and melt gently over a pan of hot, not quite simmering water until just melted. Remove from the pan and set aside for 5-6 minutes.
9. Cover a baking sheet with foil or waxed paper. Dip the cherries, one by one, into the chocolate to half coat them, then put them on the baking sheet to set.
10. Stir the crème fraîche into the remaining melted chocolate until smooth and shiny. Then let it cool and thicken(5 minutes or so). Now transfer half of the mixture to another bowl. Pit another 200g/8oz cherries, cut them in half then add to one of the bowls with 2tbsp kirsch (optional) and stir until mixed. Put the sponge cake on a serving plate and spread the surface with the cherry mixture, then sandwich with the second sponge. Spread the rest of the chocolate mixture over the top and decorate with the dipped whole cherries. This cake is best eaten on the day it's been made.





Are you interested in volunteering at The Passage which provides for the homeless in Victoria?

From September we will be volunteering monthly on Thursday mornings preparing food or organising clothing items.

Please see Revd Julie for more information or sign the sheet at the back of church.

REFUGEE WELCOME BOX INITIATIVE

Would you like to help welcome refugees and migrants to London by donating, making and delivering “welcome boxes” filled with practical items?

We need volunteers to provide items, make boxes and visit drop-in centres and refugee families.

There is a container at the back of the church for collection of toiletries, gloves, socks, oyster cards etc.

There will be a short training day later on Monday, 12th September from 6.30-8.30pm for those who would like to deliver boxes to refugee drop-in centres.

If you are interested please speak with Revd Julie.

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**We are now a distribution point for the
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**Please donate tinned food and dry goods.
The box is located next to the outreach
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**For more information please speak with a
member of the clergy or outreach group**



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Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm

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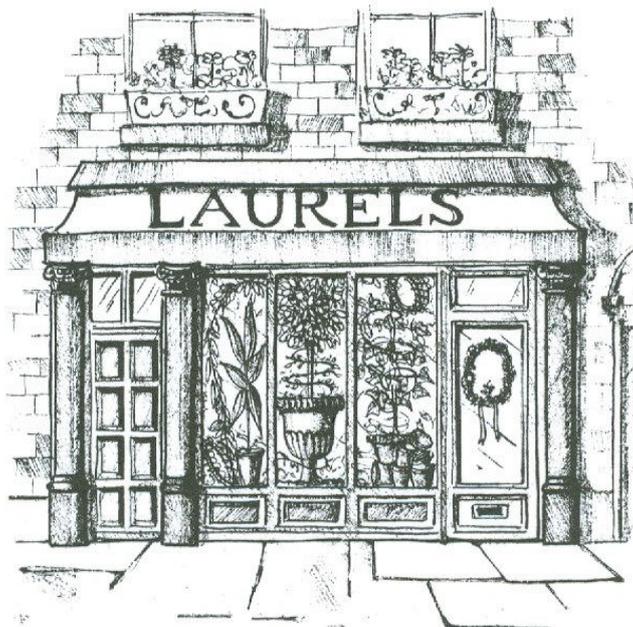
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