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VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



During the month of July a great deal of activity focused on the ending of the school year. More than ever this year, as Chair of Governors, the life of St Peter's Primary School and the rhythm of its endings and beginnings have shaped my thoughts too. After a very good first year for Miles Ridley as Head Teacher, we are really pleased with excellent SATs results, which speak volumes about the quality of education and teaching in our school, and give a further accolade to the Year 6 children moving on to secondary schools. Meanwhile children in Year 5, many of them confirmed this year, move up and take more responsibility as the eldest children in the school. As always in central London, some teachers are leaving and others coming. This summer three Teaching Assistants leave to (encouragingly) begin training as teachers themselves. The school has new RE displays, featuring St Peter and a net full of Christian values in the entrance reception, and beautiful artwork illustrating the days of creation in the Hall. My mind is filled with the songs from the excellent end of year production which I heard practised many times, and songs about moving on, like 'From the old I'll travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you'.

St Peter's Church is also travelling on, from the old to the new. A great deal has been achieved in recent months, with an outstanding May Fair, generous fundraising for Saakshar and other charities, successful PCC Away Day and the chance to welcome many new people to church. Out of the PCC Away Day came the beginnings of a new Mission Action plan for 2018-2023, which the PCC's different groups will be working on from September. Following the pleasure and success of Catherine Cowie's year as Pastoral Assistant, and the joy we have had in helping her to prepare for ordination selection and training, I am delighted that we will be joined in September by a new PA, Matthew Butler. More information and news about Matthew will be coming soon.

A lot will be happening in the months ahead, and there are a number of practical projects already underway. The offices and south stairway will be redecorated over the summer, giving a much needed improvement to the working environment for our staff. New chairs are being purchased for the Parish Hall, to replace all the brown stacking chairs which are now very worn. A new boiler is being fitted in Revd Julie's flat. In September a group appointed by the PCC and led by Laura Cook will take a good and thorough look at our building and its facilities, and will be producing a plan for the renovation and renewal of our rooms and spaces, including the Welcome Room, Meeting and Committee Rooms, Parish Hall, flats, toilets and kitchens. If you have thoughts about this, please let Laura Cook know. Outside, the Ramp project moves ahead steadily with a final design soon to be agreed, and the car parking spaces will be repainted and reorganised in the autumn too. Below us, in our wonderful crypts, the leases for our valued tenants and neighbours the Bodydoctor and the Knightsbridge Kindergarten are being renewed and extended, and new security added to the Kindergarten.

In September we will be adding a second weekly session for the Poppets, on Friday mornings, with a paid Coordinator joining our staff. The time for Morning Prayer on weekdays except Wednesday will move to 8am, which might make it easier for some people to join us. In October there will be our first overnight Parish Retreat for some time, as well as a Quiz Night evening with a Mexican Dinner to celebrate and raise support for the counselling charity, 'Telephono de la Esperanza'. There will be a new Pilgrim course too, hopefully a daytime study group, and new ideas from the Outreach Group for our work with the homeless and refugees. The Eaton Square Concerts go into the autumn with an exciting programme, and in addition, we have two exciting concerts in the pipeline for our choir and organ - the first to celebrate Andrew Smith's 20 years at St Peter's in October.

I feel very excited to be part of St Peter's in such a time of movement, development and growth, grateful to our clergy and staff team for their commitment, wisdom and energy, and thrilled to share our common life with all of you who make up our family at St Peter's.

Ralph

PICTURE FOR AUGUST

The Transfiguration of our Lord
Raphael c.1516-1520



FROM JULIE



Summer is now well under way and the Autumn will be here before we know it. I love this time of year as the warmth of summer lingers on (well maybe not so much in England) and the smell of new beginnings is in the air. And, as I begin my third year at St Peter's in September, I look forward in anticipation to our new life together ahead.

When asked what I appreciate most about St Peter's, I always say something about our mission of welcome. The heart of St Peter's vision is to welcome others as Christ welcomes us and we see this in a number of ways. Reaching out into our community is becoming an integral part of the life of St Peter's and our Transformation group is always thinking of new and innovative ways we might extend our life of welcome to others. I am particularly excited about the growth of the Welcome Boxes over this past year. We bring boxes filled with practical items to local refugee families as a way of welcoming and building friendship. As a sign of this growing friendship this past year, we enjoyed two Welcome Teas and a Welcome Picnic where we invited those we have visited and their hosts. We plan to hold an international evening in the Autumn when people will bring food and stories from their home country to share.

I have been richly blessed again this year in our work with children through the Family Eucharist, the youth group and the

Poppets. And, I look forward to September when we begin an additional Poppets group on Friday mornings. Our close partnership with St Peter's School has been an ongoing source of joy. Fr Ralph, Catherine and I have each enjoyed the weekly mass, assembly and various school events. It has been a privilege to experience the openness of the children as they grow in their love and understanding of the faith.

I was recently in St James' Park in the late afternoon with one of the children from church. She asked if we might go on the swings - and so we did. And, as I was swinging, I realized it had been quite some time since I'd done this. I have been missing out on the fun. I should do it more often. After a few moments, I noticed a few of the children from St Peter's school early years playing nearby. One of them recognized me and shouted, 'Revd Julie, you like to play on the swings after school like I do.' Now this was lovely. It made me happy that this little boy thought I liked to play as he did. And thinking about this later I couldn't help but draw a connection to our calling to welcome others in the name of Christ. For, the little boy pointed me towards God's invitation to experience the joy of life in the present moment.... Maybe this is what Jesus meant when he said God's wisdom is revealed to infants.

It has been a pleasure to grow with you in depth and insight in our spiritual life. We have benefited from two quiet days this past year and look forward to our parish retreat on the 27th and 28th of October in St Columba's House, Woking. This retreat is open to all adults so please do consider joining us.

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 over the past two years. Ivan and I continue to enjoy 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. We do hope to see you all on the 15th of September for a Welcome wine and cheese event in our flat.

We have been very privileged to have with us Catherine Cowie as our first Pastoral Assistant this past year. She has added so much to our community and will be greatly missed. I have been especially happy to have such a joyful and capable partner in ministry. We are, however, very happy to send Catherine off to begin her training for ordained ministry in the Church of England at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Catherine's final service will be Sunday the 27th of August. Please do come along to give her a great send-off.

And finally, it has been a joy working with Fr Ralph and I look forward to a new year in ministry. And so, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. May it be full of joy and God's blessings.

Julie Khovacs

Julie and Ivan Khovacs invite you to a

Wine and Cheese Party on

Friday 15 September 2017

at Flat 3 from 5.00-8.00pm

Refreshments for children will be provided

All are welcome



FROM CATHRINE



Sea Fever

My year at St Peter's is coming to a close and I have been reflecting on the journey we have shared together. One year ago my life changed beyond recognition as I took on a number of new roles. I became a Wife, a Londoner, a Pastoral Assistant, a Dog owner and a Housemate all in the space of just a few weeks!

Change is part of the beauty of life and however much we may wish for things to stay the same, we must journey on.

I could not envisage a year ago how much I would come to love St Peter's. I knew it was a special place when I came to visit for my interview for the position with Fr Ralph and Reverend Julie, but I had no idea how much I would come to hold St Peter's so fondly in my affections. I could not foresee one year ago how much I would learn and grow; I could not foresee the ways in which I would be challenged; and I could not foresee the extent of my privilege as I have journeyed alongside you all, through the ups and downs that one year can bring.

I remember the first school talk I did at St Peter's primary school and feeling terrified (having had only a little experience engaging with hundreds of children all at the same time!) But this challenge, one year on, has grown into one of my favourite duties and it has been such an honour to be in a position where I

have been able to inspire our young people and watch them grow.

Another favourite memory from my time at St Peter's would be the time Reverend Julie and I gave a talk at an assembly at Westminster City Boys School. Our talk started with the American hard rock band Metallica - and finished with the good news story of starving children being saved by rock fans, by bringing donations with them to music concerts. It was our intention to inspire these young men, using good news stories from around the world with contemporary and engaging methods. It was a lovely moment when one of the boys later came over to thank us by saying "Awesome sermon, Miss!".

I then had the privilege of sharing this story with Bishop Richard, on his visit to St Peter's for our confirmation service in January. Yet another highlight to my year and more memories of which will be treasured for years to come.

I have so many wonderful memories, I could fill an entire book! But the overwhelming memory I will take with me is how welcomed I have been made to feel at St Peter's. From the very beginning, I have been made to feel like a member of the family. You have welcomed me and my husband with open arms, Alexander has loved his time as a member of the family choir and I can not thank you all enough for the friendship and encouragement that you have given us.

This new academic year will bring new opportunities and new challenges for my husband and me. We move to Oxfordshire in September so I can start my training for ordained ministry and Alexander will continue his work as a public speaking coach. As these changes and the Autumn air draw near, I feel myself being drawn to the sea, one of my "thin places"; and I am reminded of a poem that was read beautifully by my sister-in-law, Roz, at my wedding. It was my husband's late father, Nigel's favourite poem. "Sea Fever" by John Masefield is a poem inspired by the ocean, where strong metaphors are used to create the theme of life resembling a sea voyage.

Sea Fever by John Masefield

*I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's
shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.*

*I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls
crying.*

*I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a
whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.*

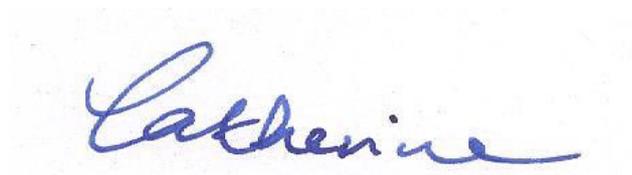
Like a sea voyage, life is full of ups and downs. It can be easy to have faith when the skies are blue and we feel like we are plain sailing. But, sometimes it can feel as though we are sailing in a very small boat in a vast and stormy sea, being buffeted by the waves at every turn, and it can feel as though all things, including the wind, are working against us. During times like these, I am reminded of the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the gospel according to St Matthew (14:22-33), we hear our patron, St Peter, climb out of the safety of a boat during a storm, so that he can join Jesus walking on the water. It sounds to me like Peter is doing rather well, all until the moment he allows his fear to get the better of him; he loses his courage and subsequently starts to sink. "You of little faith!" Jesus says to Peter. "Why did you doubt me?"

It is with our Christian faith that we are given the gift of hope. The Bible tells us, repeatedly, that we need not fear. Like St

Peter, by having active, humble faith, we need not fear all the ups and downs that life brings. Instead, with hope in Christ, we have the power to throw ourselves into the beauty of journeying on the roughest of life's seas; and trust to find God there. A year ago I could not have foreseen how much my life would change in only 12 months! If my time at St Peter's has taught me anything, it is that nothing is impossible when we have faith.

Do keep in touch and let me know how your journey is faring. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you giving me the opportunity to walk along side you this year at St Peter's.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

READINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, 6 August:
Transfiguration of our Lord**

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1: 16-19
Luke 9: 28-36

**Sunday, 13 August: 9th
Sunday after Trinity**

1 Kings 19: 9-18
Romans 10: 5-15
Matthew 14: 22-33

**Sunday, 20 August: 10th
Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28

**Sunday, 27 August: 11th
Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 51: 1-6
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

**Sunday, 3 September: 12th
Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Romans 12: 9-end
Matthew 16: 21-end

**Sunday, 10 September: 13th
Sunday after Trinity**

Ezekiel 33: 7-11
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

**Sunday, 17 September: 14th
Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 50: 15-21
Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

**Sunday, 24 September: 15th
Sunday after Trinity**

Jonah 3: 10 - end of 4
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

9 July	-	Harri Rhys Griffiths
	-	Francis McAllister Jordan
30 July	-	Joseph Kasoppefulowa Kosoniola Randle

MARRIAGE

1 July	-	Simon Latham & Poppy Rump
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ST PETER'S WW1 MEMORIAL

2nd. Lt. Charles John Dawson-Greene 1898-1918. Charles' family lived in 109 Eaton Square. His father Henry married Violet Ley from Devonshire. He had two sisters and the 1911 census records 9 other members of the household.

The family also had a house in Lancashire called Whittington

Hall where his father served as JP. The house had been built in 1831 in Gothic style on the site of a much older house which reputedly had a peel tower. Perhaps this explains the tower in the present building.



Charles went to Eton. He left in 1916 and joined the 4th. Battalion Grenadier Guards. He fought at Ypres and one month later died of wounds aged 20 at the Liverpool Merchants Hospital in Etaples. This was a Red Cross hospital staffed by volunteers from Liverpool.

Charles' father died in 1912 and in 1914 his mother married Brigadier General Cecil Monck at St. Peter's.

Lt. Arthur Cyril Bruce Freeman 1896-1918 also lived locally in Wyndham House, Sloane Gardens. He was born in Devon and went to Radley School. In 1914 he left Sandhurst and joined his

father's regiment, the 3rd. King's Own Hussars. He was killed in 1918 and is buried in Hermies Hill British cemetery, Pas de Calais.



Lt. Robert Cornwallis Maude, Viscount Hawarden and Baron de Montalt 1890-1914 came from an Irish family, originally Norman. The Maudes were given the estate of Dundrum in Cashel, Tipperary, at the close of the Cromwellian War. Robert's great grandfather who was a politician had been raised to the peerage of Ireland in 1793 . His descendants (of which there were many for the first Viscount had 16 children by three different wives) served as Irish representative peers in the House of Lords. Other family members became soldiers including General Maude who fought a series of brilliant engagements in

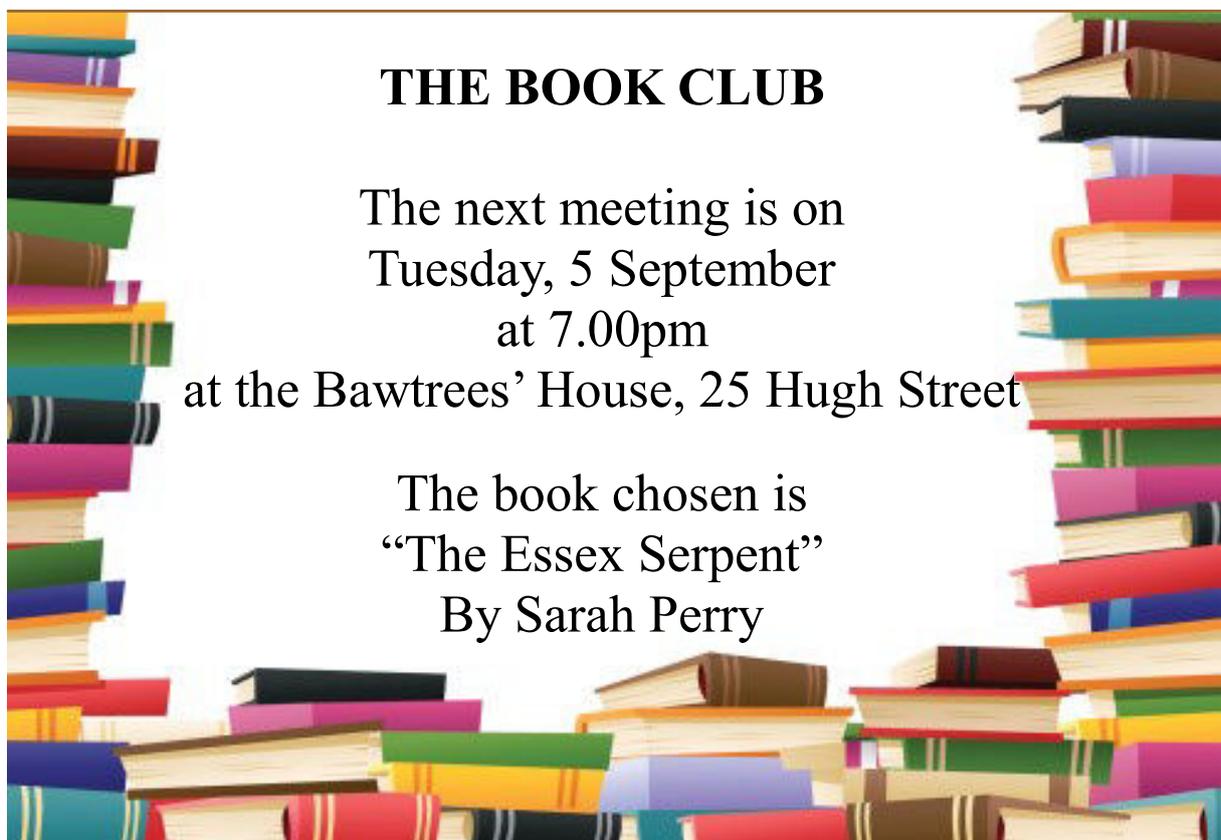


Mesopotamia in World War 1 and won fame for the capture of Baghdad. The barony was created in 1776 and revived in 1785. Robert's father, Lt. Colonel Robert Henry Maude, inherited the title through the death of his cousin. He married Caroline (nee Ogle). Robert was their only child.

Robert went to Winchester, followed by Christchurch, Oxford. After taking his degree he obtained a commission in 1908 in the 3rd. Battalion Coldstream Guards. In the same year his father died and Robert succeeded him as 6th. Viscount Hawarden.

He was wounded by a shell during the retreat from Mons in 1914 and died the following day. He is buried in Landrecies communal cemetery.

PHOEBE HILARY



THE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting is on
Tuesday, 5 September
at 7.00pm
at the Bawtrees' House, 25 Hugh Street

The book chosen is
"The Essex Serpent"
By Sarah Perry

The background of the entire page is a warm, autumn-themed illustration. It features several pumpkins in shades of orange and red, scattered across the bottom and sides. Interspersed among the pumpkins are various types of leaves, including large maple leaves and smaller, more delicate ones, all in vibrant autumn colors like orange, yellow, and red. The overall composition is soft and inviting, typical of seasonal religious or community notices.

**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY 8 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

AROUND THE CHURCH

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham

If you look round the church you see several statues. The two standing to the right and left of the Sanctuary represent Our Lady and St Peter our patron. They were made by a Maltese sculptor, Michael Camillieri Cauchi in 1981/2 for the reopening of the church after the fire and replaced earlier statues. The figure of Christ on the cross above the altar is also by him and the cross itself is made from the roof timbers of the old church, saved from the fire. The other statue, on your right as you enter the church is evidently in a very different style. It is of laminated larch wood and was made by the Norfolk wood sculptor Anton Wagner.

Walsingham was a major place of pilgrimage from the twelfth century onwards and the focus was the Holy House, representing



Christ's home in Nazareth, in honour of the Annunciation, with a statue of Our Lady at its heart. In the fervour of the Reformation, the statue was destroyed in 1538 and the Holy House turned to secular purposes. However, what did survive the Reformation was the seal of the Great Priory of Walsingham, attached to the deed of surrender of the Priory and marked with the image of the statue of our Lady of Walsingham. It is on this depiction that subsequent statues of Our Lady of

Walsingham have been based, from the statue of 1897 at the

Roman Catholic Shrine, to that of 1922 (which now stands in the Anglican shrine) to the present day.

The statue shows the Virgin seated and crowned holding a lily as her sceptre, with the infant Christ sitting on her lap, holding a book and raising his hand in blessing. Her left hand supports the child and her right points towards him, reflecting her words at Cana in Galilee “Do whatever he tells you”.

At one time there was a “Cell” or group of Our Lady of Walsingham in St Peter’s, which met monthly for intercessions and healing, and organised yearly pilgrimages there. Following on this, the notice board where people can post intercessions and thanksgivings remains near the statue. Many cells, both Anglican and Roman still exist. This statue is particularly popular at present with those who come into the church during the week, who stop to pray there and to light a candle before returning to their daily business.

VALERIE SMITH

AUGUST CALENDAR

This is the Church's liturgical calendar for the month ahead. It shows the holy days that we will be celebrating in common with other Christians throughout the world. In the right hand column is indicated the particular focus of our prayer each day at St Peter's. You might like to incorporate it into your own prayers even if you are unable to join us here.

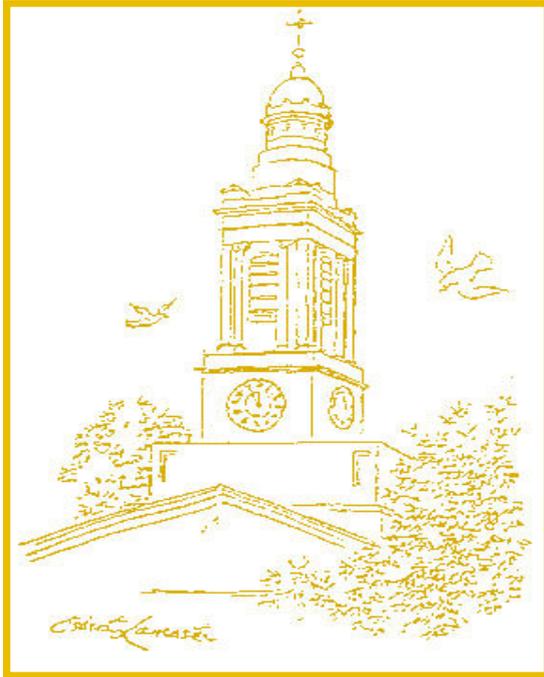
Tu 1		For all refugees
W 2		For St Peter's staff
Th 3		For tourists who visit the parish
F 4	Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d' Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 5	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642	For spiritual directors and guides
Su 6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	For the Parish
M 7		For all who experience depression
Tu 8	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221	For the ministry of preachers
W 9	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921	For the MU worldwide
Th 10	Laurence, Deacon, Martyr at Rome, 258	For the diaconate
F 11	Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 12		For simplicity of life
Su 13	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 14	Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941	For our pursuit of truth
Tu 15	The Blessed Virgin Mary	In thanksgiving for Mary the God-bearer

CALENDAR CONTD

W 16		For the businesses of the parish
Th 17		For those who hire our parish halls
F 18		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 19		For our armed forces serving overseas
Su 20	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 21		For the St Peter's Poppets
Tu 22		For good inter-faith relations
W 23		For Z2K
Th 24	Bartholomew the Apostle	For our discipleship
F 25		For our Prayer Board requests
S 26		For those who cannot afford a summer break
Su 27	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 28	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430	For deeper knowledge of God
Tu 29	The Beheading of John the Baptist	For prisoners of conscience
W 30	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688	For writers
Th 31	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651	For Missionaries

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

PARISH NEWS



July was a month of both looking back, saying good-bye and waiting with anticipation for the future. The month began with the beautiful wedding of Simon and Poppy. We then enjoyed our wonderful Patronal Festival and bring and share lunch. The array of food was delicious and the community spirit was contagious. The readers, intercessors and others greatly benefited from a session on public speaking given by Alexander Cowie (Catherine's

husband). This was followed by an incredibly successful exhibit by Henrietta Nicholson. Henrietta sold a great number of paintings earning over £1200 for Saakshar, the charity St Peter's supports providing education to children living in the slums of Delhi. Please see Fr Ralph's letter for more information.

The Pilgrim course has taken a break for the summer and there will be a new session beginning Monday the 25th of September. This is an open group that explores the foundations of our faith together. It is both for people who wish to learn more about the faith and those thinking about Confirmation. Please speak with Revd Julie if you are interested. The Faith Discussion Group has also taken a break for summer and the next meeting will be Monday the 18th of September. The Youth Group enjoyed a picnic in Hyde Park, a games night and a dinner at Pizza Express. The first youth group will be a barbecue on Sunday the 10th of September at 6 pm. All the new year 7 youth are very welcome to attend along with the rest of the youth. Throughout July the Poppets continued to thrive, with a good number of children, parents and carers attending each Monday from 9.30-

11. The group will continue through summer and we will begin a Friday group on Friday the 22nd of September. Fr Ralph, Revd Julie, Catherine, Judith and others took part each Friday morning in the School services and assemblies. We also enjoyed the wonderful year 6 Production this month and said goodbye, wishing them well, at the Leavers service. The church provided each of the year 6 children with a youth bible and St Peter's school provided an inspiring yearbook of memories.

Throughout July our Welcome Box visits continued, with several new visitors joining the team, and an increasing number of referrals from Housing Justice. As a group our focus is to befriend people seeking asylum helping them adjust as they wait through the asylum process. As part of this we hosted a successful picnic in Eaton Square Gardens on Sunday the 16th of July. It was a lovely event with visitors, those we have welcomed and their hosts. Thank you to all who helped set up, provided a lovely array of food and welcomed people on the day.

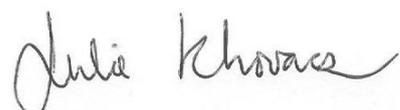
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Further ahead, St Peter's will be holding a 24 hour retreat on the 27th and 28th October at St Columba's House in Woking. The

theme will be pilgrimage and will be a wonderful opportunity to spend some time together in prayer, reflection and fellowship. All are very welcome to join us.

On Saturday the 4th of November the Outreach group and the social committee will be hosting another quiz night and dinner. This time it will be with a Latin American theme and in aid of Telefono De La Esperanza UK, a Spanish language counselling service supported by St Peter's. Please do come along and join in the celebration!

My very good wishes for a blessed and peaceful month,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Khoo". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

WELCOME BOXES!



Befriending Refugees in London

Through visiting and giving a box of practical gifts, we help people find a support network in their new home

WHAT'S IN A BOX?

- Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hats, gloves and socks (child and adult)
- Stationary supplies
- Small household and gift items
- Small toys and sweets
- *Oyster cards

Contact: Revd Julie Khovacs revjuliekho@gmail.com

ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

QUIZ NIGHT

**Quiz and Latin American themed dinner
in aid of Telefono de la Esperanza UK**



**Saturday the 4th of November 6 - 9 pm
In the Parish Hall**

**Traditional Latin American food and entertainment
All are welcome at £10 (children £5)
Come as a team or on your own. Families are welcome!**

St Peter's Quiz and Dinner in aid of Telefono de la Esperanza

Tickets will be available in the church from September

For more information contact Revd Julie

Please see more information about this important charity below

The TEUK was founded in 2008 and is located in Kensington, West London. The aims of the organisation are to provide both rapid personal crisis intervention through our help-line, to provide emotional support for Spanish and Portuguese speaking people in London and to provide ongoing one-to-one and group workshops for longer term care and personal development. We see 30 to 40 clients each week, ranging from people who need a chat to those with serious mental health issues.

All counsellors and staff work for Telefono on a volunteer basis. Funds raised go towards rent, materials and general running costs.

There is a core of eight trained counsellors and 20 additional members who volunteer providing general help. The support of St Peter's is making an amazing difference both in terms of funding and support.

Without this support in 2017 it is possible that the Charity would have had to severely cut back its support or even close.

So a **BIG THANK YOU** from the TEUK team in Kensington.

EVERARDO GUTIERREZ

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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Sa 2	Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942	For the Anglican Communion
Su 3	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 4	Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650	For rural churches
Tu 5		For teachers
W 6		For children beginning new school years
Th 7		For those working with children
F 8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 9		For all our volunteers
Su 10	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 11		For our environment
Tu 12		For young people leaving home
W 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407	For the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Churches in communion with him
Th 14	Holy Cross Day	In thanksgiving for the Cross
F 15	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	For our Prayer Board Requests

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Sa 16	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432	For the Governors of St Peter's CE Primary School
Su 17	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 18		For song-writers and musicians
Tu 19	Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury. 690	For Westminster Street Pastors
W 20	John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871	For the Melanesian Brotherhood
Th 21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	For our discipleship
F 22		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 23		For our Deanery Synod
Su 24	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 25	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626	For our growth in faith
Tu 26		For the Archbishop & Province of York
W 27	Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660	For all who work with the poor
Th 28		For our MP and Westminster City Councillors
F 29	<i>Ember Day</i>	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 30	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420	For Biblical scholars and translators

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

SAINT FOR AUGUST

Saint Dominic (Spanish: Santo Domingo), also known as Dominic of Osma and Dominic of Caleruega, often called Dominic de Guzmán and Domingo Félix de Guzmán (August 8, 1170 – August 6, 1221), was a Castilian priest and friar; he founded the Order of Preachers, generally known as the Dominican Order.

Dominic was born in Caleruega, halfway between Osma and Aranda de Duero in Old Castile, Spain. He was named after Saint Dominic of Silos. The Benedictine abbey of Santo Domingo de Silos lies a few miles north of Caleruega.



In the earliest narrative source, by Jordan of Saxony, Dominic's parents are named Felix Guzman and Juanna of Aza. Nearly a century after Dominic's birth, a local author asserted that Dominic's father was *vir venerabilis et dives in populo suo* (an honoured and wealthy man in his community). The travel narrative of Pero Tafur, written circa 1439 (about a pilgrimage to Dominic's tomb in Italy), states that Dominic's father belonged to the family de Guzmán, and that his mother belonged to the Aça or Aza family. Dominic's mother was beatified by Pope Leo XII in 1828.

Dominic was educated in the schools of Palencia (they became a university soon afterwards), where he devoted six years to the arts and four to theology. In 1191, when Spain was devastated by famine, young Dominic gave away his money and sold his clothes, furniture and even precious manuscripts to feed the hungry. Dominic is said to have told his astonished fellow

students, "Would you have me study these dead skins, when men are dying of hunger?" In 1194 Dominic joined the Canons Regular in the canonry in the Cathedral of Osma.

In 1203 or 1204 he accompanied Diego de Acebo, the Bishop of Osma, on a diplomatic mission for Alfonso VIII, King of Castile, to secure a bride in Denmark for crown prince Ferdinand. The envoys travelled to Denmark via Aragon and the south of France. The marriage negotiations ended successfully, but the princess died before leaving for Castile.

While in the south of France, Dominic and Diego de Acebo undertook work to convert the Cathars, a Christian religious sect with gnostic and dualistic beliefs which the Roman Catholic Church deemed heretical. As part of this work, Catholic-Cathar public debates were held at Verfeil, Servian, Pamiers, Montréal and elsewhere. Dominic concluded that only preachers who displayed real sanctity, humility and asceticism could win over convinced Cathar believers; the institutional Church as a general rule did not possess these spiritual warrants.

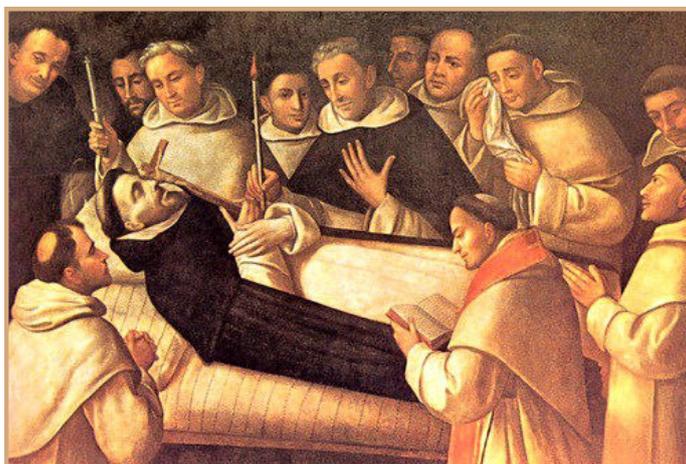
In 1215, Dominic established himself, with six followers, in a house given by Peter Seila, a rich resident of Toulouse. Dominic saw the need for a new type of order to address the spiritual needs of the growing cities of the time, one which would combine dedication and systematic education with more organizational flexibility than either the monastic orders or the secular clergy. He subjected himself and his companions to monastic rules of prayer and penance; and meanwhile bishop Foulques gave them written authority to preach throughout the territory of Toulouse.

In the same year, the year of the Fourth Lateran Council, Dominic and Foulques went to Rome to secure the approval of Pope Innocent III. Dominic returned to Rome a year later, and was finally granted written authority in December 1216 and January 1217 by the new pope, Honorius III, for an order to be named the Order of Preachers (*Ordo Praedicatorum*, or "O.P.,"

popularly known as the Dominican Order).

Although he travelled extensively to maintain contact with his growing brotherhood of friars, Dominic established his headquarters in Rome. In 1219, Pope Honorius III invited Dominic and his companions to take up residence at the ancient Roman basilica of Santa Sabina, which they did by early 1220. Before that time, the friars had only a temporary residence in Rome at the convent of San Sisto Vecchio, which Honorius III had given to Dominic circa 1218, intending it to become a convent for a reformation of nuns at Rome under Dominic's guidance. The studium at Santa Sabina was the forerunner of the studium generale at Santa Maria sopra Minerva. The latter would be transformed in the 16th century into the College of Saint Thomas, and then in the 20th century into the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Angelicum sited at the convent of Saints Dominic and Sixtus.

Dominic died at the age of fifty-one, exhausted with the austerities and labours of his career. He had reached the convent of St Nicholas at Bologna, Italy, weary and sick with a fever. Dominic made the monks lay him on some sacking stretched upon the ground, and the brief time that remained to him was spent in exhorting his followers to have charity, to guard their humility, and to make their treasure out of poverty. He died at noon on 6 August 1221. Under the authority of Pope Gregory IX, Dominic was canonized in 1234. In 1267 Dominic's remains were moved to the shrine where they now rest. His feast day is 8 August.



Comment:

The Dominican order produced numerous saints, including Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas who helped to make Christianity intellectually respectable for its age. Perhaps their most famous saint apart from Dominic himself and Aquinas is St Catherine of Siena, with an intuitive grasp of both doctrine and fellowship with God and astonishing political and ecclesiastical influence in an age when women generally lived restricted lives. An order of unenclosed sisters (the nuns, formed before the first male Dominican community were enclosed contemplatives) was very active in the nineteenth century. In standard histories of the Middle Ages in Britain they are seen as redeeming the deficiencies of relatively uneducated parochial clergy. However, especially after the Black Death, their discipline and effectiveness waned. Chaucer, writing in the late fourteenth century has not much time for Friars, although these admittedly include orders other than the Dominicans. By contrast his “poor parson of the town” is a model of sound learning and pastoral care:

*“Rich he was of holy thought and work.
He also was a learned man, a clerk,
That Christ’s gospel truly would preach;
His parishens devoutly would he teach...
...in his teaching discreet and benign
To draw his folk to heaven by fairness.
By good example, that was his business”*

Saint chosen by Richard Carter and commented by Valerie Smith

PICTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

St Matthew
by Abraham Bloemaert
c. 1621



ST PETER'S 24 HOUR RETREAT - 27TH-28TH OCTOBER 2017 -



St Peter's will be holding a 24 hour retreat on the 27th and 28th October at St Columba's House in Woking.

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which includes room, board, unlimited tea and coffee and three hot meals. There is a limit of 25 people so please let Revd Julie know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

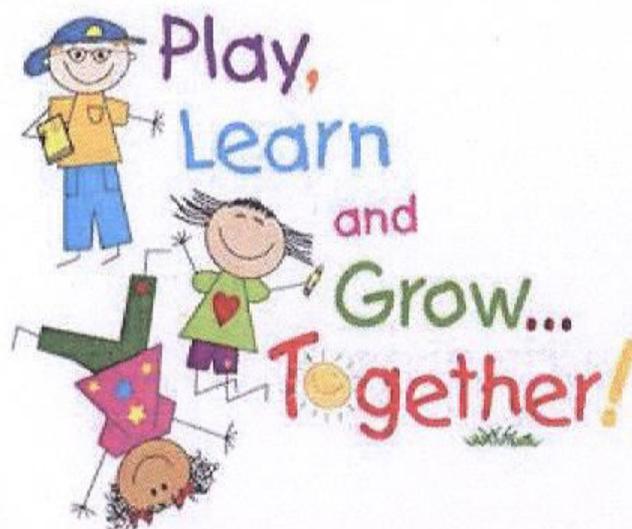


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Poppets is a joyful meeting of old and young, sometimes the very old and the very young, which takes place in the Parish Hall on Monday mornings. By the start time of 9.30am the hall carpet is covered in play mats, ball ponds, things to bounce in, things to trundle about. Toys large and small have been gleaned from various sources and range from rag dolls and building bricks through Noah's Ark to the slide and the tunnel. Being an inclusive church, no comments are made when the boys commandeer the child-sized kitchen and girls make a bee-line for the garage and the workshop, although occasionally there the hammer mysteriously disappears. Tables are set with copious supplies of drawing paper, colouring pencils, crayons, felt pens and playdough. We have not yet produced any paints but we do have plastic aprons, just in case.

Mothers and Nannies arrive, often having dropped older brothers and sisters at Big School and by this time are ready for a sit down among friends with a cup of something and a biscuit while the small people play with each other or cling to their adult, as the mood takes them. Sometimes fathers come and even the occasional grandfather. The Reverend Julie is usually in attendance and sometimes Father Ralph. Catherine is also a regular but visiting helpers are always welcome. I come as often as I can for my "toddler fix" as my youngest grand child is now seven. The duties are not onerous. The toys come out of the store in good time for kick off and everyone helps with the putting away at eleven. Bank Holidays are the only times when we do not meet as the church building is closed then. Several members of Poppets go to other church toddler groups in the area as well, so it is nice to keep our end up in looking after the needs of the tinies, not to mention their elders.

ANN BAWTREE



The Transfiguration
of Jesus



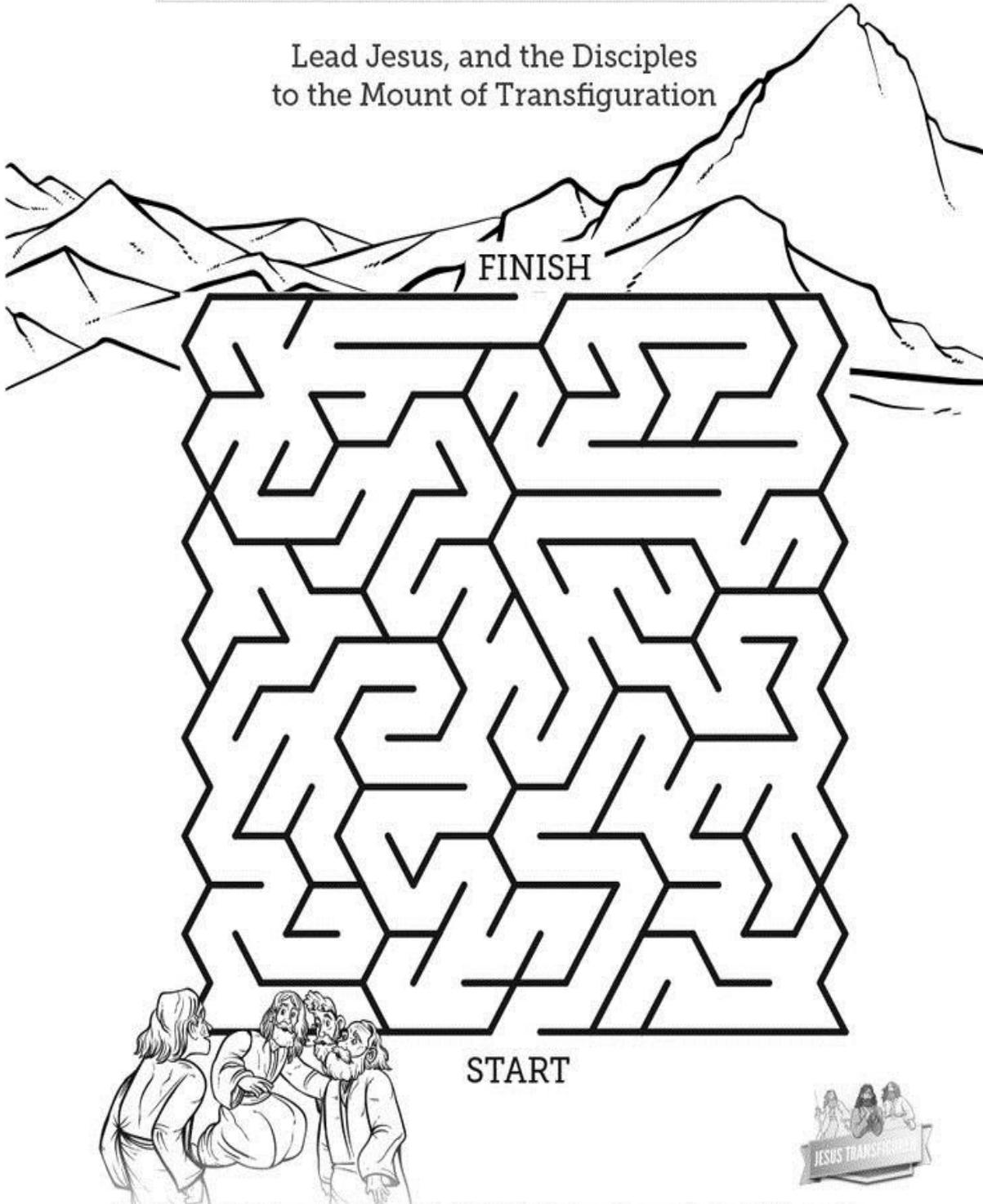
While he was praying his face
changed in appearance
and his clothing became
dazzling white

Luke 9:29



JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples
to the Mount of Transfiguration



RECIPES FOR SUMMER

Summer Chicken Stew

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 500g leeks, finely sliced
- 2 plump garlic cloves, finely sliced
- 2 thyme sprigs, leaves picked
- 8 chicken thighs, skinless and boneless
- 500g new potatoes, larger ones quartered, smaller ones halved
- 350ml chicken stock
- 200g green beans
- 350 frozen petit pois
- Lemon wedges, to serve

Method

1. Heat the oil in a large casserole dish over a medium heat. Add the leeks, garlic and thyme, cover and cook gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season the chicken and tip into the dish with the potatoes.
2. Turn up the heat, pour in the stock and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat and allow to gently bubble with the lid on for 35 minutes. Add the green beans and peas for the final 10 minutes of cooking. Serve with a squeeze of lemon.



Pineapple & Lime Mocktail

Ingredients

- 1 tsp clear honey
- Edible gold glitter
- Small bunch coriander leaves
- Juice of 1 lime
- 750ml pineapple juice
- A handful of ice
- 400ml tonic water

Method

1. Dip a pastry brush in the honey and paint a line down one side of 4 tumblers.
2. Sprinkle some edible gold glitter over the honey, dust off any excess, then put the glasses in the fridge.
3. Chop the coriander leaves and place in a cocktail shaker with the lime juice, 100ml pineapple juice and a handful of ice. Shake together until the outside of the shaker feels cold.
4. Strain into the glasses, add extra ice cubes and divide 650ml pineapple juice and the tonic water between the glasses.



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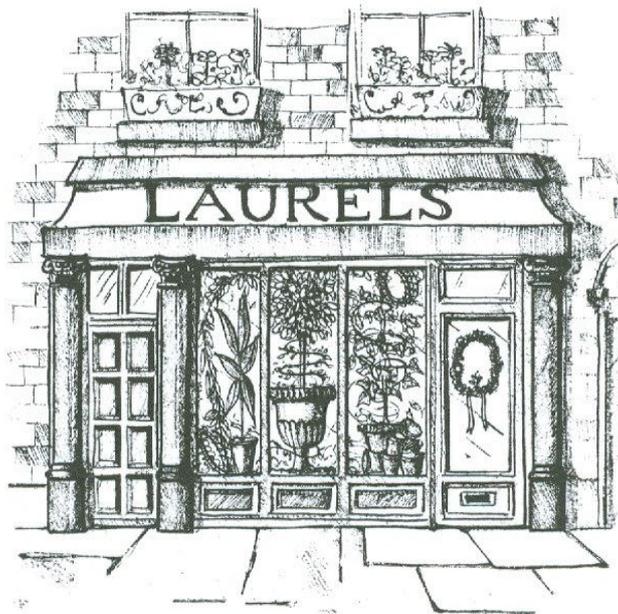
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