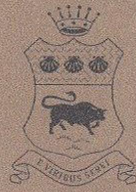


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## VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



### **Twenty Five Years**

This week I took a Bible from the shelf and read the book plate inside the front cover. It was signed by the Bishop of Edmonton, and dates from my ordination as a priest 25 years ago this week, on the 30th of June 1991.

Earlier this year I went to Westminster Abbey for a consecration service at which a good friend was being made Bishop of Dunwich. Sitting beside me were two other friends, both clergy, who were there to support him too. We all trained together at Ripon College Cuddesdon, and while there we shared tutorials, early morning worship, an isolated social life, college food and all kinds of group activities which cemented our friendship firmly. More than a quarter of a century later we found ourselves together again, at Westminster Abbey. Following the service, the new bishop was whisked away and the three of us walked back towards Victoria looking for somewhere to eat. We ended up in the fish and chip shop (which I heartily recommend) on Strutton Ground. Dressed in clerical attire, two of us in black suits and one in full soutane cassock and black skull cap (Fr Andrew was

always a bit theatrical), and carrying great bags of vestments, we must have looked quite a sight. Greeted with enthusiasm by the chip shop owners, who must be used to a surfeit of clergy, we feasted on huge plates of fish and chips, washed down with tea, while Westminster life ebbed and flowed around us. Before long our discussion turned to the fact that this year is the 25th anniversary of our ordination as priests.

I am delighted to have reached this important milestone in my ministry, as are my ordained friends, but each one of us is also slightly surprised. An older priest once told me that ten years after his ordination, half the men (they were all men in those days) he trained with had left the church. After we were ordained we were expecting a degree of attrition. Having managed the vocational process and survived our training, we all wondered if we were up to the task and the challenge of ministry, if we had what priesthood required, or if after five or ten years we would realise how absurd it was for us to be priests, and get a job selling mobile phones instead. We all know of priests who left ministry for one reason or another, often related to overwork and physical or emotional collapse, and often the institution of the church had let them down too. For reasons I do not know, our cohort seems to have lasted much better than this, but there were still times for each of us when we considered the alternatives. Moving to America, exploring consultancy, social work or commercial roles had an attraction for each of us at times over the last quarter century. As a university chaplain worrying about suicidal students I told my psychotherapist that if I was not a priest I would love to be a bus driver. So we were more than slightly bemused to find that we have not only remained priests, but seem to have moved through the various roles in which we might have served and now have ‘grown up’ jobs in the church - one of us is now a bishop, another an archdeacon, and the other two of us are vicars in central London. More than this, we are surprised that we seem to enjoy what we do more than ever - despite occasional protests, I think my friends are finding their current roles as rewarding as I am finding life at St Peter’s.

This week I am thinking about how far I have come, and all I have been privileged to share. I am thinking of the people I have spoken to, prayed for and prayed with, the tears shed, the confidences kept. I am thinking of the mistakes I have made, and the things I missed or mistook. I am remembering the people I have buried, married, baptised and blessed; the people whom I have seen grow up, and grow old; I am thinking of the Eucharists I have celebrated, of all the longing of human experience which has been offered in them and of the people whose kindness I have been blessed by along the way, many of them Christians, many of them not. I am thinking gratefully of the sublime music I have listened to week by week, and of the stillness of quiet churches, and of the opportunity to bring all this to God in prayer.

Thank you for praying for me and thank you for your prayers for Julie, Ros, Tony and Ron too, and for all clergy. Priesthood has many rewards (some are 'out of this world') but sometimes being a priest is difficult too. Your support is invaluable, and appreciated. Please pray for all those being ordained this Pentecost, and for their ministries.

Ralph

# ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE QUIET DAY



**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

**THEME: The water of new life**

**All are welcome to join us for a  
relaxed and accessible day of  
reflection, prayer and silence.**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISH

23 May	-	Sophie Jane Griffin Wickham
5 June	-	Autumn Weeks
19 June	-	Alexander Woolley
	-	Poppy Tipler Hawkes
	-	Xiaoming Southall
	-	Victoria Southall
	-	Elizabeth Southall



## READINGS FOR JULY

### **Sunday, 3 July: Peter and Paul Apostles - Petronal Festival**

Acts 12: 1-11

Matthew 16: 13-19

### **Sunday, 10 July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37

### **Sunday, 17 July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 18: 1-10a

Colossians 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-42

### **Sunday, 24 July: Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 18: 20-32

Colossians 2: 6-15

Luke 11: 1-13

### **Sunday, 31 July: Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23

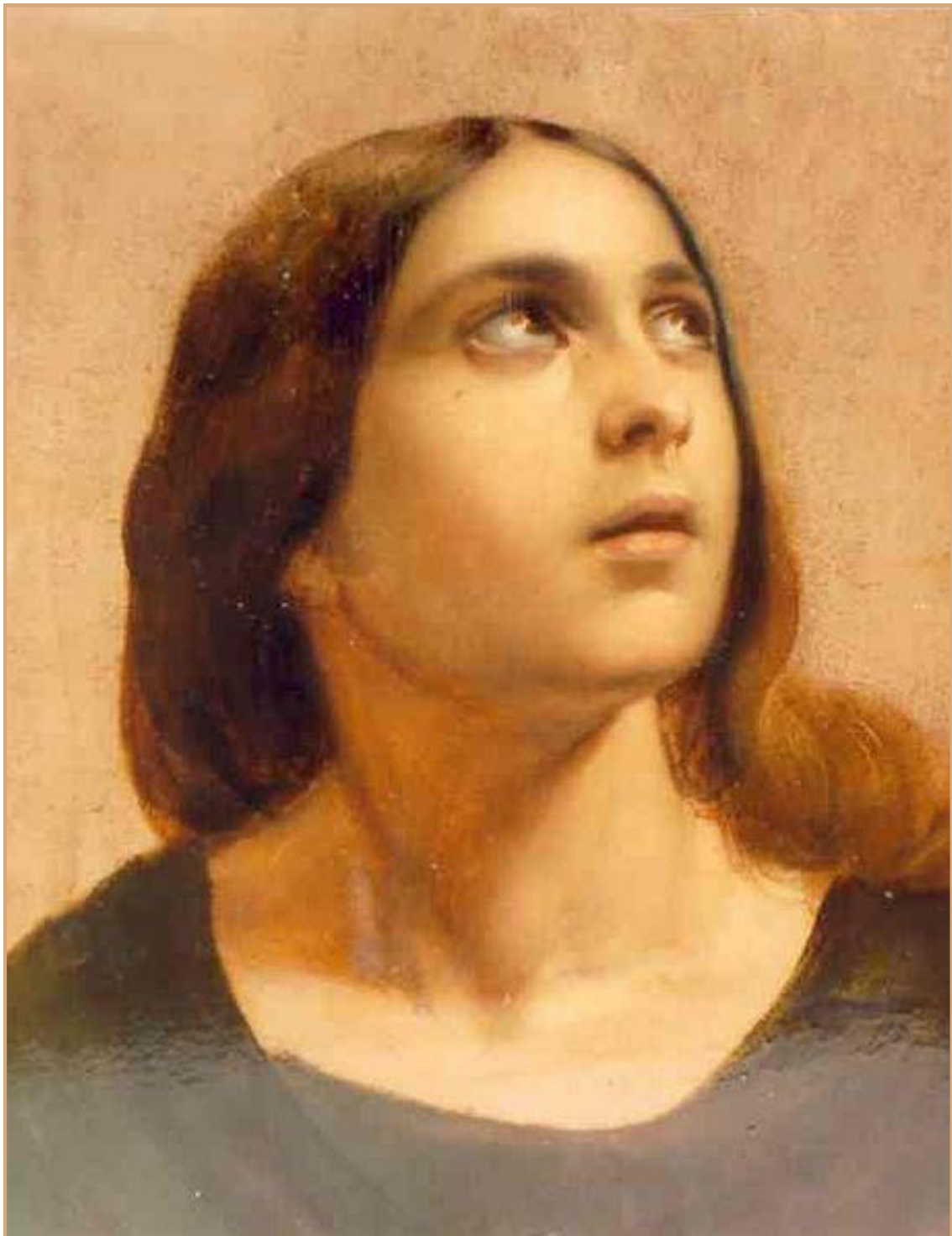
Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

*Mary Magdalena*  
*Gheorghe Tattarescu*  
*1818-1894*



## FROM JULIE



July has arrived, marking the beginning of summer. The school term is quickly coming to an end, the children and their parents are getting ready for a new stage in life. Some are saying goodbye to the old whilst looking ahead towards the new. And for the rest of us, long past the joys of student life, we too find hope in the beginning of this new season. The fun and relaxation of summer awaits and with it promises of new life and growth. Spring at St Peter's has been full of the joy of new life. Highlights for me have been the gathering of our community for the Queen's Tea and the enthusiasm of the children as they prepare for their end of term events. There are a number of events to look forward to in July beginning with our Patronal Festival, our yearly parish gathering in celebration of St Peter and our fellowship together. There will be time to come together for our second Quiet Day on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, a time of prayer and

reflection. We will explore the theme, ‘the water of new life’ and its significance for us today.

“Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever.” (Psalm 100)

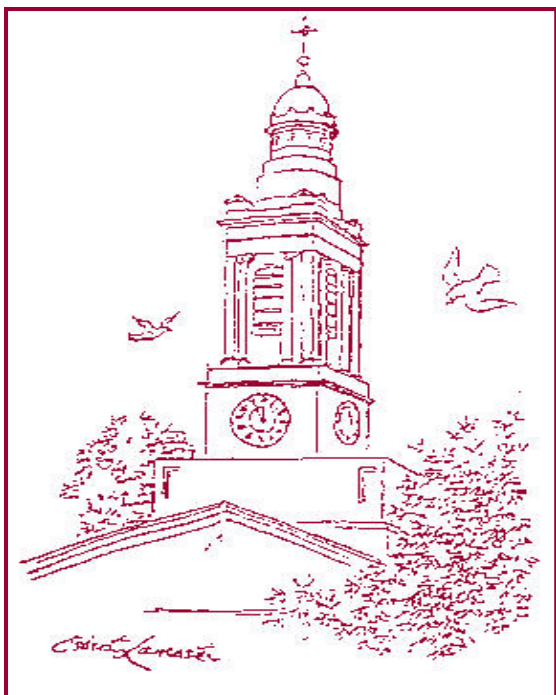
What the psalmist wrote those many years ago is true for us today. The Lord has made us and we belong to him. We hear these words often and yet they hold a depth of truth about the nature of God and his relationship with humanity. God the Holy Trinity has created us in his image and, because of this, has claimed us as his own. That we belong to God is what we have been celebrating over these last few months, from Easter and into the season of Trinity. God in Christ has given us new life and has made us new people. The Spirit of God moves in mysterious ways and makes it possible to say, ‘God is in us.’ God in his very being is relational and we have been invited to enter into this divine relationship. We may not see, hear or feel God. We may not always understand the ways of God. And yet God is with us all the same. God loves every one of us and his grace reaches far beyond our understanding. This is a mystery, and in this mystery is where we find our hope.

The other day at St Peter’s school weekly service we explored the meaning of honesty. And, after we had a bit of fun with a demonstration involving an ice cream sundae, we concluded that one of the most important aspects of honesty is being true to yourself, being the person God made you to be. For God loves and welcomes us as we are. And, because of this, we love and welcome others. This is the message of the Christian faith and it is central to our life together at St Peter’s. And so, may your summer be restful, your holidays be fun and, most of all, may you bask in the joy of God’s loving welcome.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julia Khoo".



## PARISH NEWS



June has been a month of sunshine and downpours, matching the upheavals of the political and economic life of the country. The school year has been coming towards its end, and some of us have begun to think about the Summer.

During the month we were delighted to welcome seven people for baptism: Autumn Weeks on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, then Alexander Woolley and Poppy

Tippler, along with Xaoming Southall and her twin daughters Victoria and Elizabeth on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>, and then on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, Carina Rigby, who was baptised after Evensong. We pray for them all as they continue their Christian journeys.

The great social event of the month was the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the Portico on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, which was a great occasion for regular churchgoers, family and friends, and some passers-by who were delighted to join us on such a gentle and happy occasion. We are very grateful to all who worked hard to make it so lovely. A week later, after the Sung Eucharist, all who were at the service were invited to celebrate another significant birthday - Richard Carter very kindly provided Champagne and we were delighted to offer the sunny Vicarage courtyard as a venue – the choir sang Happy Birthday too!

As June comes to an end our school's end of year events get under way with the service for Y6 Leavers from all the Westminster Primary Schools at St Margaret's Church, at which I am privileged to be preaching this year. Other end of year

events in July will include the Concert for St Peter's School musicians on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, a chance to say thank you and goodbye to Head Teacher Nicola Cottier at the school PTA Party on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Presentation Event for Leavers on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, the Year 6 play, "Pirates of the Curry Bean" on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> and the Leavers' Service in church on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

July begins with the celebration of our Patronal Festival, the Feast of St Peter, on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by a lunch on the Portico, shaded from the glorious sunshine. A week later, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be thinking about the work of Amnesty International during Sunday morning, helped by an Amnes-tea, with fun activities for children and tasty treats as well as information about Amnesty's work on the Portico between the two main services. At the Family Eucharist that morning we will also welcome Myles McIntyre for his baptism, along with his family.

Looking ahead to the summer, Rachel and I will be taking some time off at the start of August, and Julie and Ivan will be on holiday in the later part of the month – so one or both of us look forward to seeing you at St Peter's whenever you can make it if you are in London over the summer period. May the sun shine on us all.

Ralph

## ALFIE THE CAT

For some time now we have had the pleasure of a black fluffy cat who decided to use the church as a place to sleep. His favourite spot was a chair on the stairs to the organ loft, he was very friendly and proved very popular with those who eat their lunch on the steps of the portico.

Sadly Alfie died on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. I found him in his usual spot and initially thought he was sleeping but on closer inspection realised there was no movement and that he had died. His death seems to have been very peaceful as there was no sign of distress which was a blessing.

Fortunately he had a collar tag so I was able to contact the owner who was very grateful he had been found. It was only when the owner came to pick him up that I discovered the rather interesting life that Alfie followed. His home was in Eaton Terrace but he seems to have roamed around a large area of Belgravia which included having a second home in Lower Belgrave Street. This nomadic life style also took in a trip to Turnpike Lane tube station. We can only imagine how he got there, did he decide to have a wander up Hyde Park Corner take the Piccadilly Line make some new friends and get off in the Wood Green area? Thanks to his tag it was possible to reunite him with his owner.

We shall miss his congenial manner, his nonchalant way of crossing the road and his ability to brighten up all our lives.



GEORGE MIDDLETON

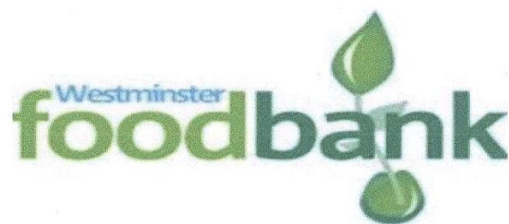


# ST PETER'S CHURCH EATON SQUARE

**We are now a distribution point for the  
Westminster Foodbank**



**Please donate tinned food and dry goods.  
The box is located next to the outreach  
board in the SW corner of the church**



**For more information please speak with a  
member of the clergy or outreach group**



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

Many volunteer opportunities are available such as serving food, receiving donations, administration, helping in the shelter and visiting those using the services.

Please see Revd Julie for more information

### **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.

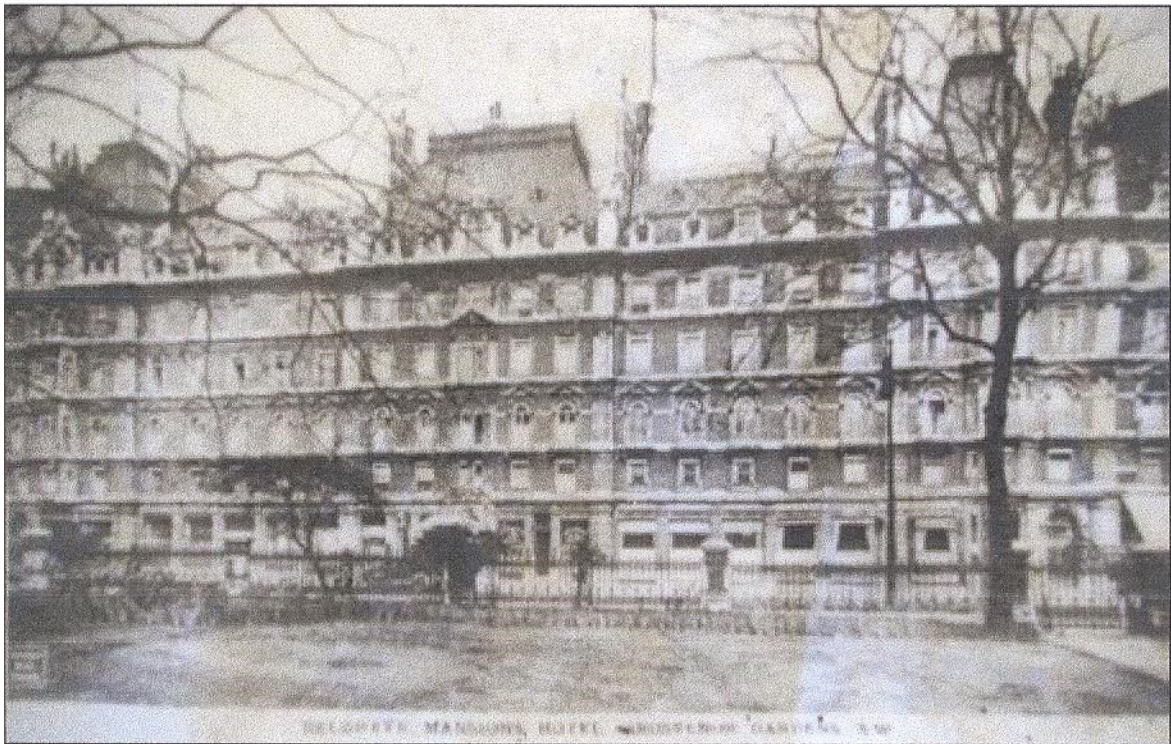
There is a container at the back of the church for collection of toiletries, gloves, socks, oyster cards etc.

There will be a short training day later in July for those who would like to deliver boxes to refugee drop-in centres.

If you are interested please speak with Revd Julie.

## ST PETER'S WW 1 MEMORIAL

Several of the men on our war memorial lived in Grosvenor Gardens. The houses were built in the French Renaissance style by Thomas Cundy about 1864, in accord with the Grosvenor Hotel which had been finished three years earlier. 'Aristocratic mansions or rather palaces' was their description in the Illustrated London News.



*Grosvenor Gardens*

So far I have written a little about two families who lived there: Francis Storrs from number 2 (the vicarage built in a different style) and Edmund Prideaux-Brune from number 10. Another resident on our memorial was Reginald Saumarez (Captain Reginald Stafford Saumarez MC) who lived at number 17.

Reginald was born in 1886 and apparently his family lived in the home of his widowed maternal grandmother, Lady Caroline Magheramorne. Her husband had been George Howard Wilkinson's warden and Lady Caroline gave the marble steps which led to the sanctuary in the old church in his memory.



Reginald had an older brother and sister, and two uncles lived with them. They employed 19 servants. By the time of the 1911 census they had moved to 74 Eccleston Square and had 10 servants. Residents of Grosvenor Gardens had been given notice to leave their houses since they were required by the United States Embassy as offices.

After leaving Eton, Reginald joined the Inns of Court OTC and became a commissioned officer in the 22nd Battalion London Regiment. He went to France in 1915 and he fought in the major battles of Festubert, Loos, Vimy Ridge and the Somme. He was promoted to captain and in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross. Soon afterwards he became ill with pyrexia.



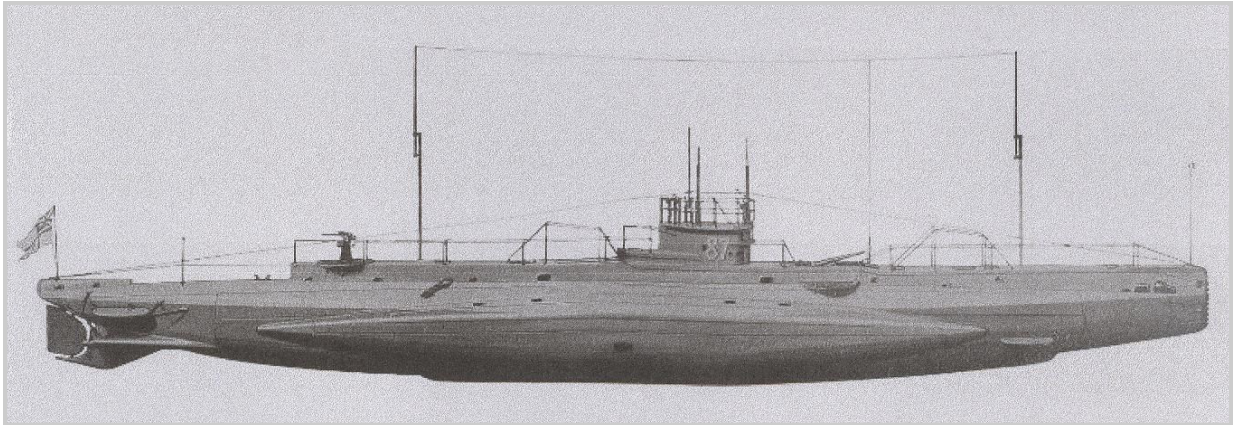
*Lebucquiere Communal Cemetery Extension, France*

On recovery he returned to France and he was there in 1918 when the Germans launched an all out attack (the Kaiser's battle) in a last desperate bid to win the war before the Americans arrived in force. Reginald's division was pushed back to Etricourt and he was killed whilst passing up ammunition.

Russell Birch (Lt. Russell Ernest Birch), 1892-1916, lived in 6 Lygon Place, Grosvenor Gardens.

He joined the Navy and served in submarines. A WW1 historian describes pre-nuclear age submarines as very uncomfortable for the men on board as they were forced to spend most of their time on the surface whereas they had been built for submerged efficiency. When under the

water they were vulnerable because of their thin skins, low speed and limited sensors.



*An E24 submarine built in 1913*

Russell served on submarine E24 which was mined in the Heligoland Bight at the mouth of the river Elbe in 1916.

In the 1916 parish magazine Roll of Honour there is a list of men on active service to help people with their intercessions. One of them is Frank Lyall Birch. I wonder if he was Russell's brother?

PHOEBE HILARY

### **BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Book Club is on  
Thursday 28 July 2016 at 7.00pm  
at 54 Chester Row.

the book we will be discussing is  
“The Cruel Sea”  
by Nicholas Monsarrat

Please come and join us

# JULY 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.**

F 1		For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 2		For peace and justice.
<b>Su 3</b>	<b>The Feast of Peter the Apostle (Patronal Festival)</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>M 4</b>	<b>Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>For Christian discipleship</b>
Tu 5		For the Resources Committee
W 6	Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535	For the Anglican Communion
Th 7		For The Passage Day Centre
F 8		For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 9		For Westminster City School
<b>Su 10</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 11	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c. 550	For the Benedictine Order
Tu 12		For all school leavers
W 13		For the PCC
Th 14	John Keble, Priest, Poet, 1866	For poets and songwriters
F 15	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862	For the Bishop and Diocese of Winchester and for our Prayer Board Requests

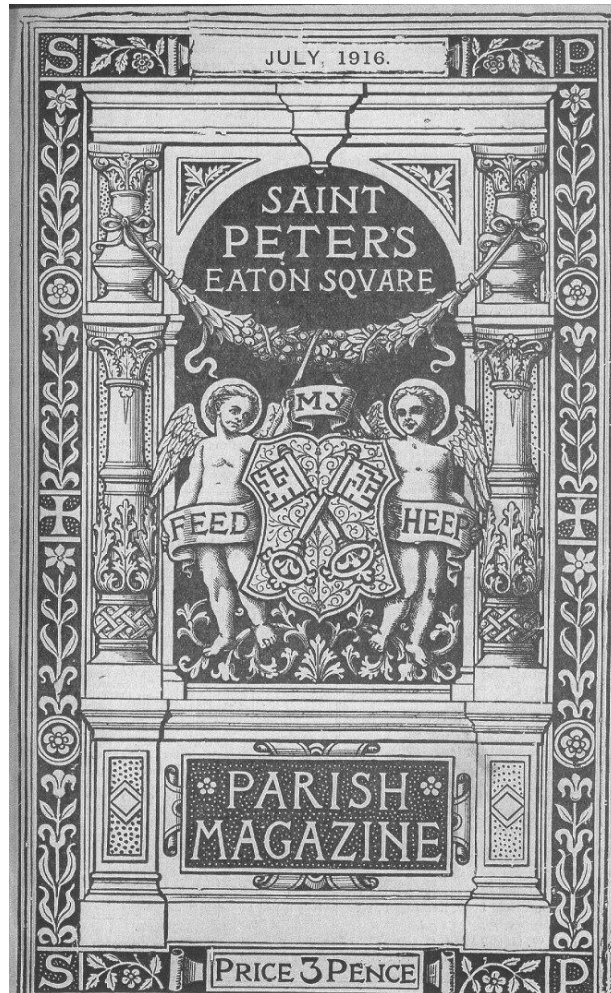


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Sa 16	Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099	For the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust
<b>Su 17</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 18	Elizabeth Ferard, 1883	For women in Christian ministry
Tu 19	Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379	For teachers of the faith
W 20	Margaret of Antioch, 4th century	For Christians facing persecution
Tu 21		For the agricultural community
F 22	Mary Magdalene	For retreat houses and leaders, and for our Prayer Board Request
Sa 23	Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373	For all working in mental healthcare
<b>Su 24</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>M 25</b>	<b>James the Apostle</b>	<b>For pilgrims</b>
Tu 26		For the Resources Committee
W 27		For Affirming Catholicism and Inclusive Church
Th 28		For parents and children
F 29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord	For friendship, and for our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 30	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833	For all who are enslaved
<b>Su 31</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>

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

## FROM THE MAGAZINE - JULY 1916



### ***The Festival, 1916***

*Another S. Peter's Festival has come and gone, and with it another Vicar. Before beginning his sermon the Dean said that "When he promised to preach this morning neither the Vicar nor himself was aware that the resignation would take effect yesterday. With his usual courtesy, Mr Lawley had offered to free him from his engagement, but he (the Dean) knew well that there would be many sad and sore hearts in the congregation, and thought that perhaps the voice of a stranger might grate upon their ears even more than his own. From his heart he sympathised with them.*

*Now was a state of transition, and he would ask the Parish wholeheartedly to assist and support the Curate-in-Charge, upon whom laid a serious and heavy responsibility.”*

***The Induction of the New Vicar***

*The Induction of the new Vicar has been fixed by the Bishop of London for Wednesday, the 6th September.*

**Comment:**

Algernon Lawley left St Peter's in June 1916; the induction of Austin Thompson was in early September. Even at St Peter's, which has managed in recent years to act pretty fast, the present system of consultation and advertising, and then notice to be given makes three months impossible. In a parish such as St Peter's where the Bishop is also the patron of the living, the process in 1916 could be fast, but there was little choice for the congregation.

Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith



## REVD JULIE INTERVIEWS NICOLA COTTIER

A little over one year ago I came to interview for the job of Assistant Priest at St. Peter's. And, as part of the interview, I met with the head of St Peter's School, Nicola Cottier. Nicola's joy and enthusiasm for her vocation with the children and wider community was immediately contagious and one of the reasons I was excited at the prospect of coming to St Peter's. Working with Nicola and Fr. Ralph in the school each week has been a joy. Nicola's leadership has encouraged an authentic partnership providing a healthy education for the children.



And being part of it has been a privilege. I have learned much from Nicola about the importance of the relationship between the church and school for the holistic development of each child at St Peter's. And so, I thought it very appropriate to interview Nicola for our parish magazine as she comes to the close of her time at St Peter's and moves onto her new position as Principal of the Dolphin Education Trust.

Nicola was born in Liverpool but grew up and spent the early years of her education and career living in a diversity of places, including Boston, Toronto and the Bahamas. These early international experiences gave her a positive view of change and a broad understanding of both church and education. And this, I believe, is evident in the open and inclusive ethos we see at St Peter's school. Nicola came to St Peter's as its head 6 years ago

after spending 14 years as the head of St Matthew's school in the same deanery. And, after 20 years in the deanery, Nicola remains dedicated to Church of England education and to the calling of the Church to be the light of Christ in the community.

Central to her vocation is her emphatic dedication to the relationship between church and school in the spiritual growth of children, their family and the wider community. Nicola greatly values her colleagues, both past and present, and during our interview recalled many positive memories of working with Fr. Philip, Fr. Nick, Fr. James and Fr. Mark. And the importance placed on collaboration with both the church and other schools is seen in the depth and breadth of academic and spiritual education offered at St Peter's. This goes far in enhancing the wellbeing of the children and their families. Nicola is dedicated to the spiritual life of the child and firmly believes that we are 'planting seeds' in the lives of the children for both today and the future. And I am very happy to be a part of this cycle of growth for I have experienced both the value of teaching children and the ways I have been changed by the many ways they have taught me. Nicola and the staff at St Peter's have created an atmosphere where the wisdom of children flourishes, spreading to those of us blessed enough to worship with them each week.

On a personal note I have been touched by the way the children listen intently to Nicola. She clearly reaches them on a level that only comes with years of experience and a gift for communicating with the heart of the child. I have enjoyed observing the way Nicola organizes the children processing in and out of the hall each week for the Friday Communion service and assembly. Even the youngest children stand still and quiet with expectation as they wait for their signal to move. And, when the signal comes Nicola guides them with a gentle precision that is a joy to watch.

Along with nurturing the centrality of Anglican education at St Peter's, Nicola is also committed to enhancing both interdenominational and interfaith relations, promoting tolerance and respect

between the school and the wider community and valuing everyone as part of God's family. This, says Nicola, is a sign of a community seeking to live out the Gospel message of love and acceptance in our world today.

Nicola is married to Jolyon and has two daughters Aurelia and Orlanda. On behalf of St Peter's Church, I would like to thank Nicola for her dedication, enthusiasm and joy that she has bestowed on us and let her know that she will be greatly missed. And, we wish her all God's blessing in this next stage of her career and life.

*Julia Khovacs*

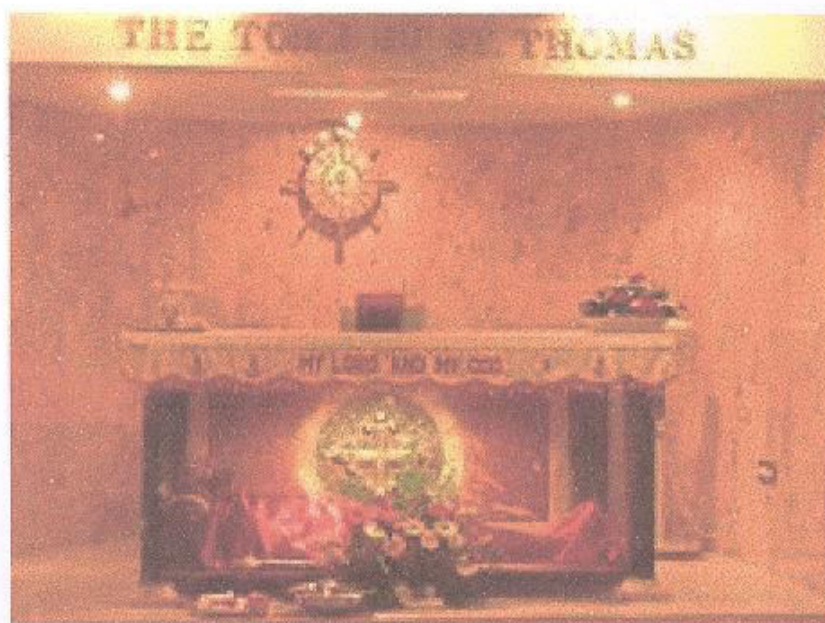




## SAINT FOR JULY

**T**homas the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Our Lord, according to the New Testament. He is informally called 'doubting Thomas' because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told (in the Gospel of John), followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far away as Tamilakam and Kerala in present-day India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Tamilakam in AD 52 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Nasranis. After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thomas remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.



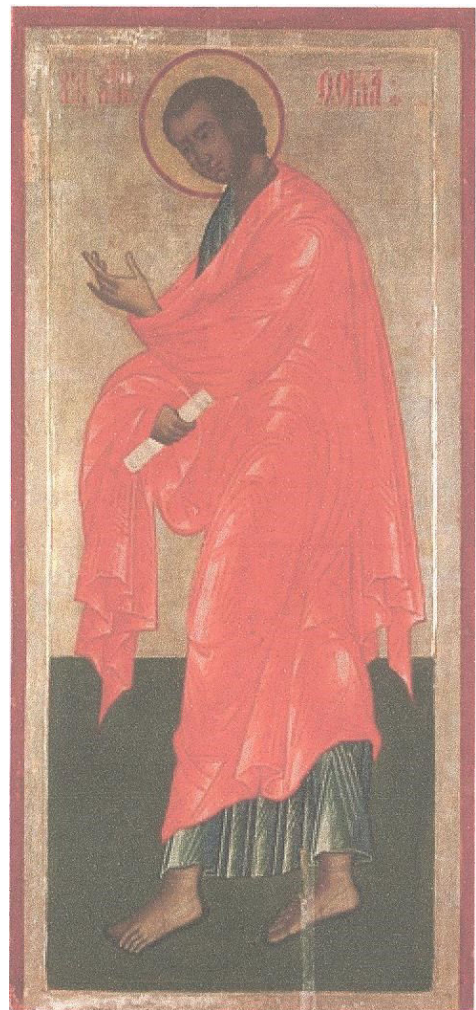
*The tomb of St Thomas in Mylapore, India.*

Thomas first speaks in the Gospel of John. In John 11:16, when Lazarus had recently died, the apostles do not wish to go back to Judea, where some Jews had attempted to stone Jesus. Thomas says: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (NIV).

He speaks again in John 14:5. There, Jesus had just explained that he was going away to prepare a heavenly home for his followers, and that one day they would join him there. Thomas reacted by saying, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (NIV)

John 20:24-29 tells how doubting Thomas was sceptical at first when he heard that Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to the other apostles, saying, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." (v.25) But when Jesus appeared later and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and behold him, Thomas showed his belief by saying, "My Lord and my God". (v.28) Jesus then said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed." (v.29)

The name Thomas is derived from the Aramaic or Syriac: Toma, equivalently from Hebrew Teom, meaning "twin". The equivalent term for twin in Greek is Δίδυμος (Didymus). Early Syrian traditions also relate the apostle's full name as Judas Thomas. Some have seen in the Acts of Thomas (written in east Syria in the early 3rd century, or perhaps as early as the first



half of the 2nd century) an identification of Saint Thomas with the apostle Judas, brother of James, better known in English as Jude. However, the first sentence of the Acts of Thomas follows the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles in distinguishing the apostle Thomas and the apostle Judas son of James.

When the feast of Saint Thomas was inserted in the Roman calendar in the 9th century, it was assigned to 21 December. The Martyrology of St. Jerome mentioned the apostle on 3 July, the date to which the Roman celebration was transferred in 1969, so that it would no longer interfere with the major ferial days of Advent. 3 July was the day on which his relics were translated from Mylapore, a place along the coast of the Marina Beach, Chennai (Madras) in India, to the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia. Traditionalist Roman Catholics (who follow the General Roman Calendar of 1960 or earlier) and some Anglicans still celebrate

***Comment:***

*Thomas More, Thomas Cromwell, Thomas Wolsey, Thomas Cranmer, Thomas Howard, Thomas Boleyn - in Tudor politics the name Thomas"seems to be everywhere, although it never quite reached the popularity of John"and William." The reason was not so much devotion to the apostle Thomas, as to Thomas Becket to whose shrine at Canterbury so many pilgrimages were made. An effect of the break with Rome, which can be seen in many prayer books of the times, is the excision of Thomas Becket's feast day and of prayers for his intercession, by being crossed out or papered over. However the existence of the Biblical St Thomas allowed the popularity to continue even in the post-Reformation period and it is a frequently occurring name now, perceived as good, solid and English despite its origins.*

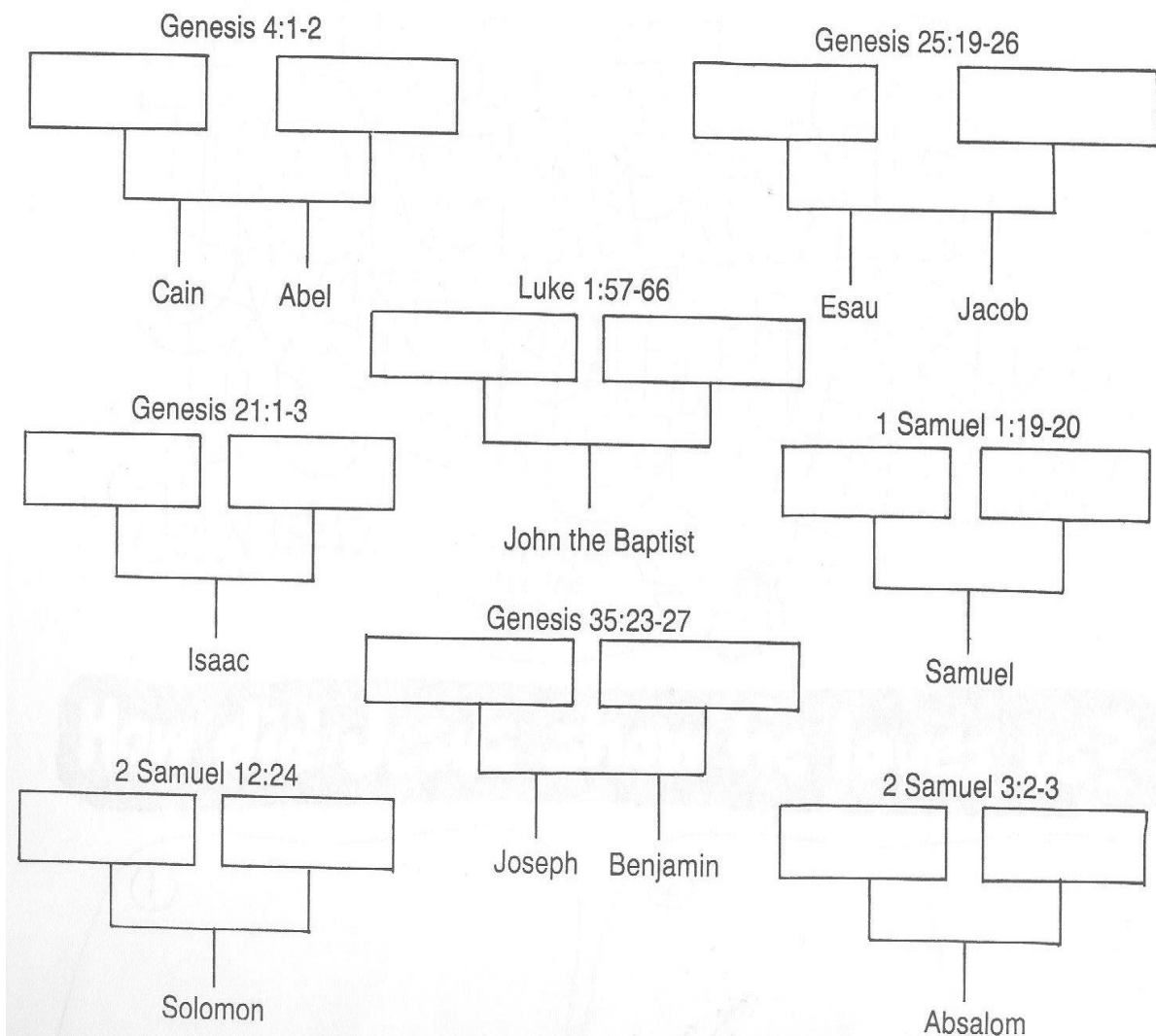
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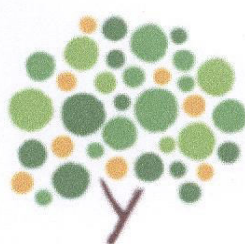


## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### "Mothers and Fathers"

July 26 is the holy day of Anne and Joachim, traditional parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary





The Archbishop of Canterbury's

# MUSTARD SEED APPEAL



Dear Friend,

Over 8 million people in the UK are struggling in financial distress. Without access to other finance options, many resort to high cost loans to cover basic necessities such as food and fuel. This is having a devastating effect on physical and mental health, families and entire communities.

[Work has already started to stop this cycle and transform lives.](#)

The Archbishop of Canterbury has planted a seed. He's done it courageously and he's done it with a lot of personal commitment. Pilot work under the Church Credit Champions Network across two regions has formed the beginnings of a 'Just Finance Network' to develop community finance and money advice services, and give people the skills they need to make sound financial decisions.

This pilot has mobilised nearly 200 churches so far. This has meant there are now over 250 trained volunteers providing budget and debt advice. This pilot is expected to generate £2.2 million in social value. Imagine the impact this would have if it was national.

The Archbishop has asked Church Urban Fund to deliver a national roll out of the Just Finance Network.

To raise funds for this transformative work, we are running the [Archbishop of Canterbury's Mustard Seed Appeal](#).

We're asking church communities and individuals to organise and take part in fundraising activities throughout the summer so that we can reap a harvest that will fund this important work and transform lives.

[Lean more about our fundraising ideas >>](#)

Together we can grow the seed planted by the Archbishop into a real movement for positive change. In the Archbishop's words, "We have to challenge the sovereignty of money and finance over every aspect of our life and to say in quite a revolutionary way that, 'No, you're not in charge. Human beings are the ultimate value'."

With every blessing,

**Canon Paul Hackwood**  
Executive Chair, Church Urban Fund



## RECIPE FOR JULY

### CLASIC NEW YORK CHEESECAKE

#### Ingredients

- 160g (5½ oz) digestive biscuits
- 90g (3 oz) melted butter
- 900g (2lb) cream cheese softened at room temperature
- 200g (6½ oz) caster sugar
- 2tbsp plain flour
- 3 large free-range eggs, plus 1 yolk
- 200ml (7oz) sour cream
- 1tsp lemon zest
- 2tsp lemon juice
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- Strawberries to serve

#### For the topping

- 200ml (6 ½ fl oz) sour cream
- 1tbsp caster sugar
- 1tbsp lemon juice

#### Method

1. Grease a 23 cm (9in) springform tin and line the base with baking paper.
2. Mix the biscuits and melted butter until the mixture comes together. Press the crumb mixture into the base of the tin and refrigerate for 30 minutes, then bake in a pre-heated 180°C (gas mark 4) oven for 12 minutes. Allow to cool. Increase the oven temperature to 200°C (gas mark 6).
3. Place the cream cheese, sugar and flour in an electric mixer and beat until creamy and well combined. Add the eggs and yolk one at a time, then beat in the sour cream, vanilla extract, lemon zest and juice. Beat for 2-3 minutes or until the mixture is light and fluffy.

4. Spoon the mixture onto the cheesecake base and smooth the top. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 110°C (gas mark ½) and bake for a further 25 minutes or until just set in the middle.
5. Turn off the oven and allow the cheesecake to cool inside.
6. Combine the topping ingredients and spread over the top of the cheesecake.
7. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours.
8. To serve, cut the cheesecake into slices, sprinkle with sliced strawberries and dust with icing sugar, if desired.

*The cheesecake needs to be chilled well so, if you can, make it a day ahead. For a different flavour, try using Italian amaretti biscuits for the base.*







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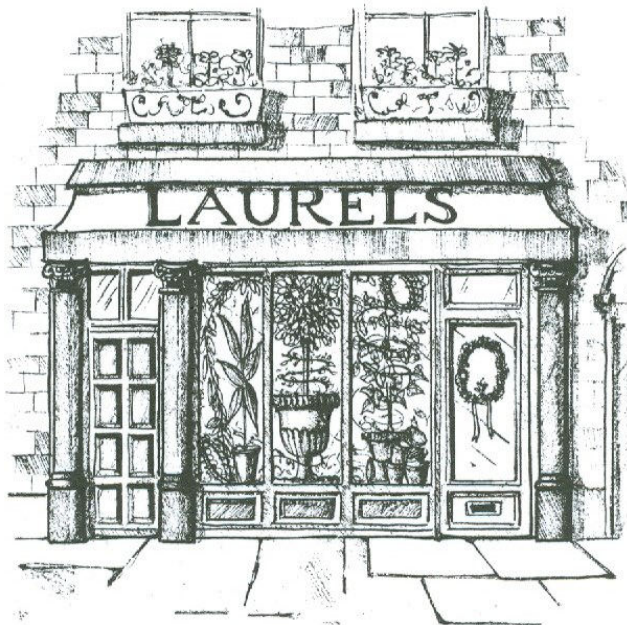
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