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VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



Boundaries and the Vote

Last month in London was dominated by the Mayoral elections and we have hardly had time to resume our normal apolitical complacency when along comes another election - this time, of course, about remaining in the EU. The Polling Station sign has only just been taken down and consigned to a place behind the bins before we will need it again, or one like it, for the next vote. As Christians it is right that we have strong feelings about both these issues, as they affect not only our lives but the lives of the people we are called to love - our neighbours - but it is not surprising that our views are going to vary widely. Political consensus is not something we would ever expect to find in an Anglican parish church. The unusual thing about the current debate is that the vote on remaining in the EU this month will not take place along party political lines, but will be dictated by personal attitudes to sovereignty and nationhood, thinly disguised as arguments about what will be better or worse for Britain economically.



What does the gospel have to say on these issues? A lot, and a little, as we would expect. The Jewish people of whom Jesus was a part had a very strong sense of their distinctive identity, and had a theology of nationhood to support their separation from surrounding peoples. Yet in practice there was far more mixing and contact between peoples than parts of the Old Testament would like us to believe. The occupation of the land of Caanan and destruction of its peoples under Joshua which is commanded and described in some Old Testament texts is contradicted by those people's reappearance at a later date in other passages. Scholars have long believed that what is presented as a glorious (and brutal) conquest of Caanan may actually have been a more gradual migration, with assimilation and conflict over a long period, with the gradual emergence of a national identity and distinctive religious practice, which was described by the later writers of Israel's history in much more nationalistic terms. In reality, Wisdom texts were borrowed from Egypt and other places and absorbed into Israel's own tradition; Solomon married foreign women and was part of an international commercial and intellectual community; theologically there was a healthy interchange of ideas and beliefs from which the Jewish people greatly benefited. By the time of Jesus, belief in the afterlife was commonplace in Israel (though disputed), and belief in angels, messages from God, a great conflict at the end of time and the battle of light against darkness had entered into the Jewish religious mix, largely through the influence of Persian Zoroastrian beliefs. The early church embraced these beliefs, yet first century Judaism decided not to, leaving the church to preserve many Jewish writings in Greek from the inter-testamental period as books forming part of our tradition (our Apocrypha) and not theirs.

Jesus had inherited the sense that the Jews were God's chosen people, but his ministry, his death and his resurrection brought that national favouritism to an end. He is constantly described as going beyond the boundaries of Israel and interacting with foreigners. The message of the parable of the 'Good Samaritan' is

reinforced by Jesus' own meetings with people from other nations who acted with more faith than his fellow Jews: the Centurion, the woman at the well, the Syrophenician woman - all who believe in him, wherever they are from, are commended for their faith. Another example of this is the story of the ten lepers whose healing by Jesus is described in Luke Chapter 17. The healing takes place on the boundary of Galilee and Samaria - Jesus liked to move across the boundaries and recognised the importance of what takes place at the edges, on the margins - the importance of boundary processes, or liminality. When people from across the boundary meet, attitudes or assumptions which seem alright in the comfort of the hinterland, at home in the shires, are put to the test. Among the ten lepers healed, it was only the one who was a Samaritan ("this foreigner") who returned to give glory to God. For Jesus it is faith in God which matters, not the place of someone's birth, nor any other marker of identity. It is as if he is saying to the Jews, "when you go and meet these Samaritans, these Greeks and Romans, you find that they have as much faith and love as we do". This teaching has been hugely important, as it tells us to put aside our prejudgement of what others are like, and to open our hearts and minds to them - Jesus says that when you meet a foreigner, when you speak to migrant (or a Muslim,) a person unlike you, then you will find that they really are just like you, and that they may be more virtuous, more loving, more truthful too. It is humbling, and it enables us to build bridges of trust and understanding with other communities, other peoples, other faiths or nations. This is the insight which has enabled Christianity to spread so fast and so far, not through conquest, but through a willingness to open our hearts to people who are different, to recognise the work of God in their own stories, their own cultures, and to affirm the work of the Holy Spirit in them, the truth that 'those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them' (1 John 4:16).

Christian teaching has nothing to say directly about the issue of national sovereignty, but it has a lot to say about people who live

beyond whatever boundaries we have erected, and about our attitude towards them. It tells us to listen to them, to seek to understand, to recognise that they are just as capable of living in loving response to God as we are ourselves, and to value the fact that they have much to teach us. So boundaries of all sorts are interesting and some of them have political and economic expediency, but as Christians we are required to see that our faith transcends them. As St Paul expressed it, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus'. (Galatians 3:28)

Ralph

Headteacher Appointment at St Peter's School

The Governors of St Peter's School were delighted to announce that on 16 May 2016, following a rigorous external selection process, they appointed Mr Miles Ridley as Headteacher of St. Peter's, with effect from 1 September 2016.

Mr Ridley is well-known through his current role of Assistant Headteacher. He has established an excellent rapport with pupils, parents, staff and governors over the last 18 months. We are very pleased that he will be stepping up to the role of Headteacher and know that he will undertake that post with the same energy and commitment that he has shown as Assistant Head.

I am sure you will join with us in congratulating him on his appointment and will support him in his new role.

Nicholas Kent, Chair of Governors

Paul Gismondi

Some of you will remember Paul Gismondi who attended St Peter's for many. He is being ordained deacon at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 2 July at 3.00pm.

Candidates get only a limited number of tickets, but it is an open service (admittance from 2.00pm) and any who wish to come from St Peter's will be welcome and are invited to the Albany, Piccadilly afterwards.

READINGS FOR JUNE

Sunday, 2 June: Second Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 17: 17-24
Galatians 1: 11-24
Luke 7: 11-17

Sunday, 12 June: Third Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 10
Galatians 2: 15-21
Luke 7: 36-8:

Sunday, 19 June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Isiah 65: 1-9
Galatians 3: 23-2nd
Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday, 26 June: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Christ's Charge to Peter
Sir Peter Paul Rubens
1577-1640





THE BISHOP OF LONDON

28th April 2016

The Reverend Ralph Williamson,
1 St Peter's House,
119 Eaton Square,
London,
SW1W 9AL.

Dear Ralph,

I have today received in the post two generous cheques from the parish, £264.87 relating to the collection taken when I was in the parish for the Confirmation on the 8th March, together with a cheque for £390.44 for the Lent Appeal. I am most grateful for these funds and I do hope you will pass on my sincere thanks to all concerned.

I have forwarded the Lent Appeal cheque to the Finance Department at Diocesan House as they are co-ordinating this collection to assist Christians being persecuted in Iraq and Syria.

As always, I enjoyed my visit to the parish at the beginning of March.

This comes with my thanks and all good wishes.

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard Chartres KCVO DD FSA

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Two Cities Ordinations

13th May 2016

Dear Friends

For many of us Pentecost is a time when we remember our own ordination to the diaconate or priesthood. As we give thanks for God's faithfulness to us, I commend to your prayers those from the Two Cities who will be ordained over the coming months.

If you plan to attend and robe at any of the ordinations to the priesthood could you please let the Incumbent of the host church know to help in planning? If you wish to robe for the deaconing in the Cathedral, please let the Precentor know or the ordinand you are supporting.

Those being ordained deacon at 3pm on Saturday 2nd July in the Cathedral.

Guy Axelson	St Michael Chester Square
Sophie Bannister	St Sepulchre Holborn
James Johnston	St Mary-le-Strand
Fung Ming Lau	St James the Less
Pete Snow	Christ Church Mayfair

And those to be ordained priest:

By The Rt Revd Roderick Thomas, St Helen Bishopsgate, Tuesday 5th July, 5.30pm

Philip Brentford	St Botolph Aldersgate 0127	LSM
Michael Mantle	St Helen Bishopsgate 0112	LSM

By The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, St Gabriel Pimlico, Saturday 25th June, 2pm

Lee Clark	St Gabriel Pimlico
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By The Rt Revd Nigel Stock, St James Paddington, Saturday 25th June, 3pm

Antonio Garcia-Fuerte	St John the Evangelist Hyde Park Crescent
Michele Lee	St Stephen Westbourne Park & St Matthew Bayswater
Michael Lynch	St James Paddington
Nick Mottershead	St Olave Hart Street
Sally Muggeridge	St Stephen Walbrook
Jeremy Tayler	St John's Wood

By The Rt Revd Nigel Stock, St Stephen Rochester Row, Sunday 26th June, 3pm

Catherine Duce	St Stephen with St John Rochester Row
Debbie Hore	St Paul Rossmore Road
Jeffrey Lake	St Bride Fleet Street
Alastair McKay	St Martin-in-the-Fields

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The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard Chartres KCVO DD FSA

FROM JULIE



The other day someone mentioned that it would be nice if, from time to time, we published our sermons in the magazine. And so I thought June would be appropriate time to publish my sermon from Trinity Sunday. The season of Trinity is one of the most important in our liturgical year. It is a time to pause and reflect, to delve into the mysteries of the identity of God and take a moment to think about our own lives in relationship to God's great love for us.

Sermon Trinity Sunday

Everyone loves a good mystery. The mystery novel will never go out of style and mystery television programmes are more popular than ever. Who doesn't like Nordic Noir? There is something in us drawn to understand and make sense of the unknown. And when it comes to today, Trinity Sunday, it's not unusual for preachers to note that this is our only liturgical feast day devoted

to a great mystery. And these same preachers may then attempt to explain the mystery of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in five minutes or less. We have all witnessed attempts to describe the Trinity. My personal favourite is the comparison of God to a Potato. Sometimes he is fried, other times mashed and still others baked. Needless to say, some attempts work better than others, but in the end they all fall short. And, more to the point, to reduce deep mystery to what we comprehend misses an opportunity to open ourselves up to divine mystery.

The doctrine of the Trinity has its roots deep within Scripture, as we see in our readings today. And yet, as interesting and important as this is, I don't think an explanation of Trinitarian theology makes for a very interesting sermon. So, rather than trying to shrink the mystery of God into a short explanation, it seems better to ask ourselves what the Trinity has to do with us today. In what ways does the Holy Trinity connect to our day-to-day lives? How can we be drawn more deeply into the mystery?

One of my favourite mystery novels is the series of detective stories by Dorothy Sayers following the antics of Lord Peter Wimsey. And the best of the series, to my mind, is *Gaudy Night*, not merely because it is a good detective story but because of the way Dorothy Sayers, through her telling of the story, points us to the mystery of relationship with God. Her use of the literary arts sheds light on our identity as bearing the image of the Triune God.

I think the use of the arts, when done well, can help bring us into the mystery of the Trinity. For art can enlighten our understanding of God because art, on some level, is about relationship. And one of the best artistic renditions of the Trinity is Andrei Rublev's well known Russian icon. Rublev's portrayal of the three persons of the Trinity gives a picture of the relationality of God. There are three seated figures: God the Father on the left, the Son in the centre and Holy Spirit on the right. The relationship of God is a virtuous circle. God the Father loves the Son.

And that love is the Holy Spirit that returns to the Father from the Son. This is sometimes called the dance of the Trinity.

And the love that unites the three persons of the Trinity is the same love extended to us in Christ. In him, we have all been invited to participate in the dance. From the very beginning of time the love that is at the heart of God is shared with us. God's love spills out into the whole of the world, drawing us into relationship with God and with each other. However we try to define the Trinity, we are not able. For the Trinity the complete being of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is there to define us, to give form and pattern to our lives. We are invited to the dance of the Trinity, not merely that we might understand theologically, but so we might experience and live the Trinity. As we enter into the life of the Trinity we become part of something bigger than ourselves. We become part of community, related to and connected with people in a creative restorative way.

As some of you know, I worked for a time in a care facility for people with dementia. And many of the people I worked with could no longer use the forms of communication we take for granted. So, rather than relying on the use of written and even spoken word, we used art, drama and music to aid our communication. And, as part of this, we held regular worship services. On one occasion, for whatever reason, I found myself explaining the Trinity to a room filled with people with quite profound dementia. After a few minutes of trying to explain how God was 1 God and 3 persons, I remembered something I once read about the musicality of the Trinity. And so I sat down at the piano and played the notes of a simple C chord....

One Chord, 3 notes, together we hear one sound. That's the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit: together they play God's one and eternal harmony. When I played these simple notes that day in the care home the people began to respond. Some of them began to sing.

And so we spent the rest of the service singing familiar hymns.

I don't know if anyone there that day came to a deeper understanding of the Trinity, but I do know we had an encounter with the mystery of God. And this encounter brought us into greater communion with one another.

Over the coming weeks we will witness an encounter with the mystery of God when we join with several adults and children as they are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And what can be more relevant to the season of Trinity than baptism? For baptism is the beginning of faith, it is a welcome into the community of God. To be baptized is to be immersed in the life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism is an introduction into new life, which claims every part of our being. For the new life of baptism is about community, the whole body of Christ. It is about losing ourselves in God, for the life of his world.

And so, to celebrate Trinity Sunday is to commit ourselves anew to living the life of God. It is hearing God's invitation to join the dance, not worrying whether we have the right shoes, the right clothes or even whether we know the steps. To celebrate the Trinity is to let ourselves be led, immersed and even lost in the life giving power of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Julie Khoo

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

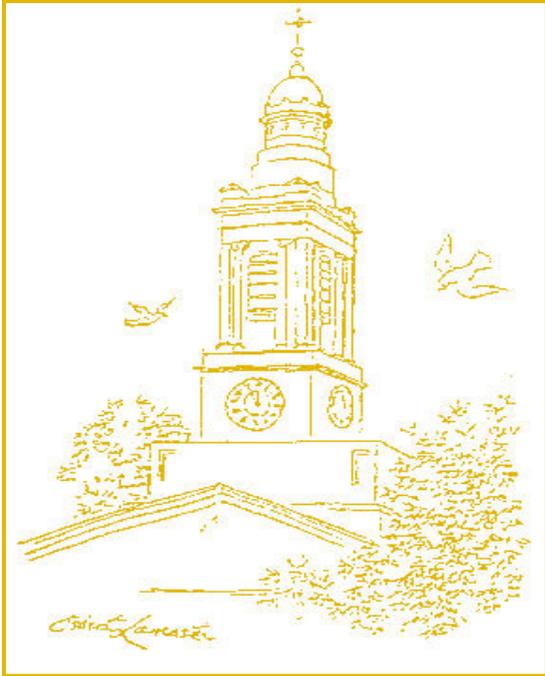
Sunday, 3 July 2016

10.30am

The service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch
- everyone to bring enough food for themselves and a
bit extra to share with others -

More details to follow.

PARISH NEWS



Events in May

Looking back over the month of May reminds me how many good things have happened in the last few weeks at St Peter's. The month began with a restful bank holiday (beautifully timed to coincide with my own birthday) and a few days later we celebrated Ascension Day with great style in Church (with rockets fired in front of the portico by George after the service) and

then at School (with helium balloons set free to float into the sky by the children in the school playground). Finding plain Helium balloons is surprisingly difficult, but I tracked some down in Brixton. When I explained what they were for (and why they should be plain) the man who runs the party shop in Brixton Market told me that he is a Christian from Eritrea, and attends the Eritrean church. It felt all the more special that he had provided the balloons for our celebration, especially as some of our congregation and children are also Eritrean Christians. In London the world church comes to us. On Saturday the 7th of May we had a wonderful Curry and Quiz Night, in aid of Saakshar, the charity which Rachel and I support in Delhi, and which is one of the church's three dedicated charities this year. With a great quiz run by Jim Glen, and great food provided free of charge by Paradise Restaurant in Pimlico, about 75 people had a wonderful evening. We are very grateful to all who made it such a success - to the hardworking catering team, and all who donated their time, food or energy. Zack Probert raised £500 alone by selling raffle tickets with a great prize, and after we had eaten we were entertained with Indian dance (from the dance school of

Arunima Kumar), and even learnt some Bollywood moves ourselves. It was all to support the education of slum children in Delhi, and that week I was pleased to speak to some of them on Skype and tell them that we had raised over £1500 for their work. Ten of the people involved that night got together for a curry at the Paradise restaurant two weeks later to thank the staff and to celebrate a really successful event.

The day after our Curry Night, Sunday the 8th of May, we celebrated the 24th anniversary of the rededication of St Peter's after the fire. Many of you will remember it well - how time flies. That evening the Youth Group met, and our daughter Auriol (a semi-professional baker) gave a cup cake decorating session which resulted in some fabulous multi-fluorescent creations. On Tuesday 10th May St Peter's welcomed about 80 churchwardens and clergy from other churches in the two cities part of the Diocese for their service of Admission as churchwardens. We were delighted to host this service for the Diocese and to offer those who came some exquisite music as part of the worship led by our choir, and excellent hospitality afterwards, thanks to Mary Drummond and others.

These busy and really joyful events were followed by the meeting of the Faith Group, the very good news of the appointment of a new Headteacher for St Peter's School - Mr Miles Ridley - and the festivals of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and as the month closed, uncelebrated because of another bank holiday, the Feast of the Visitation. We were also very pleased to meet Julie's parents who were visiting her and Ivan from California during the month.

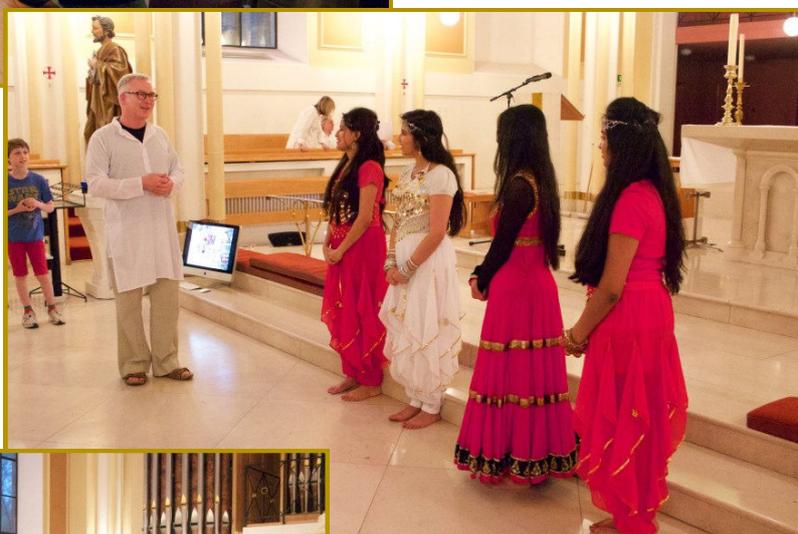
Looking Ahead to June

The Sundays in June are in ordinary time and the month begins with a week of half-term holiday for the school. One definite high point as the month goes on will be the celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday from 2-4pm on June the 11th. Our Patronal Festival Parish Communion Service will be on July the

3rd at 10.30am, with a parish lunch afterwards on the portico, so please do sign up to bring food, and make sure that you bring your friends and neighbours too!

Ralph

Some photographs taken at the Curry and Quiz Night



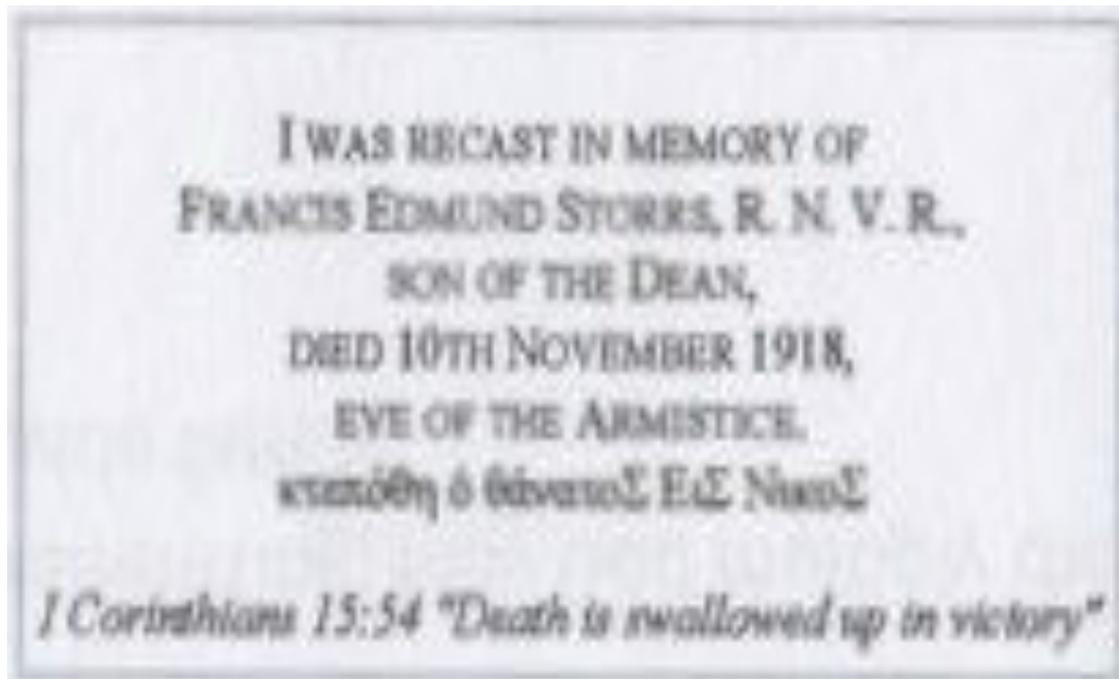
ST PETER'S WW 1 MEMORIAL

There are at least three men on our memorial who served in the Royal Navy. This month I am going to write about two of them, and the brother of one.

Francis Storrs (Francis Edmund Storrs), 1883-1918, came from a clerical family. His father was John Storrs who was the vicar of St. Peter's from 1883 until 1913 when he became Dean of Rochester Cathedral. Francis would have lived in the vicarage which was at 2 Grosvenor Gardens (the red brick building is still standing).

During World War 1 Francis initially worked for the Civil Service responsible for supplies to Russia and he was awarded the Russian Order of St. Anne. Then he served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in Greece with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1917 he began working for the Secret Intelligence Service in the Aegean under Compton Mackenzie with his particular field being the Cyclades. Compton Mackenzie thought highly of him and wrote 'without him whatever fruits our work bore could never have been achieved' and again 'I can never repay Francis Storrs in this world for his personal loyalty and devoted service.' Francis as a boy won scholarships to Radley College and Jesus College Cambridge. He went on to be a professor at Elphinstone College in Bombay and then at Rangoon College. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in 1911 and the following year he married Catherine Schiff at St. Peter's. They had two sons, Basil and Peter, and lived in Chester Square. Perhaps I am the only member of the congregation who still remembers Catherine and Peter who were regular worshippers over many years.

Francis died from Spanish 'flu the day before the war ended. His father received the telegram while on the way to the cathedral to preach at the service of thanksgiving. In Francis' memory the tenor bell at Rochester Cathedral bears the inscription below



Maurice Bethell (Lt. Maurice John Bethell), 1894-1916, was the son of Admiral The Hon Sir Alexander Edward Bethell. Maurice began his naval career as a cadet at the Royal Naval College in Osborne, then as a cadet at Dartmouth. Following training on HMS Cumberland, he served on HMS Britannia, HMS Drake, HMS Dreadnought, HMS Bonetta and HMS Aurora. In 1916 he was First Lieutenant on HMS Nestor. The ship was sunk during the Battle of Jutland in the North Sea and Maurice was killed in action. Posthumously he was Mentioned in Despatches.

After his death, Maurice's mother received two letters from the Captain of the Nestor on his heroism. Indeed there was correspondence between his father and the Admiralty as to whether Maurice should be awarded a VC. Among the extant letters and telegrams of condolence, one is from King George V and one from Arthur Balfour who was first Lord of the Admiralty at that time.

Edward Bethell (Captain Edward Walter Bethell) 1891-1918 was the elder brother of Maurice. He joined the army. After school days at Winchester College, he went to Sandhurst and in 1911 he was commissioned into the First Battalion the Queens Royal

West Surrey Regiment. Before the First World War he served in Gibraltar, Bermuda and South Africa.

Edward was severely wounded in the first battle of Ypres in 1914 and on his recovery he was appointed as an instructor. He did not see active service again until he left for Belgium four years later when he commanded B company of his Battalion. He fell near Epehy, France, early in the morning of September 21, 1918, while leading his company to the assault during the final advance of the allied forces. As with his brother, his parents received condolences from King George



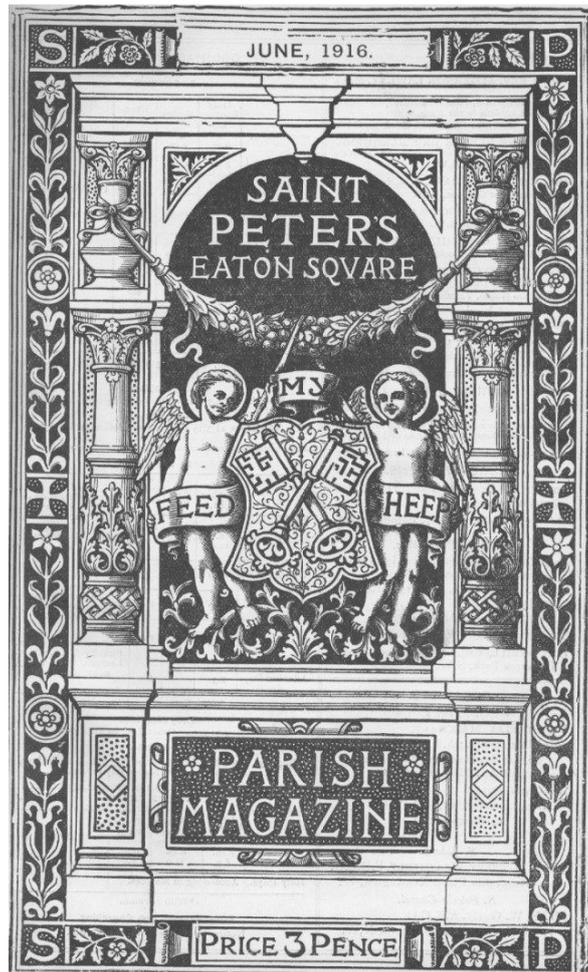
Captain Edward Walter Bethell

V and tributes from senior military commanders which are in the records.

Admiral Bethell had three children. His surviving child Agatha married a commander in the Royal Navy. She kept three letters written to her by her brother Maurice which are preserved.

PHOEBE HILARY

FROM THE MAGAZINE -
JUNE 1916



Letter from the Vicar

23rd May, 1916

My dear Friends

As I look back, I seem to feel most sensible of God's forbearance and the many token of His loving-kindness. Nor am I unmindful of what I owe to the clergy, churchwardens, workers (paid and unpaid), who have helped me to try to fulfil my ministry in this place, If what S Peter's really stands for has been in any way maintained; if any fuller measure of cohesion between the Parish Church, S. Peter's Chapel, and S John's has been attained; if any has been forthcoming - all this has been largely due to the co-operation of those to whom I have just referred.

Now in this time of War - now in this time of our Church's call to repentance and hope - I know you are trying to pray. It is indeed a precarious time. But in your prayers I bid you find some small space, not only for him who is now leaving you, but that God will soon send you the man after His own heart, to be a more worthy successor of

*Yours gratefully and sincerely,
Algernon Lawley*

Crowning of the May Queen

A beautiful programme was afforded to us at the Schools on the afternoon of May 5th. The children, under the careful training of the Head Mistress, Miss Stiggers, performed the "May Queen". The scenery was unique and most sylvan - a picture of green and gold; the dresses well thought out, representing every shade of colour and flower. Queen Florence carried off her exalted position with perfect grace and composure.

The Morris Dances went with a happy swing, and the Nursery Rhymes evoked tremendous applause - Little Miss Muffet eating her "curds and whey" until disturbed by the huge spider which crawled along the platform and put her to flight; Little Bo-Peep bewailing the loss of her sheep, which favourites suddenly appeared from the background, with little white tails stuck behind them.

A selection from "The Tempest" concluded the performance. Rose Simond posed as Miranda, and Clara Cross as Ferdinand.

Enthusiasm prevailed throughout the whole programme, and great credit is due to Miss Stiggers, Mrs Herring, and all the staff of teachers, who worked it up so well, making one feel for the time that we were far away in sylvan woods, bursting with spring tints and gaudy flowers, instead of in London, with grey skies and sunless streets.

Mr Ridley helped to make all go easy with his good arrangements to the rooms, and his numerous medals shone our most conspicuously on his breast.

Comment:

The first extract is from the last Vicar's letter written by Algernon Lawley who was incumbent here for only three years and was broken by the changing attitude to the church of the wealthier classes and the serious financial problems that the church was facing. The financial difficulties seemed inexplicable to the Bishop of London who commented "Poor parishes in East London finance themselves; the richest parish in London ought to be able to finance itself".

In the second extract, the celebrations attending the crowning of the May Queen are rather different from those that we might see today. The flowery and whimsical language is also typical of its time for describing such events.

Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith



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.

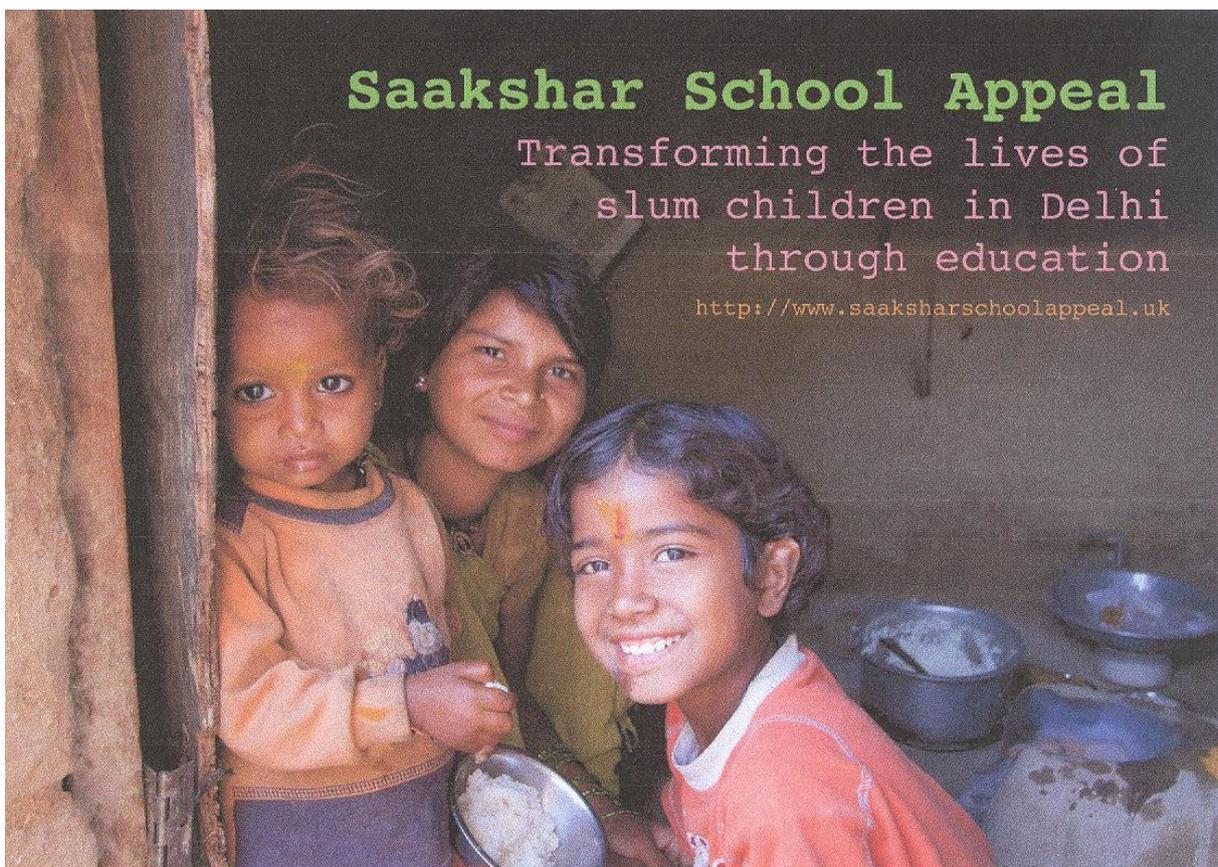
MESSAGE FROM ZACK PROPERT

I want to thank you for your support to Saakshar School Appeal.

The raffle raised a total of £500 exactly and this means that at least 4 children will have their lives changed and have a brighter future ahead.

Thank you.

Zack Propert



Zack sold raffle tickets on the portico for 3 Sundays for a prize of "One hour private slope hire at Chel-ski" for a group of up to 6 people. The draw took place at the Curry and Quiz night.

Well done Zack!

**ST PETER'S
EATON SQUARE
QUIET DAY**



**SATURDAY 23rd 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

JUNE 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.

W 1	Justin, 165	For all who are persecuted for their faith
Th 2		With thanksgiving for those who have inspired us.
F 3	The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977	For the church in Uganda and our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 4	Petroc, 6 th C	For the church in the West of England
Su 5	The Second Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 6	Ini Kopuria, 1945	For the church in Melanesia
Tu 7		For Jim Glen and Phil Clifton, Churchwardens
W 8	Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711	For hymn writers of our time
Th 9	Columba, abbot, missionary, 597; Ephrem of Syria, 373	For the Iona Community
F 10		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 11	Banabas the Apostle	For Queen Elizabeth, on her official birthday
Su 12	The Third Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 13		For Angola
Tu 14		For the Church School of the Diocese
W 15		For all peacemakers

CALENDAR CONTD

Th 16	Richard of Chester, bishop, 1253	For clarity, knowledge and the desire to follow Jesus
F 17	Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, 1913 and 1936	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 18	Bernard Mizeki, 1896	For the Church in Zimbabwe
Su 19	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 20		For the clergy of the Diocese of London
Tu 21		For all preparing for ordination as Deacon and Priest this Petertide
W 22	Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c250	For the martyrs of our age
Th 23	Etheldreda, abbess, c678	For the Deanery Chapter
F 24	The Birth of John the Baptist	For ministry of prophecy and for our Prayer Board requests
Sa 25		For all being ordained today, tomorrow and next weekend
Su 26	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	For the Parish
M 27	Cyril of Alexandria, 444	For the church in North Africa
Tu 28	Irenæus, c.200	For all who teach Christian faith in schools and churches
W 29	SS Peter and Paul	For the Mission of the church
Th 30		For all who are lonely

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

ST PETER'S CHURCH EATON SQUARE

**We are now a distribution point for the
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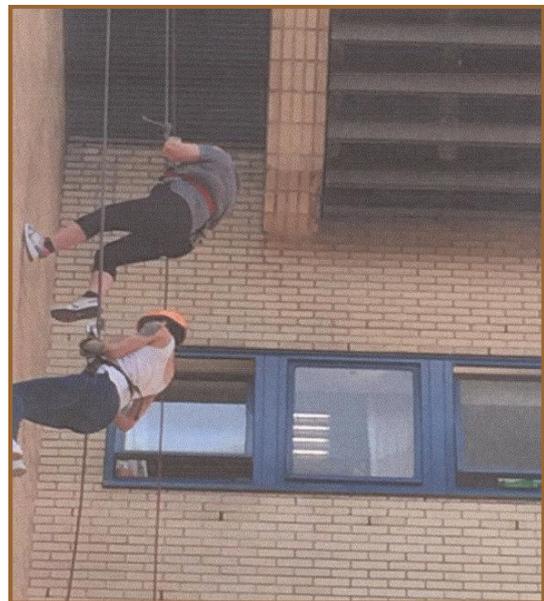
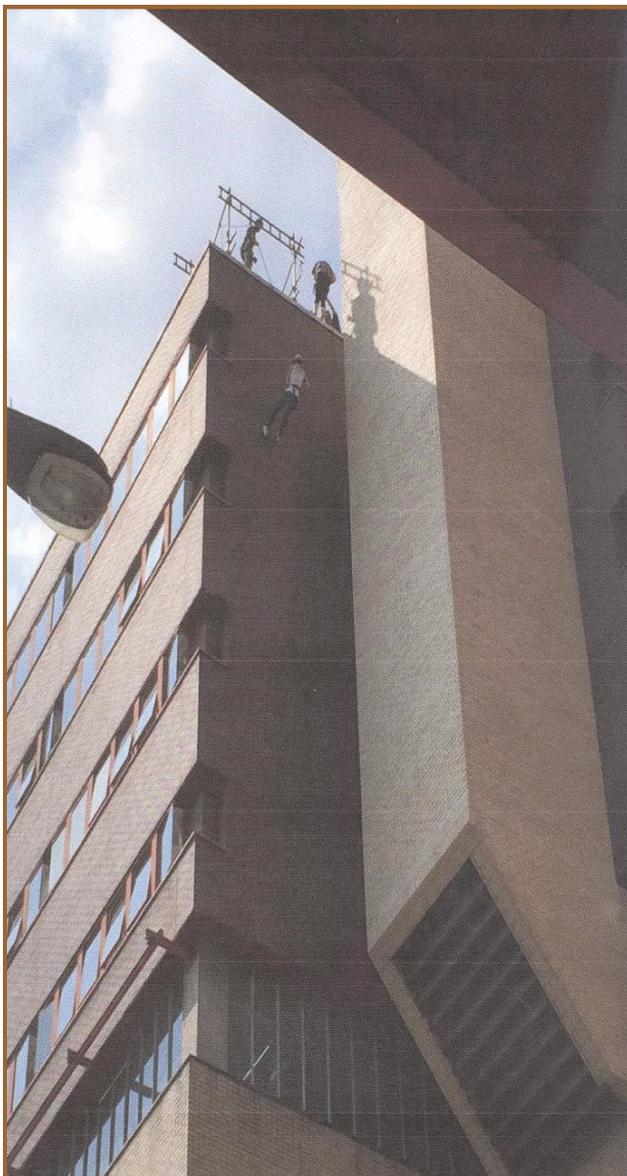


**For more information please speak with a
member of the clergy or outreach group**

LINDA CHILDS - CHARITY ABSEIL

“ On Friday, 27th May I took part in a charity Abseil to raise money for the More Smiles Appeal. All money raised will go towards the new Children’s Intensive Care Unit at St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington. I managed to raise £515.00 + £82.50 Gift Aid. My gym group have raised £10,000.

We abseiled down ten floors of the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Wing at the hospital. It was a great experience although quite scary!!” Well done Linda



REVD JULIE INTERVIEWS OLIVIA REED & SUSAN REDWIN

I wonder how many of you know what happens behind the scenes at St Peter's. We have a number of very hardworking staff at St Peter's and I thought this month I would highlight our two office staff, Olivia our Parish Administrator and Susan, our Bookkeeper.

Olivia

Olivia was born and raised in Bangalore, India. The family had lived in India for generations, having first arrived with the East India Company. Her father was a race-horse trainer and her mother worked for an oil company. Olivia grew up in the Church and her family was long involved with St Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore. Olivia attended Bishop Cotton High School for girls, where Indian and British girls were educated together. Olivia enjoyed her education and life in India but decided to come to England on her own.



She met up with friends who had also repatriated from India. And it wasn't long before she met and married Donald, who worked for Harrods. Two children followed, Vivien and Alley. And I know from Vivien that Olivia has always been a loving and dedicated wife and mother.

Olivia started work for a firm of surveyors and valuers then worked for twenty-seven years for a national charity. After retirement she thought she might like to put up her feet, but that didn't last long. One morning she said to herself, 'I don't like this.' And so Vivien came to the rescue after reading in our par-

ish magazine that St Peter's needed a new administrator. Olivia started as Parish Administrator in February 2006, at the tail end of Father Desmond's incumbency. She has worked through the challenges of three interregna, 4 Incumbents and a countless number of curates and assistants. And when asked what she likes most about her job, Olivia said she greatly appreciates the good working relationship she has had with all the staff, past and present.

Olivia enjoys work and worship at St Peter's. She, along with Vivien, joined the church community in 1994 when they moved from St Matthew's Church. She soon felt at home here and happily has been attending every since. When asked what she has most appreciated about St Peter's she said the friendliness and our warm embrace of children that has always been an integral part of this church. Olivia is very dedicated to her family, her husband, her daughters and four grand children, Connor, Darcey, Matilda and Felix. And she likes to have fun...Olivia loves musical theatre, recent favourites being *Funny Girl* and *Kinky Boots*. Olivia also enjoys travel and has had the privilege of visiting many parts of the world, highlights being a cruise down the Panama Canal.

One of the reasons I enjoy doing these interviews is to give a picture of the way God works through our lives, using us in ways we do not expect. And I see this with Olivia. And, as one of the many who are blessed to work with Olivia, I appreciate her dedication and sense of humour, her evident joy in her work, and her calling to help things run smoothly in the life of St Peter's.

Susan

I have greatly appreciated getting to know Susan these past 9 months and not merely because she writes my claim cheques! She has been a joy to know and her calm easy manner makes for a lovely atmosphere in the office.



Susan has been the bookkeeper at St. Peter's since October 2006 and she can't believe it has been nearly 10 years. She was recommended by the former bookkeeper and began during interregnum between Desmond and Nick's Incumbency.

Susan is a 'proper Londoner', having always lived in London. Born in Islington and raised in Hackney, she now lives in Bromley. Susan attended Haggerston secondary school, worked in a publishing company and then trained as an accountant. She has now worked as an accountant for 31 years. And speaking as someone who usually stares blankly when handed a spreadsheet, I think this is something to be proud of! Susan has enjoyed her work, and in particular her work at St. Peter's. When asked what she appreciates most about her time here, she said, 'the people I work with. St. Peter's has a nice easygoing atmosphere, it is by far the best job I have ever had.' And this I believe is evidence of the mutual respect found in the people who work here, and between Susan and Olivia in particular.

When asked what she enjoys doing in her spare time, on the top of Susan's list was spending time with her 8-month old Labrador

puppy Freddie. Susan also enjoys going on walks, day trips out, reading, the theatre and cinema.

Susan went on to proclaim how St. Peter's is the most relaxing place she has ever worked. I think this shows the way our community has embraced an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusivity that shows itself in the day-to-day life of our church. Susan is a humble person who prefers to draw attention to others rather than herself. She is a pleasure to spend time with and all would agree that she is important not only to the work but to the life of St Peters.

I'd like to finish by saying how much I have appreciated both Olivia and Susan for the way they help both Ralph and myself grow and develop the ministry at St Peter's. And I look forward to more to come.

Julie Khoo

SAINT FOR JUNE

Richard of Chichester (1197 – 3 April 1253), also known as Richard de Wych, was Bishop of Chichester. He is patron saint of Sussex; since 2007, his translated saint's day of 16 June has also been celebrated as Sussex Day.

Richard was born in Burford, near the town of Wyche (modern Droitwich, Worcestershire) and was an orphan member of a gentry family. On the death of their parents Richard's elder brother was heir to the estates but he was not old enough to inherit, so the lands were subject to a feudal wardship. On coming of age his brother took possession of his lands, but was required to pay a medieval form of death duty that left the family so impoverished that Richard had to work for him on the farm. His brother also made Richard heir to the estate. According to Richard's biographers, friends tried to arrange a match with a certain noble lady. However Richard rejected the proposed match, suggesting that his brother might marry her instead; he also reconveyed the estates back to his brother, preferring a life of study and the church.

Educated at the University of Oxford, Richard soon began to teach there. From there he proceeded to Paris and then Bologna, where he distinguished himself by his proficiency in canon law. On returning to England in 1235, Richard was elected Oxford's chancellor.

His former tutor, Edmund of Abingdon, had become archbishop of Canterbury. Richard shared Edmund's ideals of clerical reform and supported papal rights even against the king. In 1237, Archbishop Edmund appointed Richard chancellor of the diocese of Canterbury. Richard joined the archbishop during his exile at Pontigny, and was with him when the archbishop died circa 1240. Richard then decided to become a priest and studied theology for two years with the Dominicans at Orléans. Upon return-

ing to England, Richard became the parish priest at Charing and at Deal, but soon was reappointed chancellor of Canterbury by the new archbishop Boniface of Savoy.

In 1244 Richard was elected Bishop of Chichester. Henry III and part of the chapter refused to accept him, the king favouring the candidature of Robert Passelewe. Archbishop Boniface refused to confirm Passelewe, so both sides appealed to the pope. The king, who seems to have inherited the Plantagenet habit of falling out with churchmen, confiscated the see's properties and revenues, but Innocent IV confirmed Richard's election and consecrated him bishop at Lyons in March 1245. Richard then returned to Chichester, but the king refused to restore the see's properties for two years, and then did so only after being threatened with excommunication. Henry III forbade anyone to house or feed Richard. At first, Richard lived at Tarring in the house of



his friend Simon, the parish priest of Tarring, visiting his entire diocese on foot, and cultivating figs in his spare time.

Richard's private life was reported as having displayed rigorous frugality and temperance. Richard was an ascetic who wore a hair-shirt and refused to eat off silver. He kept his diet simple and rigorously excluded animal flesh, having been a vegetarian since his days at Oxford.

Richard was merciless to usurers, corrupt clergy and priests who mumbled the Mass. He was also a stickler for the privileges of the church. When the

men of Lewes dragged a thief out of sanctuary and hanged him, he made them cut down the corpse and bury it in the sanctuary. Richard furnished the chronicler, Matthew Paris, with material for the life of St. Edmund Rich, and instituted the offerings for the cathedral at Chichester which were known later as "St. Richard's pence."

Richard's episcopate was marked by the favour which he showed to the Dominicans, a house of this order at Orléans having sheltered him during his stay in France, and by his earnestness in preaching a crusade. After dedicating St Edmund's Chapel at Dover, he died aged 56 at the Maison Dieu, Dover at midnight on 3 April 1253, where the Pope had ordered him to preach a crusade. His internal organs were removed and placed in that chapel's altar. Richard's body was then carried to Chichester cathedral and buried, according to his wishes, in the chapel on the north side of the nave, dedicated to his patron St. Edmund. His remains were translated to a new shrine in 1276.

It was generally believed that miracles were wrought at Richard's tomb in Chichester cathedral, which was long a popular place of pilgrimage, and in 1262, just nine years after his death, he was canonized at Viterbo by Pope Urban IV.

His feast day is on 3 April in the West, but because this date generally falls within Lent or Eastertide, this is normally translated to 16 June in some provinces of the Anglican Communion, which venerates St. Richard more widely than does the Roman Catholic Church.

During the episcopate of the first Anglican bishop of Chichester, Richard Sampson, King Henry VIII of England, through his Vicar-General, Thomas Cromwell, ordered the destruction of the Shrine of St. Richard in Chichester cathedral in 1538.

The Shrine of St. Richard had, up to this point, enjoyed a level of popularity approaching that accorded to Thomas Becket at Canterbury. It seems that someone associated with the parish of West Wittering in Sussex, possibly William Ernley, using his position

as royal commissioner for the destruction of St. Richard's Shrine, may have spirited away the relics and bones of St. Richard and hidden them in their own parish church, as there are persistent legends of the presence there of the remains of the saint.

The modern St Richard's Shrine is located in the retro-quire of Chichester cathedral and was re-established in 1930 by Dean Duncan Jones. In 1987 during the restoration of the Abbey of La Lucerne, in Normandy, the lower part of a man's arm was discovered in a reliquary. This relic was thought to be Richard's. After examination, to establish its provenance, the relic was offered to Bishop Eric Kemp and received into the cathedral on 15 June 1990. The relic was buried in 1991 below the St Richard altar. A further relic, together with an authentication certificate, was offered from Rome at the same time and is now housed at the bishop's chapel in Chichester. The modern shrine of Richard contains an altar that was designed by Robert Potter, a tapestry designed by Ursula Benker-Schirmer (partly woven in her studio in Bavaria and partly at the West Dean College) and an icon designed by Sergei Fyodorov that shows St Richard in episcopal vestments, his hand raised in blessing the viewer, but also in supplication to the figure of Christ who appears to him from heaven .

Richard is widely remembered today for the popular prayer ascribed to him:

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly, and
Follow Thee more nearly.

Richard is supposed to have recited the prayer on his deathbed, surrounded by the clergy of the diocese. The words were transcribed, in Latin, by his confessor Ralph Bocking, a Dominican

friar, and were eventually published in the Acta Sanctorum, an encyclopedic text in sixty-eight folio volumes of documents examining the lives of Christian saints.

Whoever translated the Latin into the English version above was obviously skilled in his craft, as he managed to produce a rhyming triplet - "clearly, dearly, nearly". However, versions of St Richard's prayer before the 20th century did not contain the triplet, and it is thought that the first version which did was published in "The Churchman's Prayer Manual" by G.R.Bullock-Webster in 1913. The first use of the rhyming triplet in a hymn was in the "Mirfield Mission Hymnbook" of 1922, and the first use of the phrase "Day by Day" was in the "Songs of Praise, Enlarged Edition" published in 1931.

The author who is credited with translating the prayer from the original Acta Sanctorum and bringing it to public notice, was Cecil Headlam in 1898. The following version in the "Prayers of Saints" is quite different from the one that is familiar today :

‘THE DYING PRAYER OF S. RICHARD,
Bishop of Chichester.

LORD JESU CHRIST, I thank Thee for
all the blessings Thou hast given me,
and for all the sufferings and shame Thou
didst endure for me, on which account that
pitiable cry of sorrow was Thine : " Behold and
see, if there was any sorrow like unto My
sorrow ! " Thou knowest, Lord, how willing
I should be to bear insult, and pain, and death
for Thee ; therefore have mercy on me, for to
Thee do I commend my spirit. Amen’

This has the feel of what a pious and saintly prelate might utter at the last, and is perhaps our best insight into the kind of bishop, and the kind of man, St Richard was.

Comment:

The power of Archdeacons continued to increase for a time after Richard of Chichester's efforts to bring order to the clergy; as time went on, bishops were made uneasy by their growing influence which appeared to threaten their own jurisdiction so their powers were reduced, almost disappearing in the Roman Catholic church at the Council of Trent; today, in that communion it is just an honorary title. By contrast, in the Church of England the powers of Archdeacons continue; they carry responsibility, among other things, for church buildings, for the clergy and their families, and for some pastoral problems. "Rev" on television seems to have formed the current popular view of Archdeacons, but the presence of our two new Archdeacons at the ceremony held at St Peter's for the swearing in of churchwardens gave an opportunity to observe rather different characters.

Saint chosen by Richard Carter and commented by Valerie Smith

CATHERINE ELLIS-ROBSON

I'm thrilled to be joining St Peter's and can't wait to get stuck in with all the exciting things happening at Eaton Square.

I am currently working for the Prince's Charitable Foundation near Tetbury, Gloucestershire. I have mainly worked in rural parishes so far (I'll be moving to London after I get married this summer), and I am looking forward to the diverse and exciting, hustle and bustle of city life. At Eaton Square, I am interested in finding out about and helping the local charities in my future parish.

I passionately believe that God's Love in Christ is for everyone, and love that St Peter's is a welcoming, inclusive place of worship.

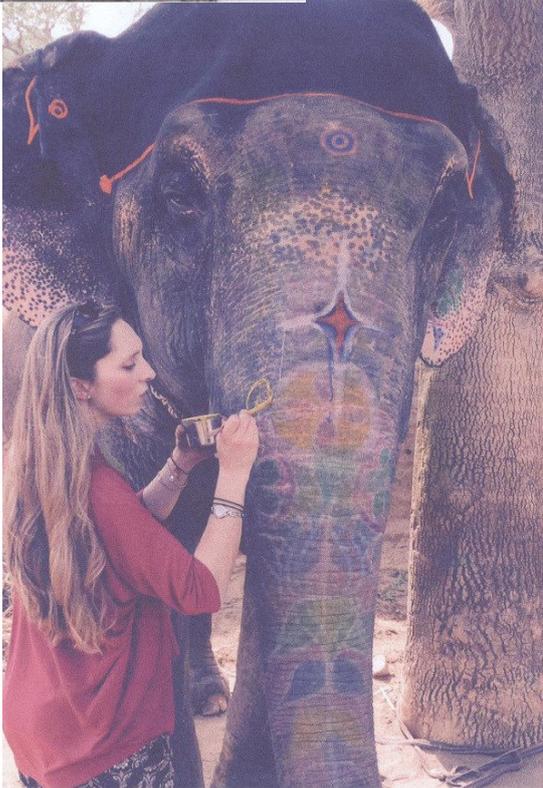
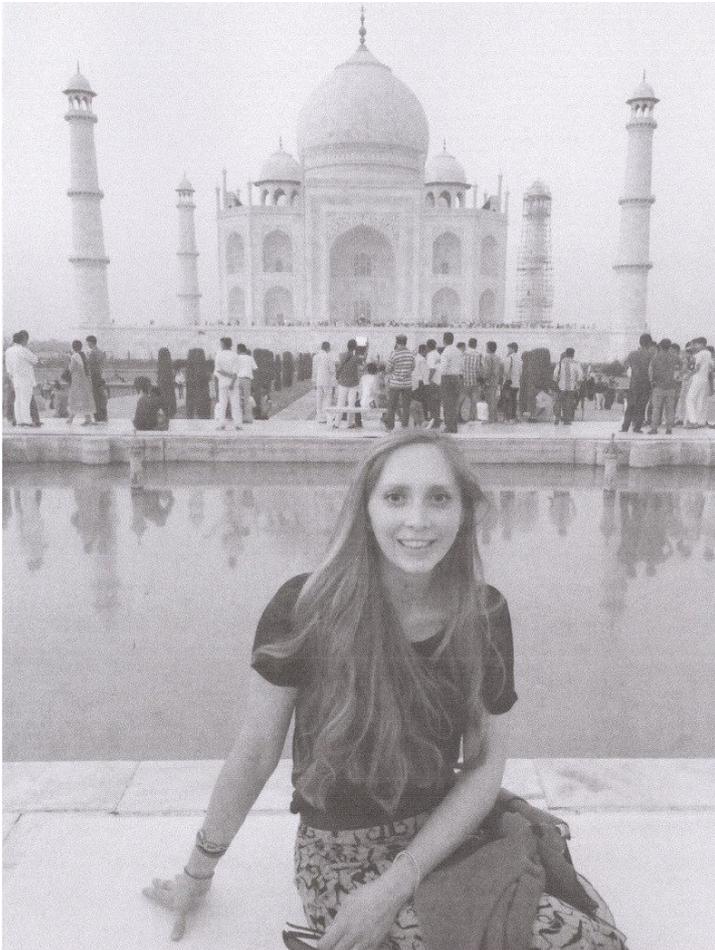
I myself am a trained artist, and my work is inspired by my spirituality and deeply rooted in my faith. I love for creativity to be used to encourage questions, acknowledge truth and invite peace and I look forward to sharing my art and creativity with my new church in due course.

I feel particularly drawn to St Peter's for many reasons, from the incredible reputation it has for musical excellence, to the wonderful relationship St Peter's has with the primary school, of which I was fortunate enough to attend for an assembly last month. There is so much more for me to learn, and this next year will be a wonderful adventure of new knowledge, meeting the lovely parishioners and being a part of the St Peter's community.

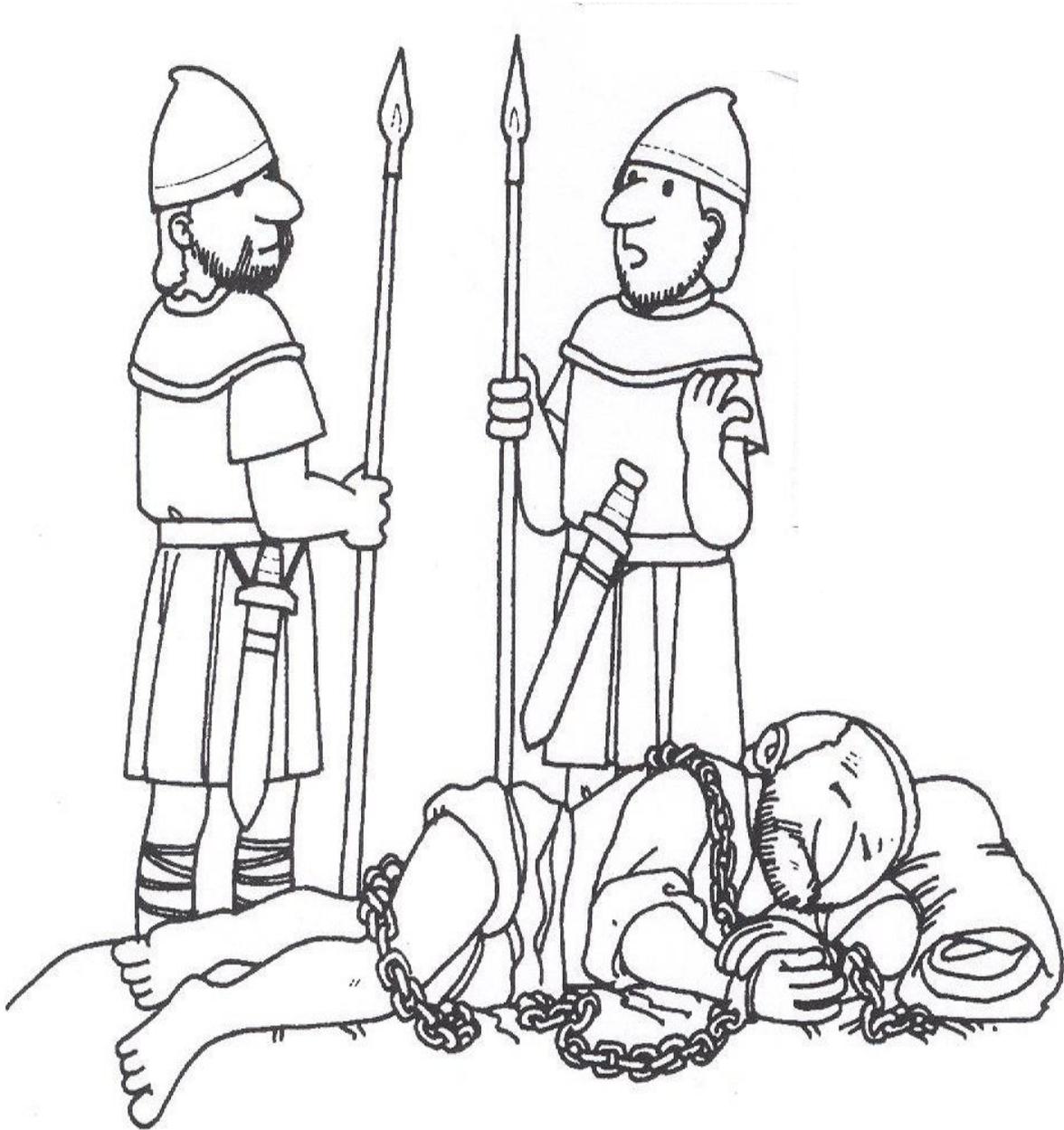
Thank you for having me!

CATHERINE ELLIS-ROBSON

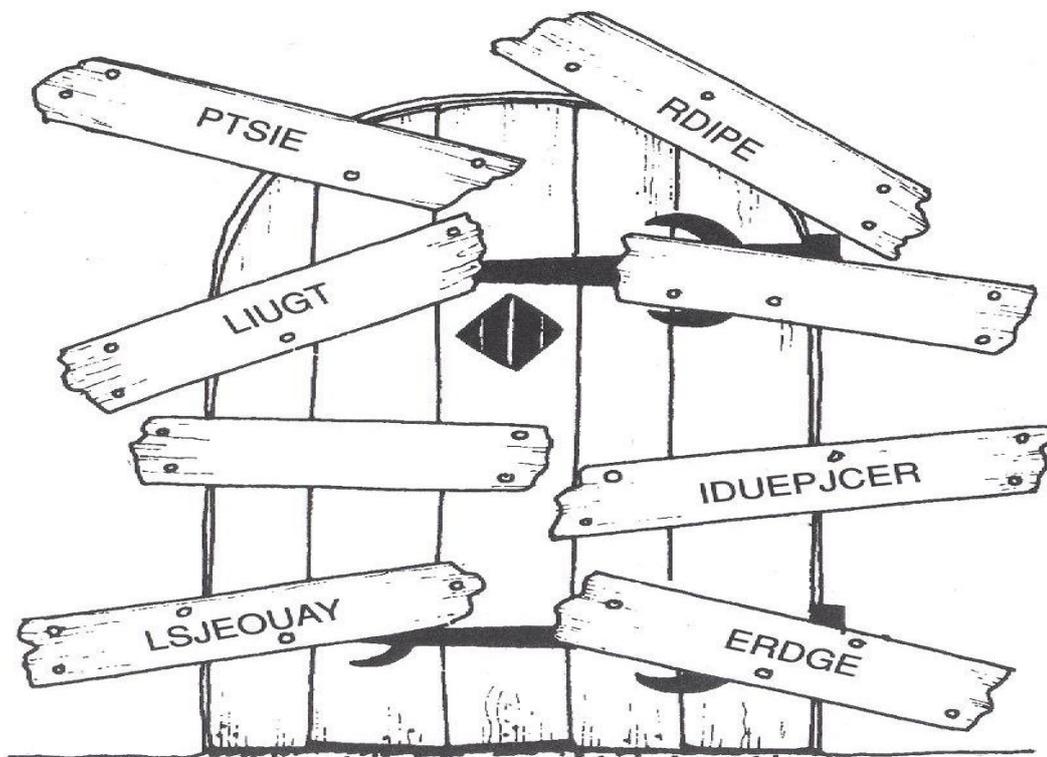
Pictures of Catherine including some taken on her holiday to India.



Peter in prison
Read Acts 12: 6-11



God sets people free



What must we be freed from?
Unscramble the words in the planks securing the door and then find them in the wordsearch.



RECIPE FOR JUNE

Lamb Stifado

Ingredients

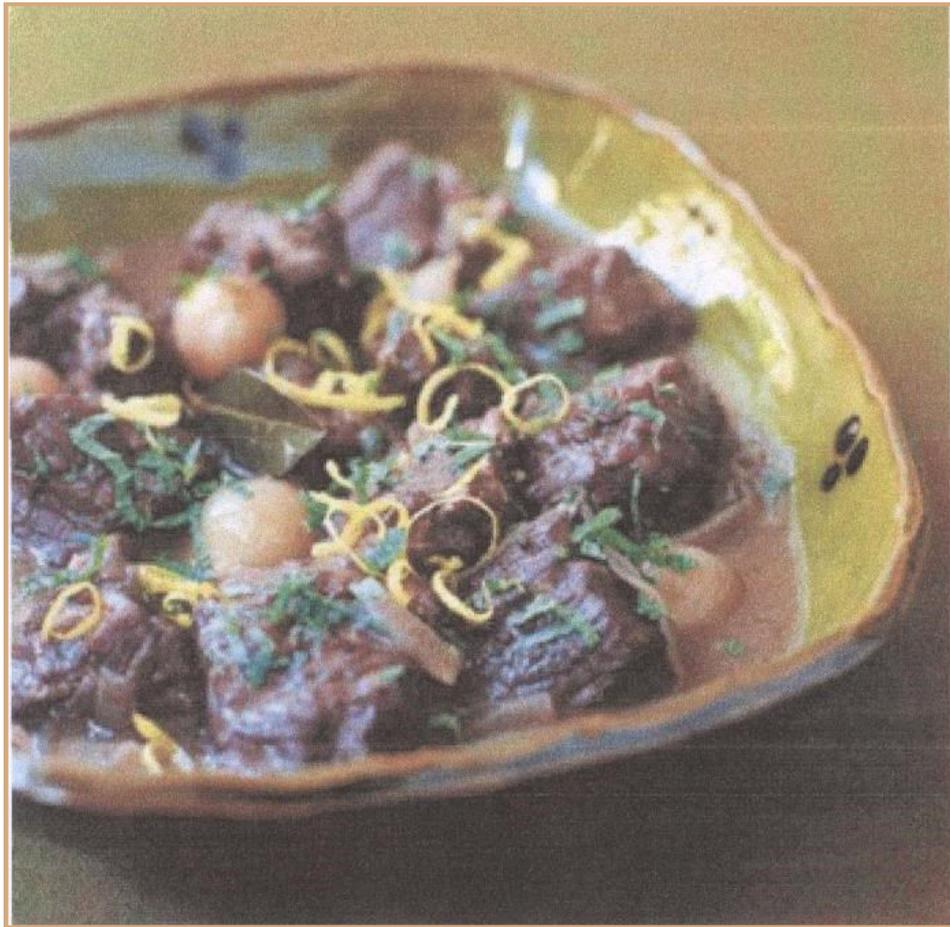
- 1½kg (3 lbs) boneless Lamb shoulder
- 3tbsp olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 150ml (4½ fl oz) red wine
- 350ml (11 fl oz) beef stock
- 1 x 400g (13 fl oz) tin chopped Italian tomatoes
- 2 bay leaves
- ½ lemon
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 10 small shallots, peeled
- 2 tbsp chopped mint, to serve
- Grated lemon zest, to serve

Method

1. Trim the lamb of any fat and sinew and cut the shoulder into 5cm (2in) portions.
2. Heat half the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat.
3. Cook the meat four pieces at a time, adding a little extra oil if needed, until browned. Transfer to a large saucepan.
4. Return the frying pan to the heat, add the remaining oil and cook the garlic and onions, stirring for about 7 minutes or until they start to soften.
5. Transfer to the saucepan.
6. Add the red wine, stock, tomatoes, bay leaves, lemon, cinnamon stick and shallots to the saucepan.
7. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer very gently, partially covered, for about 2 hours, or until the meat is very

tender.

8. Remove the lemon, season and top with the mint and zest.



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There are two ways to leave a legacy to St Peter's.

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See also the new Diocesan leaflet on making a will - available from the book stall.

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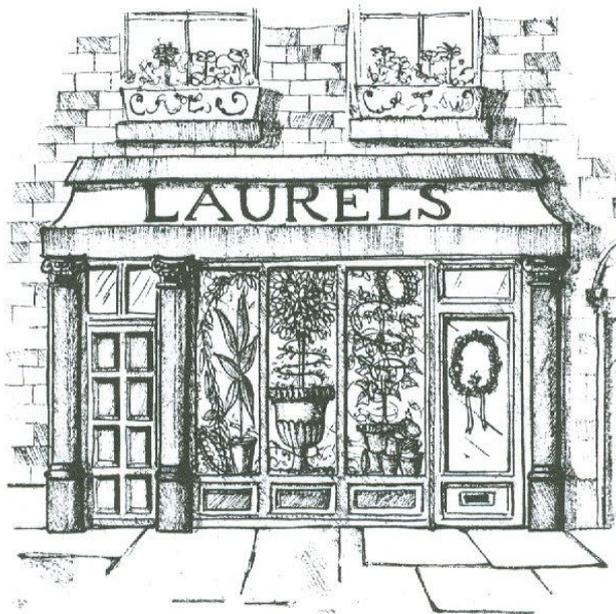
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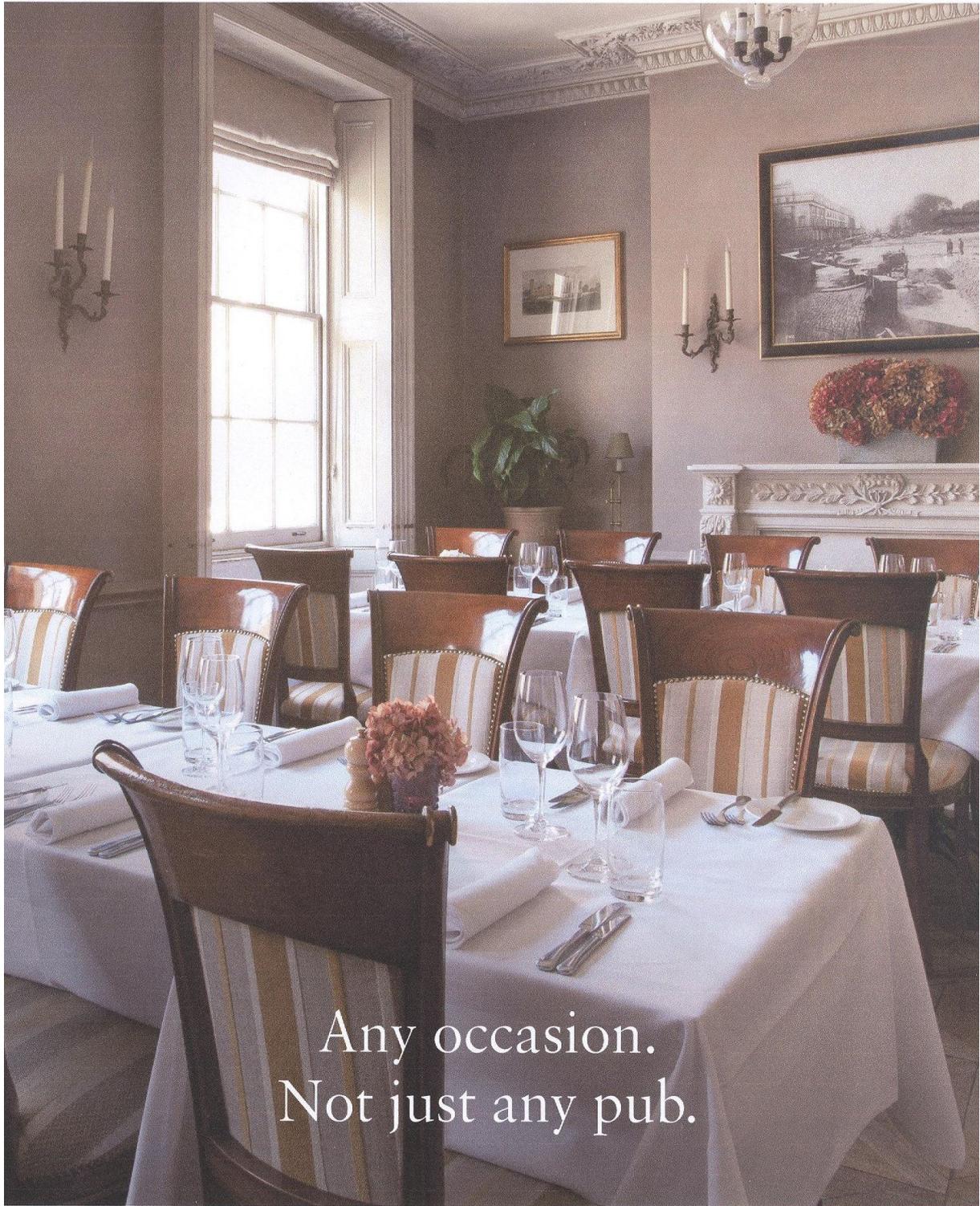
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