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## VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



As I write this letter I am preparing to go away for a few days with Rachel to one of my favourite places. We will stay in a hut on a nature reserve on the Isle of Sheppy - a beautiful expanse of unspoilt nature where migrating birds, owls and warblers go about their lives undisturbed. The sunrise across the meadows is spectacular and hares sniff the air without worry from dogs or people. It will be just the second time we have been but it had already become a very special place for me, a place where I feel close to God. The expression 'thin places' is often used to describe the sense of closeness to the life of heaven in a particular place, and it expresses well the feeling that the spiritual realm, the realm of God's eternity, is very close indeed. In the Old Testament the Temple in Jerusalem most clearly illustrates this sense of God's presence in our earthly spaces, but the temple points ahead to the presence of God in Christ, and to the Incarnation. For us Jesus of Nazareth was and is the dwelling place of God, and through our baptism into Christ and our mystical participation in the mystery of the Incarnation, we are that dwelling place too. For Christians, there may be geographical places which help us to recognise the presence of

God more powerfully, 'thin places' where heaven seems to enfold and touch us, but the tearing of the temple curtain when Jesus died and rose signifies that God is now most present elsewhere. God's holy presence is now to be found in Jesus, and in each and every human life, in you and in me and in all the people who God made in his love.

We crave difference and excitement, and love to find a sense of God's presence at the end of a journey, on a mountaintop, through fasting and self sacrifice, or through a preacher from far away who brings a sense of God as exotic. We want to find God in a miracle, in a powerful sign, in saintly people or stories of self sacrifice in far off places. Humankind is constantly striving towards greater power, speed, beauty, or performance. We have a questing nature, which drives us to discover and to reach beyond our humble limits. But the place where we encounter God is not in the extremes. The Incarnation teaches us that God comes to us in the ordinary. Joseph was a local carpenter, not an award winning furniture designer. Mary was a normal girl, not a child genius and model. The presence of God is found most of all in the everyday - in daily bread - in the love of a parent for a child, in the joy of good work well done, in the freely given care of one person for another. Each of us has the potential to be a 'thin place' to others, as we open our hearts to God, who comes to us in our closest friend and in the unexpected stranger.

Ralph

## FROM JULIE



Sometimes putting our faith into practice is as simple as baking a cake.



The other day I was walking past St Peter's School and one of the little boys from reception stopped me.

He said, 'Revd Julie I have a problem.' I asked, 'What is your problem?'

'Well,' he said, 'I really have a problem with this charity thing you and Fr. Ralph are talking about.'

I said, 'Oh really. What is the trouble?'

He continued, 'Well, I know you want me to sell my toys but I want to keep the ones I have. I really like them.' I thought and smiled to myself for a moment and said, 'you know, I certainly don't want you to sell your toys. I'm glad you like them. You keep the toys you have. But maybe when you play with them

you can thank God for his goodness to you. And, as you do this, you can also think of how you might share your toys with others.'

This lovely and very relieved little boy looked at me and said, 'Thank you Revd. Julie. I think I can do that.'

I have no idea where he got the idea that I wanted him to sell his toys but what made an impression on me was how seriously he was taking the call to us as Christians to give to others. The seriousness of his conviction caused him to struggle with what really matters, with what it means for him to share the love and blessings of God with others.

October has been a sad and difficult month in many ways at St Peter's. The loss Stephen Olugboja, such a wonderful man of faith, has touched us all. Seeing the strength of Evelyn as she cares for her children in the midst of profound grief has, for me, put my faith and what is important into focus. And experiencing the generous response of our community has encouraged and enlivened my faith.

Every month an enthusiastic group of people from St Peter's meet in the Vicarage to read and discuss the bible together. As the title of the group conveys, we primarily reflect on what the Scripture is saying to us today, how it encourages, enlivens and challenges our faith. And this month the topic for the Faith Group was the Epistle of James, one of my favourites! Its author is practical and deeply challenging in his focus on putting faith into practice. He writes about wisdom, drawing a line between 'false wisdom' that seeks to glorify the self and 'wisdom from above' that seeks to give glory to the others.

*'The wisdom that comes from above is pure;  
full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and  
sincere. Peacemakers who sow  
in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.'*

As we discussed what these words from James might mean for

us today, Phil told us a very moving and profound story about a recent encounter he had with ‘wisdom from above.’

The characters of the story are a young man whom we will call Anthony and a woman we know well, Nancy Wood. Phil and Matthew recently visited Anthony as part of St Peter’s Welcome Boxes. And they were particularly struck by this encounter.

To summarise Phil’s words, ‘Anthony is only 22 and has had a difficult story.

He came here as a student to study English four years ago after having to leave his country quickly. He has been told by relatives and friends that his life would be in danger if he returned. Since his arrival Anthony has had a hard time, put into a detention centre and on one occasion nearly deported. His immigration a process underway and yet it won’t be easy. He is stressed and nervous about his next step. Despite everything Anthony is still strong and he comes across as intelligent, thoughtful and resilient. He has a great sense of humour, friends in London and regularly attends an English course.

As requested I bought him a monthly bus pass and also topped up his Oyster Card. We also took him to a local Sainsbury’s and bought him some groceries. Just basic things for food and washing.

Earlier in the week I had an email from Nancy asking if I thought Anthony might like a cake. And, of course, the answer was yes – who doesn’t like cake, especially Nancy’s cakes?.... So Nancy baked a cake the day of the visit and Phil and Matthew gave to Anthony. And Anthony’s reaction was wonderful. Phil and Matthew said he was so deeply touched by this gesture, that he had never received a homemade gift like this. ‘Sometimes some motherly love goes a long way!!’

The next day Phil received a text from Anthony thanking him again for the visit.

He included with the text a photo of the empty wrapping from

Nancy's cake, leaving no doubt of his enjoyment and appreciation.

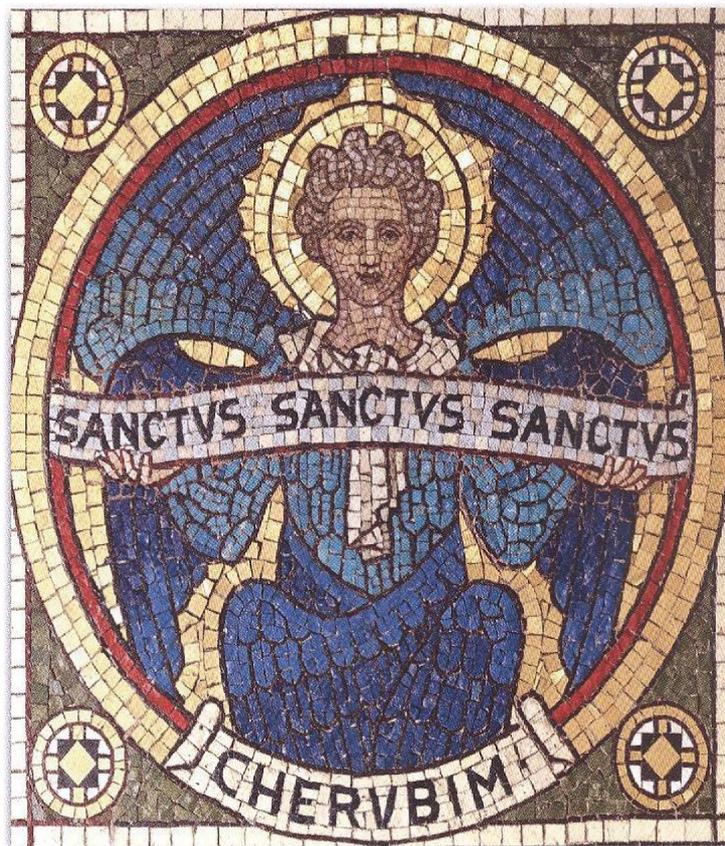
Anthony needed to know that others care about his situation, and more importantly, about him. His story, for me, encapsulates St Peter's vision to be a welcoming church community. And it points to what James meant when he wrote, 'the wisdom that comes from above is pure; peace-loving, considerate, full of mercy and good fruit' - or good cake!



*Julie Khovacs*

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# ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

We invite you to special services this autumn to celebrate Harvest Festival and All Saints, to mark Remembrance Sunday and the Feast of All Souls, when we remember those who have died.

## OCTOBER

### SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER - HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.15am (BCP) 10.30am Harvest Festival - Parish Eucharist  
We celebrate the goodness of creation and our stewardship of the earth.  
*Please join us for the service and for a shared lunch afterwards.*

### SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER - LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.15am (BCP) 9.45am Family Eucharist  
11.15am Sung Eucharist  
Guest preacher: Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin  
Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons  
*Music: Missa Mille regretz - Morales; Trade me post te - Guerrero*

## NOVEMBER

### THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY

8.00am and 12.30pm Said Eucharists  
*If you have a loved one who has passed away, please come to remember them at either of our two simple All Souls Day Eucharists*

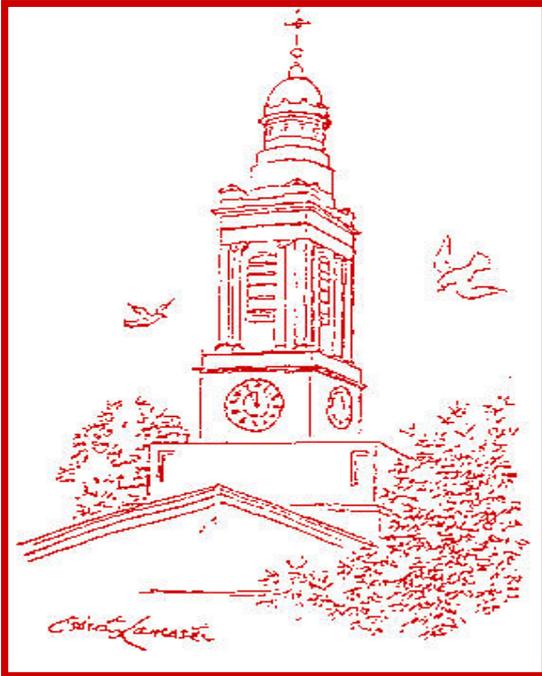
### SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8.15am (BCP) 9.45am Family Eucharist  
11.15am Sung Eucharist. *Music:*  
*Messe, H.1 - Charpentier; I beheld, and lo! a great multitude - Blow*

### SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.15am (BCP) 9.45am Family Eucharist  
Silence will be observed at 11am 11.15am Sung Eucharist  
*Music: Berliner Messe - Pärt; Littlemore tractus - Pärt*

## PARISH NEWS



October is the season of meetings and St Peter's was humming with creative and useful activity throughout the month. The Outreach group, the Pimlico St Peter's Trust, the Welcome Box group, Stewardship group, School Governing body, Formation group and the Resources Committee all met, setting the agenda for the life and witness of the church in coming months. Thank you to all who are involved in the work of the

church in all these ways. We try hard to remember that what we do is for the glory of God and for the good of others, and not just to perpetuate our institution. The church was also very happy to host a number of events, with regular use by choirs, orchestra and charities, Eaton Square Concerts with outstanding performers playing to good audiences, and twice weekly Poppets groups now led by our latest member of staff Ana Mateos and helper Carole. Year 5 from St Peter's School came to share their work so far this term with the rest of the school at a class assembly, the Youth Group and Faith discussion group met and the new Pilgrim course began on Monday evenings.

These regular events are the daily and weekly life of the church and church community, but in addition this month we celebrated our Harvest Festival - for the school on Friday 9th and for the church on Sunday 11th, with beautiful autumnal flowers provided kindly by Phil Clifton, and a sumptuous meal of pies and puddings on the portico, in glorious sunshine, feeding well over a hundred people. The great quantity of gifts we brought were collected the following day by The Passage, to feed local

homeless people. Fr Ralph also led the Harvest Celebration at Eaton House School, who also supported The Passage. Both Julie and Ralph were busy in our local schools, taking assemblies at Westminster City Boys, and at Grey Coat Hospital, and with support now from Matthew Butler, leading our weekly services in St Peter's School, preparing prayers and going in to lead RE lessons every few weeks. Our last wedding of the year took place on October 21st, when Jenny and Gordon married at St Peter's, in a church filled with trees - real living trees. On Friday 27th fifteen of us went away on an overnight Retreat, staying at St Columba's House in Woking, for a time of renewal and refreshment with God and one another.

In the middle of the month we celebrated 20 years of service at St Peter's from Andrew-John Smith. In this time he has inspired and led the choir to offer outstanding music at the Sung Eucharist and other services, with an extraordinary repertoire which is little heard elsewhere. A fitting choral concert celebrated Renaissance Masterpieces, and on Sunday the 15th we presented Andrew with an engraved pewter tankard, a bottle of beer to fill it, and flowers, before the choir went to eat and drink in celebration at a local pub.

The month drew to a close with a guest preacher at the Sung Eucharist: we were delighted to welcome Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. who entertained and inspired us all.

Sadly, we experienced two deaths this month. David Lawman died at the age of 96, and although he was not attending the church he had lived on Eaton Square for around half a century. His family held a simple ceremony at Putney Vale Crematorium. And then our beloved church member Stephen Olugboja passed away at Charing Cross Hospital on the 8th of October, after a brave fight with cancer. At the time of writing his funeral details have not been confirmed, but we will be holding a funeral service at the church. Our prayers are with Evelyn and their

children, Stephanie, Alexandra, Edward and Jonathan.

As we look ahead to November, we enter the season of All Saints and All Souls simply, with said services on those days with a fuller celebration on the following Sunday. On Saturday the 4th we will be enjoying a Latin American Evening with great food, music and dancing, and a challenging quiz too. Remembrance Sunday is to be marked in the customary way, with a bugler and ceremony of remembrance between our 9.45am and 11.15am services, and acts of worship and remembrance at Victoria Station too.

The PCC meet on Monday 13th November, and Ralph, Julie and Matthew will be away for a few days the following week, on a retreat for Pastoral Assistants and their clergy at Mickelpage. On Sunday the 26th November, Christ the King, we hold our now customary Stewardship Sunday, celebrating God's gifts and the chance to use them generously. The month will end an early Christmas concert for the charity Kids for Kids, who work in Darfur, Sudan, and the first rehearsal for our Christmas Nativity Play. Just into December, on the 2nd, the School invites us all to enjoy their Christmas Fair, the day before the beginning of Advent. This year we will not be holding an Advent Carol Service, sadly, as it is just two weeks until our Christmas Carol Service in the church.

Ralph

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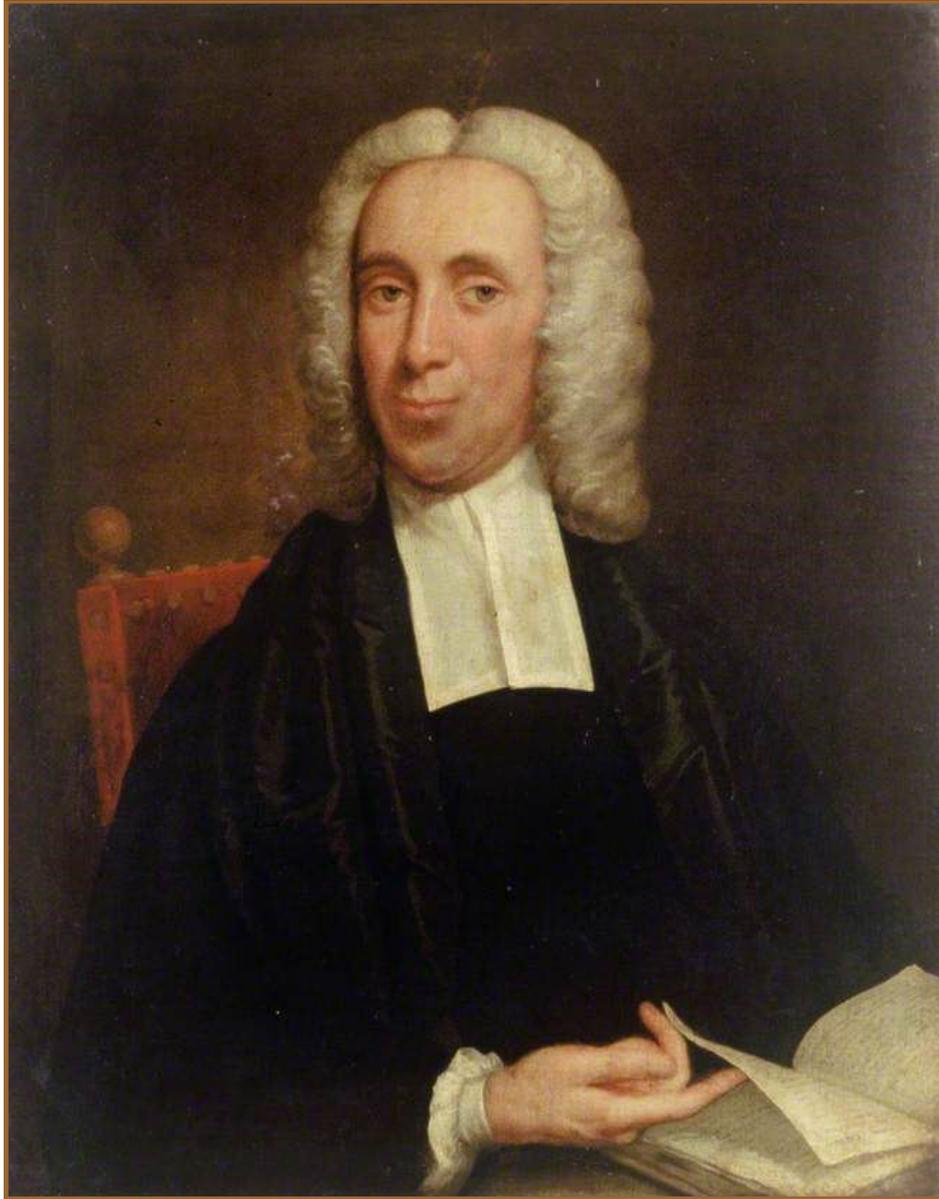
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PICTURE FOR NOVEMBER

*Isaac Watts*

*17 July 1674 - 25 November 1748*



*An English Christian minister, hymn writer, theologian and logician. He was a prolific and popular hymn writer and is credited with some 750 hymns.*

*Many of his hymns remain in use today and have been translated into numerous languages.*

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

### **Sunday, 5 November -**

#### **All Saint's Sunday:**

Revelation 7: 9 -17

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

### **Sunday, 12 November -**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

Wisdom 6: 17 -20

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

### **Sunday, 19 November - Second**

#### **Sunday before Advent**

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

### **Sunday, 26 November -**

#### **Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### **BAPTISM**

15 October - Omoefe Agore

### **MARRIAGE**

21 October - Robert Gordon Hector  
Jennifer Mary Donnellan

## FROM MATTHEW



Happy Halloween!

The idea for this article came from an unexpected encounter with Halloween by way of an American friend, who said to me: “Halloween isn’t evil”. She often worries about talking to “people of faith” about her celebration of Halloween, and the enjoyment she and her family gets out of it. My friend’s confrontation with a perceived Christian reluctance towards the festival unearthed some of its more meaningful roots as a defence. She expanded on her statement by explaining how she

sees Halloween as a ward against evil, mainly through dressing up and making fun of ghosts, vampires and other monsters .



Oddly, this was actually the original idea behind the celebrations. It originally began as a pagan festival called Samhain, celebrated by the Celts in the British Isles on October

31<sup>st</sup>. Samhain gets its name from the Celtic lord of death, literally meaning “summer’s end”; it is also worth noting that the beginning of winter was also known as a time of human death as well, with frantically cold nights and a literally darker, more dangerous environment. From my online reading, I understand it as a time where the souls of the dead were allowed to “return to their earthly homes that evening”, which lead to the possibility of inflicting harm upon the living. M.J. Toswell provides some similarities with modern Halloween, where he says the “donning of costumes in order to evade the attention of spirits or the restless dead has become the elaboration of costumes that reflect our deepest fears”. I think this may well be a melodramatic way of looking at why we like dressing up today, but I like the connection with costumes from the Middle Ages as a way to hide from an encounter with evil.

To return to my friend’s explanation, it is odd how she felt that this explanation of Halloween amounts to a Christian apologetic. The more I thought about it, however, the more I saw the appeal for Christians as well. After all, we say the word “evil” every Sunday with the Lord’s Prayer: “Deliver us from evil”. Halloween is, when we look deeper into it, an opportunity to acknowledge evil’s existence. Not only this, but we also dispel bad things by having fun, where laughter is often, I believe, the best way to destroy negative influences.

We do not, then, have to fear Halloween, but rather see it as another attempt to make sense of the unknown. All Hallows Eve, with its “masquerading, even more candy and treats, and a joining together of communities”, has at its core “a recognition that the world is a difficult entity to understand, an acknowledgement that humanity cannot fully comprehend its place in the universe”. I also like the idea that dressing-up as something society is afraid of is also a way of “accepting the other”, accepting people and things we do not understand. This is what Toswell, as a medieval historian, sees in the Harry Potter stories, where many children today will dress up as more friendly

witches and wizards like Ron, Hermione and Harry. These characters are “powerful images of possibility, of the magic inherent in human existence”. Perhaps, then, we can also see this day as a celebration of difference and our society’s diversity. But whatever your own personal interpretation, I hope you had a very happy Halloween!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew". The signature is written in black ink and has a decorative flourish at the end.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/all-saints-and-all-souls.html>, accessed  
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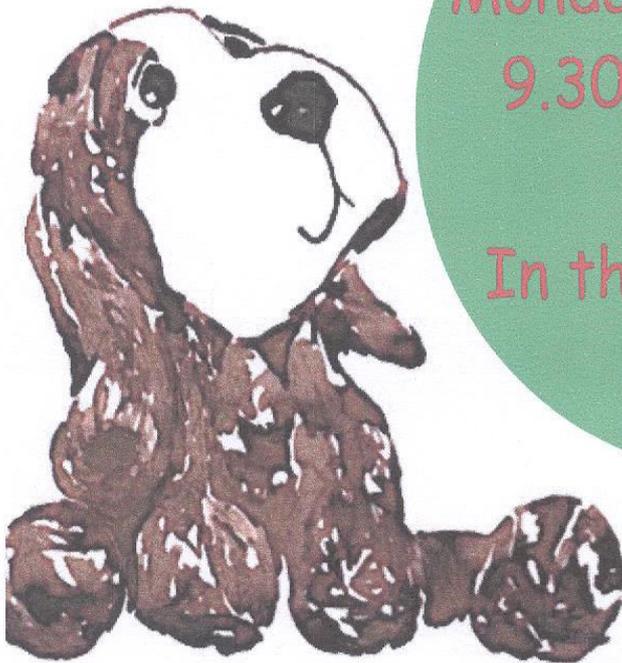
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FR. DESMOND TILLYER'S  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EUCHARIST  
SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.

I want to express through the medium of the parish magazine my grateful thanks to all those who helped me prepare for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priesting with a Solemn concelebrated Eucharist on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. To organise such an event with 22 concelebrant priests, a visiting bishop and religious Sisters from two religious communities takes planning and practical expertise.

My thanks go to Olivia, the Parish Administrator for all her help and skill in preparing the Order of Service, to George, the Verger, for his meticulous preparations for this very complex occasion, to Andrew, the Director of Music, for recruiting the parish choir and the orchestra for the extraordinary performance of the two Haydn pieces – the Nelson Mass and one of the Te Deum in C - plus Mozart and Harris anthems, to Valerie Smith and the volunteers who worked with her both as sidespersons and overseeing the distribution of the wine and food of the reception, to Judith Richardson and the servers who served the Mass, and all those who weighed in to clear up afterwards.

Also, my thanks go to all those who came, both those who knew me during my time as Vicar of St Peter's and those in the present congregation whom I did not know who responded to my invitation in the parish magazine earlier in the year.

Finally, and most importantly, my thanks must go to Fr Ralph who agreed to my request to return to St Peter's for this occasion, even though he was unable to be present himself. It meant so much to me to celebrate this milestone in my ministry at St Peter's where I spent so many happy and fulfilling years as your parish priest.

DESMOND TILLYER



*Photographs taken by Carla Richie*



*Frs Desmond and Alan  
with Alderman Frances  
Ramsey*

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

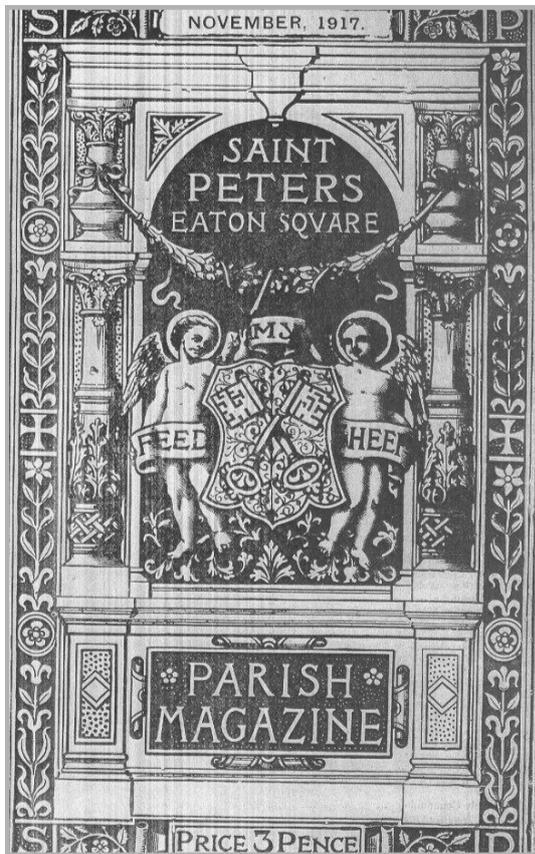
**This is the Church's liturgical calendar for the month ahead. It shows the holy days that we will be celebrating in common with other Christians throughout the world. In the right hand column is indicated the particular focus of our prayer each day at St Peter's. You might like to incorporate it into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

<b>W 1</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	<b>For holiness of life</b>
Th 2	All Souls' Day	Of Requiem
F 3	Richard Hooker (1600)	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 4		For all who work in Parliament
<b>Su 5</b>	<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 6	William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944	For communities shaped by the gospel
Tu 7	Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739	For retreat houses and leaders
W 8	The Saints and Martyrs of England	For courageous witness to the faith
Th 9	Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440	For prayerfulness
F 10	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 11	Martin Bishop of Tours, c. 397	For Christian leaders
<b>Su 12</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 13		For all victims of war
Tu 14	Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796	For the American Episcopal Church
W 15		For the Middle East
Th 16	Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240	For the Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff

## CALENDAR CONTD

F 17	Hugh Bishop of Lincoln	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231	For philanthropy
<b>Su 19</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 20	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870	For the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust (Z2K)
Tu 21		For LDBS and church schools in London
W 22	Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230	For our choirs and musicians
Th 23	Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100	For persecuted Christians
F 24		For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 25	Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century	For the homeless
<b>Su 26</b>	<b>Christ the King - Stewardship Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 27		For the parish staff
Tu 28		For all who work or live in the Parish
W 29	Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church	For mission
<b>Th 30</b>	<b>Andrew the Apostle</b>	<b>For the Mission to Seaman</b>

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



### *All Saints' Day*

*We are coming through these years into a larger sense of the great fellowship of human life which Death cannot destroy. On All Saints' Day we think of that growing fellowship which earth has created and which is deeply rooted in our hearts and lives. On this day we think of them in their desire that they shall still have "a place and a name" in our thoughts and prayers. Death does not make them outcasts and aliens from our life, but forces us to reach up to them. How shall we think of them? Surely as we knew them, all their*

*natural force which for a time was shattered, yet now so fully restored and invigorated. We have been given a new thought of their life. Too often we have thought of it as passive, almost colourless life in which men lose their individuality, their humanness. Yet, we can no longer think of it so. This fresh flooding of that life with youth and high endeavour and hope brings to us the thought of the strength and vitality of that life. On All Saints' Day we claim that life as ours. It is we who by our losses invade that life and claim it for our own; it is the life of our life that is theirs: it is our contribution which God takes from us. Our life is thrilled with the reciprocal force of that life coming back upon us. How much of the spirit of these days is due to the charging of our life with that increased vitality of the spirit life with that which earth has supplied it is difficult for us to say. Anyhow, we realise that there is a new union between that life and this. May we not hope that increasingly over and*

*above the Memorial Services which are so largely a part of our life we may realise the power and appeal of that Memorial Service in which we “do this in Remembrance of Him” in Whom those on earth and those beyond the veil are made one.*

**Comment:**

This month, as well as All Saints and All Souls, we celebrate Remembrance Sunday, making this indeed a month when we look towards those who have lived before us. 100 years ago, we were still involved in the First World War. Remembrance Day started to be observed at the request of the King in 1919, to commemorate the day on which the Armistice signed between the Allies and Germany came into effect, which was at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. So at the time of writing this article there was no established communal remembrance of those killed in war even though consciousness of the carnage that was going on in Western Europe was increasing, nor had the observation of All Souls day been widely restored in the Church of England. The series of articles that have already appeared in this magazine bears witness to how closely the families in this area were touched by wartime losses. So the then Vicar Austin Thompson in this passage seeks to link the remembrance of the dead to the feast of All Saints, seeing a growing energy imparted to the living by the young soldiers gone before. He links the memorial of them and all the unknown saints of the past with the great Memorial of the Eucharist, “in remembrance of Him in Whom those on earth and those beyond the veil are made one”. The period of silence, the laying of wreaths and the wearing of poppies now give separate expression to the remembrance of war dead, but the Eucharist celebrated on these November day remains the greatest of commemorations.

Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith

## ST PETER'S WW1 MEMORIAL

There is some mystery about both the men I am featuring this month.

2nd Lt. Gordon Herbert Lacey M.C was born in 1894 and baptized in St. Barnabas, Lambeth. His father, Frederick William Lacey, worked as a clerk in an insurance company. Gordon had two sisters and a brother and five other siblings had died. Wilfred Lacey, also on our memorial, may have been his younger brother.

Gordon was born in Stockwell in 1884 and he was baptized in St. Barnabas, Lambeth. The 1901 census records the family living in Streatham, and the 1911 census in Tulse Hill. The house here had 8 rooms so perhaps there had been some financial improvement.

Gordon worked for a stockbroker firm before joining 2nd. London regiment Queen Victoria's Rifles. This was a Territorial Army Infantry battalion. He died in France in 1918 and is buried in the St. Sever cemetery in Rouen. By 1918 his mother had also died.



I do not know why he was awarded the MC and I am

mystified about his connection with St. Peter's.

Lt. Douglas Francis Fairfax Shennan was born in 1893 and baptized at St. Peter's. His parents, David and Dolores Shennan lived in 28 Chesham Place. In the 1901 census Douglas and his younger brothers, Kenneth and Malcolm, were, surprisingly, boarders with Mrs Emma Day in Folkestone. Douglas went to

Eton and was gazetted from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1913 to The King's Royal Rifle Corps. He was killed in action in 1915. His name is on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.



*Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres*

PHOEBE HILARY

# MEMORIES OF ST PETER'S SCHOOL

Year 6 were asked to write about their favourite memories of St Peter's School. Here are some of their replies.....

## *St Peter's Memories*

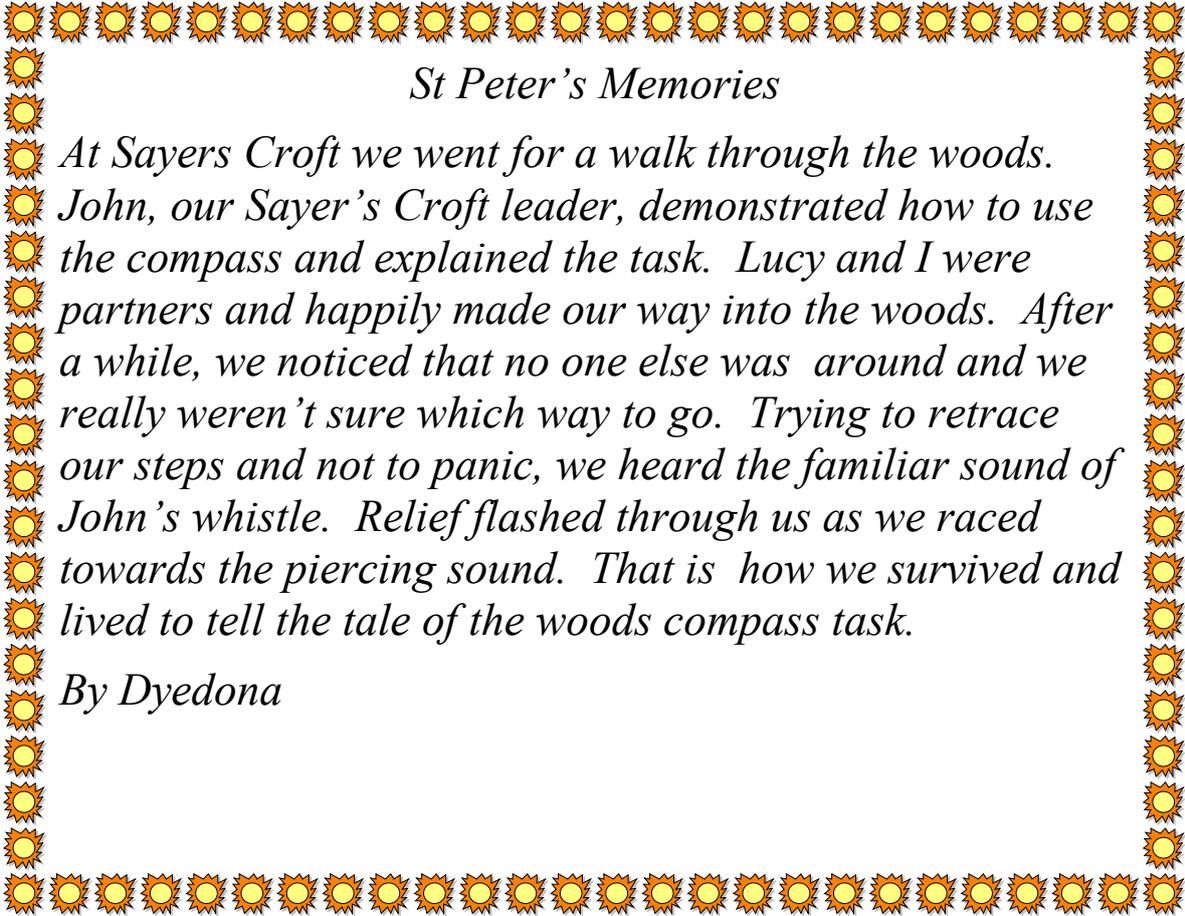
*My best memory of St Peter's was at Sayer's Croft late at night. The lights had been turned off but none of the girls wanted to sleep. We were all whispering to each other until Miss Daly stormed in and told us to be quiet and go to sleep. But after she left some girls were still too excited to sleep. When it was about midnight, Miss Daly came in, sat in the middle of the dorm and waited for all of us to fall asleep. We were all exhausted the next day but see the funny side.*

*Georgia*

## *My Favourite Memory*

*Caving at Sayers Croft is one of my favourite memories. I remember observing our instructor as he was turning our headlights on. I'm glad I did pay attention because it came in handy later on. I was crawling through the tunnel when I heard someone in front of me yell, "Help!" It was Mia. Her headlight had turned off! I told her to keep calm and I quickly turned her headlight back on. That was the day when Mia and I became best friends,*

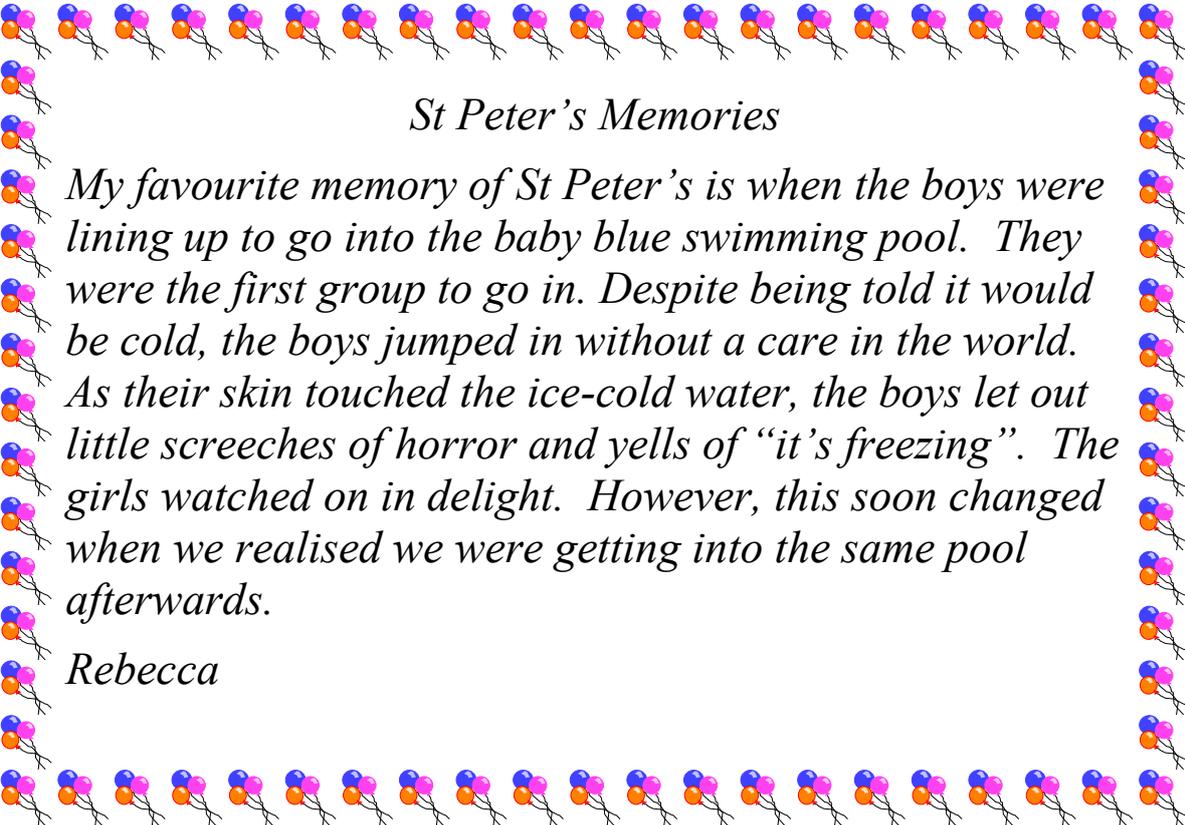
*Lia*



### *St Peter's Memories*

*At Sayers Croft we went for a walk through the woods. John, our Sayer's Croft leader, demonstrated how to use the compass and explained the task. Lucy and I were partners and happily made our way into the woods. After a while, we noticed that no one else was around and we really weren't sure which way to go. Trying to retrace our steps and not to panic, we heard the familiar sound of John's whistle. Relief flashed through us as we raced towards the piercing sound. That is how we survived and lived to tell the tale of the woods compass task.*

*By Dyedona*



### *St Peter's Memories*

*My favourite memory of St Peter's is when the boys were lining up to go into the baby blue swimming pool. They were the first group to go in. Despite being told it would be cold, the boys jumped in without a care in the world. As their skin touched the ice-cold water, the boys let out little screeches of horror and yells of "it's freezing". The girls watched on in delight. However, this soon changed when we realised we were getting into the same pool afterwards.*

*Rebecca*

# TATA AIRLINES

## Air India's forgotten founding father

Many of us will have enjoyed Henrietta Nicholson's paintings which were recently displayed on screens in the church. The proceeds from their sale were given to the Indian Saakshar School appeal.

Henrietta's love for India dates from her childhood for she lived there until she was eight. She was the daughter of Nevill Vintcent OBE, DFC, DSO who, in the words of J.R.D Tata, 'was undoubtedly the father of Indian air transport'.

Vintcent was a veteran World War 1 pilot. In the 1920s he



*J.R.D. Tata with Nevill Vintcent*

worked in South-East Asia as an aviation evangelist and then moved to India where he believed the scope for aviation was much greater. In 1928 he spotted an exciting new business opportunity. Britain's Imperial Airways was starting an international service and would unload the mail bound

for India at Karachi. From there it would be delivered to its destination by rail - a process that would take several days. Vintcent conceived the idea of a domestic air service that would be able to deliver the mail to the same destinations within 24 hours. He was recommended to the chairman of the Tata Group who was sceptical of Vintcent's idea but his nephew, 24 year old JRD Tata, was an avid aviation buff and helped persuade him to support the venture. Thus Tata Air Mail was born with an investment of Rs2 lakh. (1 lakh =100,000)

The airline bought two single-engined Puss Moth aircraft with an average speed of 50mph. One passenger, in case of need, could

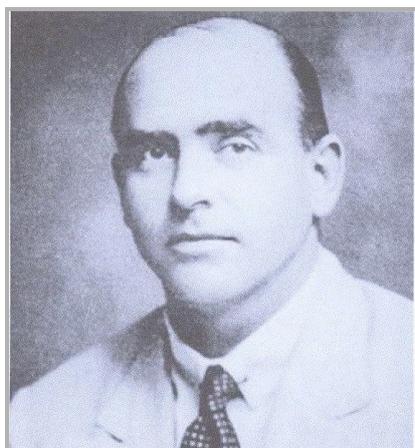
sit on top of the mail bags. The chief pilot was Vintcent. He would navigate by following the railway lines below and sometimes resorted to a slide-rule that he carried in his pocket.

The maiden flight took off from Karachi on October 15th. 1932. Tata carried the mail from Karachi to Mumbai and Vintcent, in the second aircraft, took the remaining mail from Mumbai to Chennai. The HQ was a palm-thatched shed in a mud airfield at Juhu which was submerged below sea level every monsoon, forcing them to shift base to Pune.



Tata was an outstanding service from the very beginning with a 100 % punctuality record. Soon it extended its service to Delhi, Hyderabad, Goa and Colombo. It upgraded to more sophisticated aircraft, carried more passengers and changed its name to the more appropriate Tata Airlines.

At the outbreak of World War 11 its services were commandeered by the government to carry troops and military supplies. But JRD and Vintcent spotted a very exciting alternative opportunity - to get into aircraft manufacturing to help the war effort.



*Nevill Vintcent*

In 1942 they submitted a plan to the British government to set up a company which would mass produce bomber aircraft in Pune. The project was approved but as production was about to start the course of the war changed. The RAF no longer needed bombers but rather required gliders for the forthcoming invasion of Europe. Vintcent flew to England to discuss the change of plan with Lord Beaverbrook.

On his way back to India he managed, in his characteristic hurry,

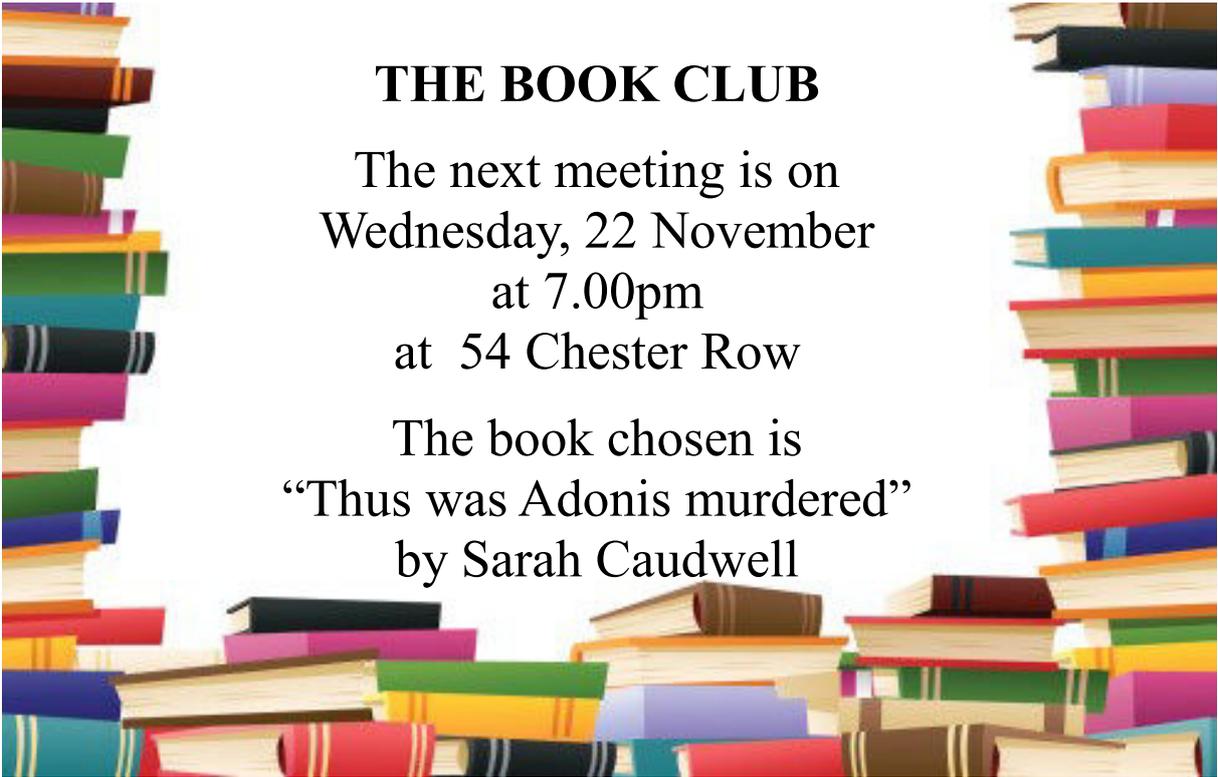
to wangle a lift on an RAF bomber which would be faster than travelling on the civilian airline. The aircraft vanished off the coast of France. Vintcent's body was never found.

Vintcent's death was a great blow to JRD because it was his vision, experience and energy that had played a key role in creating and building the airline. Just before he died, they had been discussing the airline's future in the exciting new world that would open up at the end of the war.

That exciting future did indeed come to pass with Tata Airlines evolving into Air India and going international.

*Slightly abridged from the account of Anvar Alikhan.*

PHOEBE HILARY

The background of the lower half of the page features several stacks of books of various colors (red, green, blue, yellow, purple, brown) and thicknesses, arranged in a way that frames the central text.

## **THE BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting is on  
Wednesday, 22 November  
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The book chosen is  
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by Sarah Caudwell

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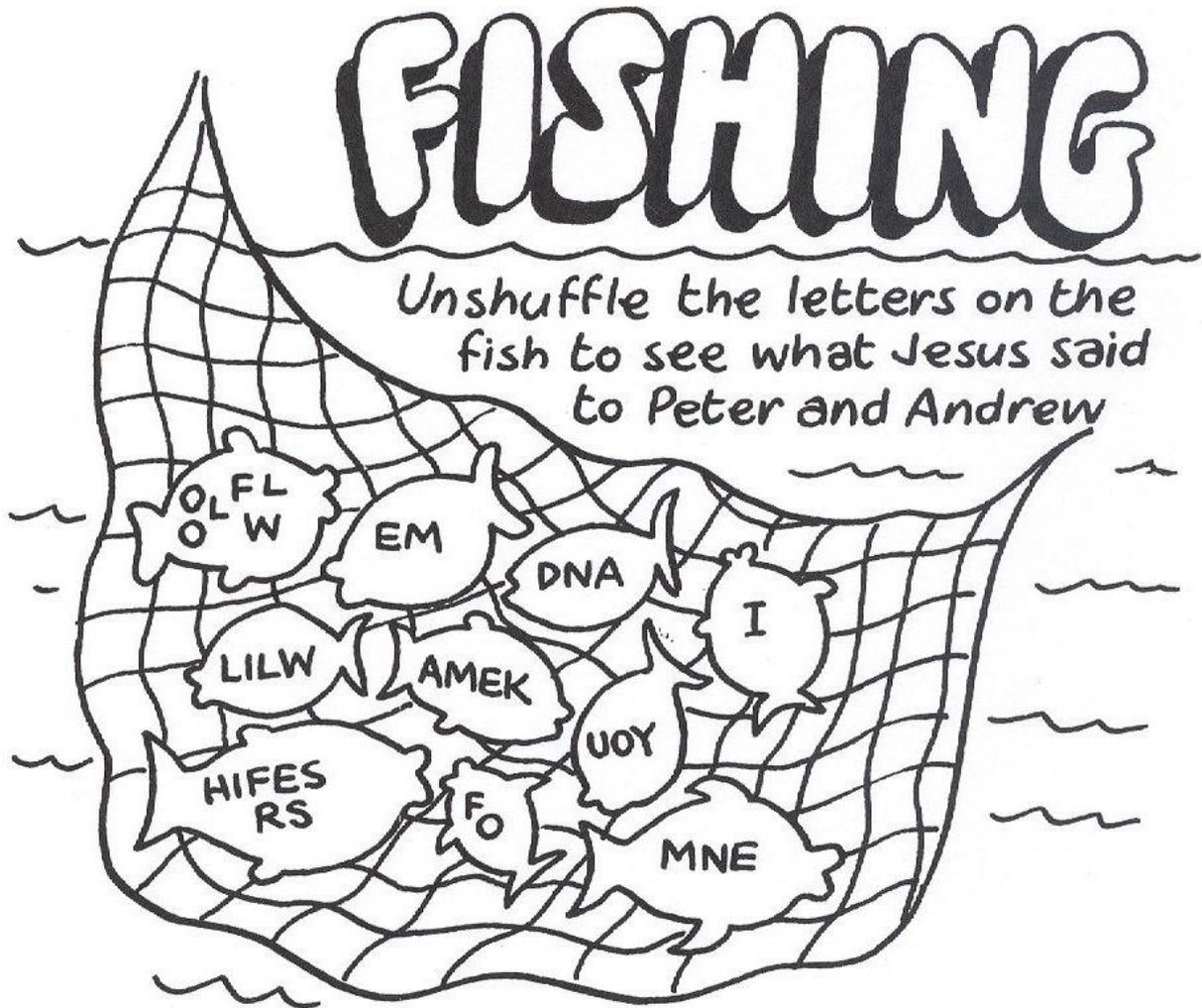
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2017/2018

<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Festival/Holy Day</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sunday 3 December	First Sunday of Advent	Morning worship at normal times.
Sunday 17 December	Third Sunday of Advent	Morning worship at normal times with Nativity Play at 9.45am Parish Carols Service 6.00 pm
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve	Parish Eucharist 10.30am Crib Service 4.00pm Eucharist of Christmas Night 11.00pm
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day	Holy Communion 8.15am Family Eucharist 9.45am Sung Eucharist 11.15am
Sunday 31 December	First Sunday of Christmas	Holy Communion 8.15am Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 7 January	The Epiphany	Morning worship at normal times.
Sunday 28 January	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Morning worship at normal times.
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 8.00am; 12.30pm; 7.00pm
Sunday 11 March	Mothering Sunday Confirmation by the Bishop of London	Holy Communion 8.15am Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 25 March	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 8.15 am; 9.45am Family Eucharist , Procession of Palms 11.15 Sung Eucharist
Thursday 29 March	Maundy Thursday	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm

Friday 30 March	Good Friday	The Story of Good Friday 10.00am The Liturgy of Good Friday 12 noon
Saturday 31 March	Easter Eve	Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Sunday 1 April	Easter Day	Holy Communion 8.15 am Family Eucharist 9.45 am Sung Eucharist 11.15 am
Sunday 6 May	The Dedication of St Peter's Eaton Square	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 10 May	Ascension Day	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 20 May	Pentecost	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 27 May	Trinity Sunday	Morning worship at normal times
Thursday 31 May	Corpus Christi	Sung Eucharist 7.00 pm
Sunday 1 July	Peter the Apostle - Parish Patronal Festival	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am followed by Parish Lunch
Sunday 30 September	Michael and All Angels	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 7 October	Harvest Thanksgiving	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am followed by Parish Lunch
Friday 2 November	All Souls' Day	Sung Eucharist 7.00pm
Sunday 4 November	All Saints' Sunday	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Sunday	Morning worship at normal times Act of Remembrance at 11.00am
Sunday 25 November	Christ the King - Stewardship Sunday	Morning worship at normal times

CHILDREN'S PAGE

November 30 - Feast of St Andrew



Read the story in  
Matthew 4: 18-20; Mark 1: 16-20; Luke 5: 1-11;

A Picture to colour



# RECIPES FOR NOVEMBER

## **Beef and Barley Casserole**

### **Ingredients**

- 1tbsp olive oil
- 400g braising steak, cut into 2.5cm pieces
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 2 medium carrots, roughly chopped
- 2 celery sticks, roughly chopped
- 250g chestnut mushrooms, roughly chopped
- 1l beef stock
- 1tbsp mixed dried herbs
- 100g pearl barley
- 75g Savoy cabbage or kale, shredded

### **Method**

1. Heat oil in a large casserole (that has a lid) over medium-high heat.
2. Thoroughly brown the beef. Lift beef into a bowl and set aside.
3. Lower heat slightly under casserole and add onion, carrots, celery and mushrooms. Fry for 5 minutes until beginning to soften - add a splash of water, if needed.
4. Return beef to pan, with stock, herbs and some seasoning.
5. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 45 minutes.
6. Stir in the pearl barley, cover and simmer for 40 minutes until beef and barley are tender.
7. Add the cabbage/kale for the final 5 minutes of cooking.
8. Check seasoning and serve.





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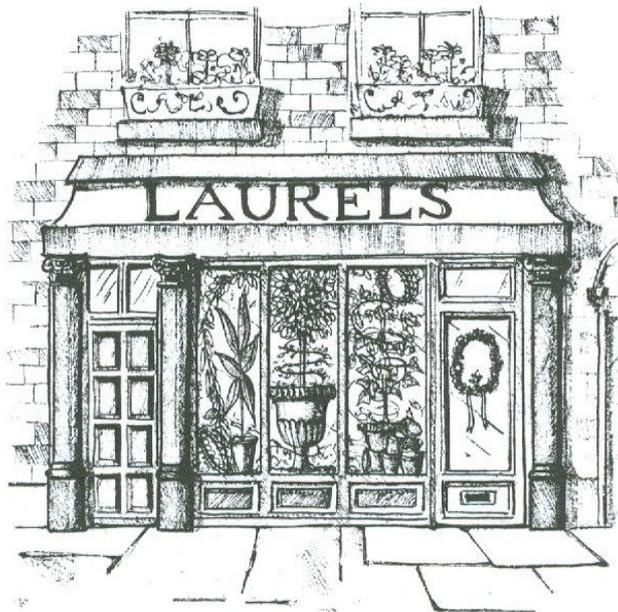
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Evening Prayer	5.00 p.m.
Daily Eucharist	12.30 p.m.
Wednesdays - Morning Prayer	7.30 a.m.
Eucharist	8.00 a.m.
Fridays at St Peter's School *	9.10 a.m.
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