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VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



A Healthy Lent

Growing up in a secular household, the idea of Lent was never present for me as a child. Then when I came to faith in my teens, it was in the evangelical tradition where such things were frowned on. There was no Lent, no times of preparation, but a constant remembrance of the cross and the resurrection. Later, as a Pastoral Assistant in London I met Catholics who took Lent very seriously, and I tried to learn from them, though their more obsessive devotions struck me as rather unhealthy, and far from Biblical. Then and as a theological student, I read about how the Swiss Reformation had begun with a meal of sausages at the home of a Zurich printer during Lent in 1522. Pastor Ulrich Zwingli watched the event, although he claimed not to have eaten any himself, and went on to declare the eating of meat during Lent to be permissible, to the fury of the local Bishop. The rest, as they say, is history.

For me the definitive comment on the practice of fasting, and hence on Lent, comes from the prophet Isaiah, speaking about the true purpose of this kind of devotion:

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the Biblical blueprint for a truly spiritual Lent - a time to renew our faith and our love through encountering others who need us, through a shared commitment to social justice and the values of the Kingdom.

Today in considering Lent I can see both a blessing and a danger for each of us. Water finds the easiest way to run downhill, and we can so easily settle into familiar patterns which prevent us from engaging with ourselves or with the needs of the world around us. We would rather live unexamined lives where that familiarity is not challenged, but Lent has the great potential to help us reflect on our actions, our thoughts and our attitudes - to examine ourselves in the light of God's love and to make changes to the way we see ourselves and the way we live. Through that self examination we can be empowered to live more fully, more truly.

The danger of Lent was identified by the prophet two and a half millennia ago - the danger of seeing a time of fasting as an opportunity to lie in sackcloth and ashes, and no more, beating our breasts and considering ourselves sinners, and then getting up to carry on as before. We have what Sigmund Freud called a compulsion to repeat, a tendency to follow the same patterns of thought and behaviour which are our characteristic ways of viewing ourselves and responding to others. If we have a tendency to consider ourselves in a harsh light, those patterns provide us with the opportunity to punish or condemn ourselves as a failure, as unlovely, as unlovable. The church has sometimes

colluded with our self-loathing, and if we have become used to seeing ourselves this way, Lent can reinforce a sense of worthlessness. To follow a familiar path of self criticism liberates neither ourselves or others.

A healthy keeping of Lent is not about self-destructiveness, but about self-examination, which gives us the opportunity to know ourselves as part of the humanity God has so beautifully crafted. Lent calls us to reflect on our nature, which is neither better nor worse than other people, but the ordinary beauty of God's handiwork, his precious humankind. Lent surely has the potential to help us to live more truly, set free to live for others. Nothing of much value is gained quickly or without cost, and being changed by God is the work of a lifetime. But the repeated opportunity to examine ourselves in the light of God's love during Lent offers us an awareness of our life as God wishes it to be, set free from self doubt, free from self-loathing, and free from the need to protect our fragile sense of self worth. May God give us the courage to rise from all which limits us, and live for him.

Ralph



OPERATION FISH
(Volunteer Sunday)
5th March 2017

**Please come along to the
Sunday services and see the
many ways you can be
involved at
St Peter's**



FROM JULIE



A few weeks ago I was asked to teach a session on ‘the importance of faith’ to the year 3 class at St Peter’s school. ‘The importance of faith’ is a pretty abstract topic for a young child so it took me a while to come up with an idea. I eventually decided to reflect on the ways we experience faith through our senses.

So after telling a story of faith, I asked the children to think of various things that remind them of faith, things they see, hear, touch, taste, smell and so on... The answers were enlightening, even beautiful, once again confirming how children have a depth of spiritual insight. They see certain things clearly that we, as adults, see only dimly.

One of my favourite comments came when I asked, ‘what is something you taste that makes you think of faith?’

Several hands immediately went up. And one little boy said with great enthusiasm, ‘turkey.’ A little surprised with the answer, I said ‘Oh, wow. In what way does turkey make you think of faith?’

The boy answered, ‘the smell and taste of turkey makes me think of Christmas. Christmas makes me think of Jesus. And Jesus

makes me think of my heart and how he lives there.’

Immediately a little girl raised her hand in response. She said, ‘what makes me think of faith is the smell and taste of just ordinary everyday food. Ordinary everyday food makes me think about my family. And my family makes me think of faith because I know that God loves my family.’

To my mind these children grasped something very important, something I easily forget. Faith is about the relationship between the ordinary every day things of life and the extraordinary love of Jesus.

And remembering this is what the season of Lent is all about. Lent is a time to reflect on the temptation and sacrifice of Jesus and how we might actively remember and give thanks through our own offering of sacrifice. This may involve giving something up – wine , chocolate, or even Facebook.

Or, our Lenten discipline may involve taking something on – a small act of kindness, volunteer work, helping our neighbour etc...

One thing you might take on this year is participating in our Lent course where we will reflect on how the important themes of the Christian faith relate with other faiths. You may like to come to our Quiet day on Saturday the 25th of March. This will be a time to reflect, to pray and to fellowship together.

Coming together in this way is encouraging. For the life of faith is not always easy. And as Christians the choices we make are important, not merely for ourselves but for the health of others.

We live in challenging times. It seems the world has dramatically changed in only a few weeks. Divisiveness abounds, not merely in broken relationships but in the broken systems of our world leaving the most vulnerable people at great risk. The millions who live in overwhelming poverty, children victimised by the brokenness of adults are ignored, swept out of sight...

What would Jesus say to us today? A bit of a silly question maybe.

We can't know what Jesus would say and do if he was with us in the flesh today. But he is with us in Spirit. And he speaks to us in all sorts of mysterious ways. And one such way is through the lives of others. My husband Ivan recently told me a story about someone who made the decision to choose life. I shared this story in a recent sermon but I think it is worth repeating. It's the story of Mustafa. And he can't believe his luck. He finally has a safe place to live!

Mustafa escaped Syria. He left, bound for the UK, hoping for work to someday move his wife and five young children to safety. For the moment, they are precariously settled across the border from Syria, in southern Lebanon.

Mustafa speaking of those last days in Syria says, 'I will never forget the screams of one of my daughters who was buried in a bombing, he says, That sound will stay with me forever. . . We managed to dig her out and fortunately she survived.

That's when Mustafa made his decision to risk everything. He passed through Turkey, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary. Then Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and, finally, France. After some weeks in Calais—and after dozens of unsuccessful attempts—he finally managed to jump on a train bound for the Chunnel, and hid under a lorry with a fellow asylum hopeful.

He says: Compared with all the bombing we ran away from, jumping the train in Calais was nothing. . . . As soon as the train sped up, we knew we had made it. We did a kind of hug with each other as best we could under the lorry because we were so happy. We had struggled so hard – but we were so happy.'

When Mustafa speaks about his journey, his face shows the weariness of war, but he has no time for self-pity: He is 35, and an agricultural engineer. And he knows he is one of the lucky ones. After a time of enforced limbo, he was finally granted leave to remain. Many asylum seekers are stranded in the

system for several years.

Mustafa is now working hard in a restaurant and says he is consistently amazed about how friendly people have been.

But he tells of one bad experience when a customer came into the restaurant soon after the terror attacks in Paris, just over a year and a half ago. She walked in and asked him where he was from. When he said he was from Syria, she accused him of being a terrorist of the so-called Islamic State.

Mustafa recalls the incident, 'I was very angry and upset about this. I am not part of ISIS. They are the reason I ran away from Syria. So I asked her to look into my eyes: and see if you can see a terrorist there.

She did look into my eyes and, after a time, apologized. She hugged me. And offered to help me in any way she could.'

Mustafa swells with pride when he says, I started paying taxes to the UK the day I was granted refugee status. ... In my interview I told the Home Office: I don't need any money from the UK. I can work. But I need help to feel safe. ... I want to return to Syria to help rebuild it. Syria is my country. I made the very dangerous journey across Europe so that my wife and children wouldn't have to.... I am working hard.... I can't wait for our reunion.'

In his love for his family, through his courage and by his gracious treatment of the woman in the restaurant, Mustafa points to the beauty of reconciliation, to the mystery of what we embrace during Lent, to make the choice to choose life, to embrace the love of the ever-living God.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Julia Khovacs". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julia" and last name "Khovacs" clearly distinguishable.

St Peter's Church Eaton Square

We are now a distribution point for the
Westminster Foodbank

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



'I hope to join with others at the end of March to raise money for Tearfund, a Christian aid and development charity, by living on beans and rice for five days. If you would like to sponsor me, my JustGiving page is:

<http://www.justgiving.com/phoebes-mean-bean-challenge>

Thank you very much Phoebe Hilary

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font inside a dark blue rectangular box.

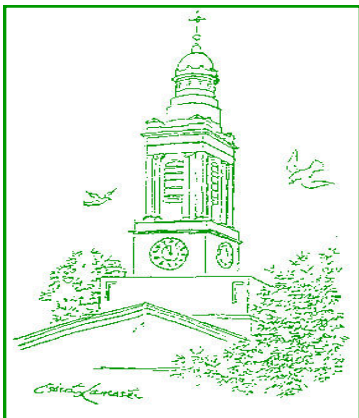
PICTURE FOR MARCH

The Annunciation



*An early Renaissance fresco
by Fra Angelico
in the convent of San Marco, Florence
painted c. 1438-47*

PARISH NEWS



February at St Peter's is a quiet month when we reflect on the end of Epiphany and prepare for the start of Lent. In recent years we have held Confirmation classes at this point in the year, but the willingness of the Bishop of London to come to Confirm before his retirement moved our classes forward this year, and the group of young people who were confirmed on January 22nd completed their

Confirmation course with a trip to St Paul's Cathedral and Pizza Express on the last day of January. On February the 2nd, the Feast of Candlemas, a number of us went to St Paul's again for Bishop Richard Chartres' goodbye service for the Diocese. Revd Julie, Fr Tony, Revd Ros and myself were all robed among the many hundreds of clergy, and several members of the congregation also attended the beautiful and moving service. For the Diocese it was a day of poignant thanksgiving, for a long ministry which has built up the church in our capital city while holding together conflicting interests and factions among our churches and communities.

Half term holidays gave the clergy a little time off, before the beginning of Lent at the start of March. On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, there will be Eucharists with the imposition of ashes at 8am and at 12.30pm, and a Sung Eucharist in the evening at 7pm, again with ashes. Our Lent Course 'Returning Home' is ready to begin, and will take place on Tuesday Evenings and Wednesday Mornings as described elsewhere in this magazine. We hope that many people will be able to attend the Lent Course, which will generate interesting discussion and helpful opportunity for personal spiritual growth.

On the 5th of March I will be flying to Delhi, and will be spending ten days visiting the Saakshar project and its four small classrooms for children in Nasirpur slum, and the resettlement colonies of Manglapuri and Matiyala. It is just over a year since my last visit, and I look forward to interviewing children and staff about the progress of Saakshar's work and visiting families in the slum. I have just finished a new website for our supporters here in Britain, which is here: www.saaksharschoolappeal.uk so please do have a look to see where I will be and to learn more about the amazing project we are supporting.

Mothering Sunday falls on March 26th this year, and we look forward to welcoming many people to celebrate with us - do come along!

We were very sorry to lose a deeply loved member of our church community on February the 15th. Rosemary Bellman passed away at St Thomas's Hospital, after ten days in intensive care following a stroke. She will be very much missed at St Peter's. Her funeral is on Friday, 3 March at 10.00am.

Ralph

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

7.00pm Eucharist in Church

7.45pm A.P.C.M. in Parish Hall

If you are on the Electoral Roll,
please ensure that you attend.

LENT COURSE 2017-
Returning Home

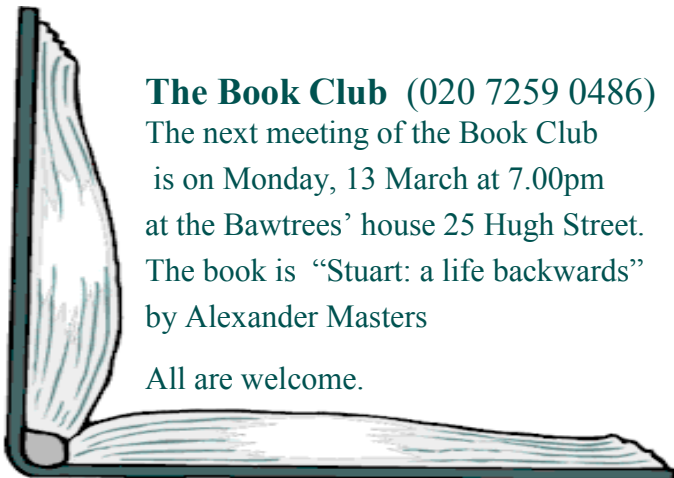
Tuesday, 7 March: 7.00pm and Wednesday, 8 March: 9.00am in the Vicar's Study;

Tuesday, 14 March: 7.00pm and Wednesday, 15 March: 9.00am in the Vicar's Study;

Tuesday, 21 March: 7.00pm and Wednesday, 22 March: 9.00am in the Vicar's Study;

Tuesday, 28 March: 7.00pm and Wednesday, 29 March: 9.00am in the Vicar's Study;

We will explore how our encounter with other faiths enlivens the Christian faith.



The Book Club (020 7259 0486)

The next meeting of the Book Club

is on Monday, 13 March at 7.00pm

at the Bawtrees' house 25 Hugh Street.

The book is "Stuart: a life backwards"

by Alexander Masters

All are welcome.

READINGS FOR MARCH

Wednesday, 1 March - Ash

Wednesday

Isaiah 58: 1-12

2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Sunday, 5 March: First

Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7

Corinthians 12: 12-26

Matthew 4: 1-11

Sunday, 12 March: Second

Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

Sunday, 19 March: Third

Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

Sunday 26 March: Fourth

Sunday of Lent -

Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

Luke 2: 33-35

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Albert Taylor - 20 November 2016

Louis Foster - 12 February 2017

Stanley Forbes - 19 February 2017

AROUND THE CHURCH – THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL.



Visitors, and even regulars, sometimes ask about the mosaic in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the east end of the church, whose soft gold sheen is such a focal point as one enters, or sits in the pews. Since the extension of the church according to Blomfield's design in 1872-73 and the subsequent installation of mosaics by Salvatini in 1878-79 St Peter's has had an association with fine mosaic.

When the church was rebuilt after the 1987 fire, the mosaic in the apse in the Blessed Sacrament chapel continued this tradition in the idiom suitable to the simpler, cleaner lines of the whole church. At the centre of the mosaic is a further link to the old church in the form of the Tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. The Tabernacle, made of brass and

copper used to be built into the north wall of the old chapel which is now the Verger's office. It, together with the silver lamp that hangs in front of the altar, remained untouched by the fire. It was rescued by then Vicar Fr Tillyer on the very day of the fire, with the Ciborium and Sacrament still safe, but with scorch marks on the linen from the intense heat. The guide to the church (available from the bookstall) describes the mosaic as follows: "Designed by Ann Wyner [it] represents the Tent of Meeting where God met his people in the Old Testament. Round the Tabernacle is a design symbolising the wings of the Cherubim which overshadowed the mercy seat of God; also there is a hint of flames of fire and the overall design is heart-shaped, representing the fire of God's love. The reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in this context is a tremendous vision of the glory of God in the midst of his people and reminds us of Christ who is God-with-us, risen, ascended, glorified and present to us in his Word and Sacrament". It is in this chapel that the Eucharist is regularly celebrated on weekdays and it is a good place to sit or kneel for quiet prayer. If you want to look up the Old Testament passage about the mercy-seat look at Exodus 25, vv17-22.

Some of the old mosaics still survive in what is now the sacristy. Read more about them in the next article.

VALERIE SMITH

THE GUARDS' CHAPEL

The Royal Military Chapel, St. James Park, known as the Guards' Chapel, is the religious home of the Household Division at the Wellington Barracks in London.

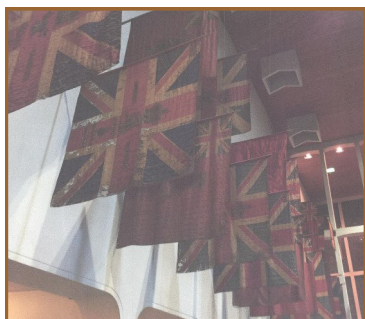


At 11.20am, 18 June 1944, a VI flying bomb hit the Chapel and the blast demolished most of the building and caused large loss of life. Parts of Wellington Barracks had been badly damaged four years earlier, after it was hit by a high explosive bomb on 16 November 1940.

The Chapel walls are lined with colours carried by the Foot Guards since 1770, some of which pre-date the union with Ireland in 1801 which brought the addition of the cross of St Patrick to the Union Flag. The size of Colours was reduced from around 1863 at the same time as the gold fringes were added.



Pictures taken by Catherine and Vivien at a Deanery Synod meeting held there recently.



MARCH 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	Ash Wednesday	For a holy observance of Lent
Th 2	Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672	For new Christian communities
F 3		For our Prayer Board requests
S 4		For our Lent Groups
Su 5	First Sunday of Lent	For the Parish
M 6		For the Saakshar project
T 7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203	For persecuted Christians
W 8	Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910	For the Bishops of the Church of England
Th 9		For the churchwardens
Fr 10		For our Prayer Board Requests
S 11		For vocations to the priesthood
Su 12	Second Sunday of Lent	For the Parish
M 13		For the Church of England
Tu 14		For St Peter's CE Primary School
W 15		For God's mission in our land
Th 16		For the L'Arche Communities

CALENDAR CONTD

F 17	Patrick, Bishop, Missionary Patron of Ireland, c460	For our Prayer Board Requests
S 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, 386	For the Church in the Holy Land
Su 19	Third Sunday of Lent	For the Parish
M 20	Joseph of Nazareth	For fathers
Tu 21	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556	For the Archbishop of Canterbury
W 22		For relationships between faith traditions
Th 23		For our Parochial Church Council
F 24	Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980	For our Prayer Board Requests
S 25	The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	For mothers
Su 26	Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday	For the Parish
M 27		For the St Peter's Poppets
Tu 28		For St Peter's School Governors
W 29		For spiritual directors
Th 30		For musicians and composers
F 31	John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631	For our Prayer Board requests

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

CLLR NICKIE AIKEN



St Peter's Eaton Square is delighted to announce that the new Leader of Westminster City Council is also a parishioner.

Nickie Aiken replaced Baroness Coubie (also a St Peter's parishioner) in January. Nickie and her family have been attending St Peter's for over a decade. She was a deputy church warden and remains an LEM. Her children, Georgia and Harry were both baptised in our church, attended St Peter's School and still serve in the Family Eucharist Service.

Nickie is putting tackling the housing shortage and air quality at the top of her political agenda.

FROM CATHERINE



Centering Prayer

Spring is my favourite time of the year, and this *new* spring will be unlike any other *old* spring I have experienced.

Lent is upon us. Lent has always been for me, a time to take on something new, as an alternative to giving something old up. As wonderful an achievement as it is to give up chocolate for Lent, and it is! I see Lent as an annual reminder and annual opportunity to “repent”. Like the first signs of spring, it is an annual gift for new life.

I enjoyed how, during Bishop Richard’s Sermon at our confirmation service at the end of January, he referred to the word “repent” as an opportunity to “stop in our tracks” and think differently, to change direction. Lent is the perfect time to repent – the perfect opportunity to take time out to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. Lent has the opportunity to be for us, a 40-day trial run in changing our lifestyles for the better; a 40-day trial run in letting God change our hearts.

We remember how at Jesus' baptism, the sky split open, the Spirit of God (which looked like a dove) descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Afterwards, as we are told in Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit, where he fasted and prayed for 40 days. After which time, he was ready to begin his ministry.

It is possible that Jesus used this time as an opportunity to sort through with God, the major changes happening in his life. It could have been an opportunity for time away from his family, friends and the familiar routine in order to see God (and himself) more clearly. Perhaps he wanted some intentional time with God as he searched for direction and answers. Like Jesus, we may need to take some serious time to pray and listen for God.

This Lent, I will be trying out a form of contemplative prayer brought to my attention by Father Thomas Keating. I will be doing my own 40-day trial run to help to change my lifestyle for the better. It combines Christian prayer and meditative practices. The instructions are as follows:

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
- 3 When engaged with your thoughts (including recognising how your body is feeling, your emotions, any images and reflections that appear in your thoughts), allow yourself to return ever so gently to the sacred word in your mind.
4. At the end of the prayer period, how ever long you

manage, remain in silence with your eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

I will be trying this practice for 20 minutes once-a-day, however if you have the time, Father Thomas Keating suggests praying like this for twenty minutes twice-a-day.

In Centring Prayer, essentially we are meditating by simply letting go of one thought after another and allowing ourselves to centre our thoughts intentionally back to God, via our sacred word.

In the same way as giving up chocolate, meditation is not always easy and it can be frustrating! But unlike giving up chocolate, it gets easier the longer we try.

Father Thomas writes that in one of the very earliest training workshops he led on Centring Prayer, a nun tried out her first twenty-minutes and then lamented, “Oh, Father Thomas, I’m such a failure at this prayer. In twenty minutes I’ve had ten thousand thoughts!”

“How lovely,” responded Keating, without missing a beat. “Ten thousand opportunities to return to God.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

WELCOME BOXES!



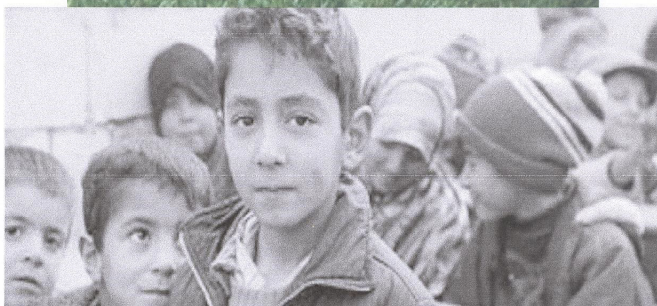
Befriending Refugees in London

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

WHAT'S IN A BOX?

- Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Hats, gloves and socks (child and adult)
 - Stationery Supplies
 - Small toys and sweets
 - * Oyster cards

Contact: Revd Julie Khovacs revjuliekho@gmail.com



SHOE-SHINING IN VICTORIA STATION

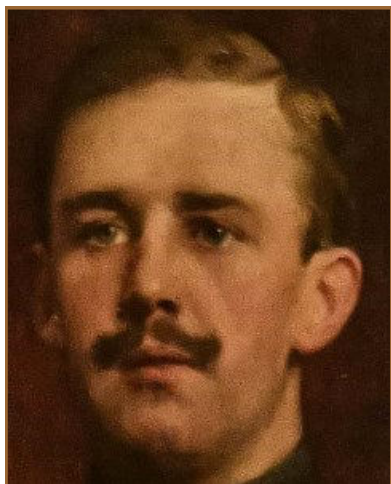
**The Transformation Group is
organising a shoe-shining service
in Victoria Station as an
act of service and outreach
to our community on
MAUNDY THURSDAY
13 April 2017
from 1.00 - 3.00pm**



All are invited to join us..

**If you are interested in taking part
please speak with Revd Julie.**

ST PETER'S WW1 MEMORIAL



Captain Percy Robert Herbert, Viscount Clive, 1892----1916, came from a very privileged background. His father, George Charles Herbert, 4th. Earl of Powis, was the great grandson of Robert Clive who was a key figure in the establishment of British India. Percy's mother, Violet Ida Evelyn Lane-Fox, Baroness Dorcy de Knayth, was a baroness in her own right.

Percy was born in Berkeley Square and christened in St. George's Hanover Square. He was educated at Eton, where he developed a passion for cricket, and then went to Sandhurst. He was said to be of a 'courteous disposition and gentle demeanour.'

In 1913 Percy joined the Scots Guards and was sent to France. A year later he was invalided home suffering from frostbitten feet. On his recovery in 1915 he joined the newly formed Welsh Guards. He was shot through the thigh at the Battle of the Somme while the Guards were assaulting Les Boeufs in an attempt to break the trench warfare stalemate. Back in England Percy had three operations in King Edward VII Hospital to remove the German bullet but he suffered a major arterial haemorrhage and died, aged 23. His body was carried on a gun carriage through London's West End escorted by detachment of Welsh Guards and eight drummers. He was then taken by train to Welshpool where a gun carriage and six black horses waited to take him to the church. The next day he was interred. The flag was flown at half mast and all business was suspended during the funeral service. Windows were shuttered and blinds

drawn as a mark of respect. There were many dignitaries who attended his funeral and newspaper reports indicated his death was of national significance.

In 1929 Percy's mother was killed in a car accident and she is buried with him in the family plot. In the same churchyard lies his brother Mervyn who was 12 years younger. He died in 1943, aged 38, flying as a squadron leader for the RAF. Percy's father lived until 1952 having lost his wife and both his sons and he is now buried with them.



*Christ Church Churchyard,
Welshpool*

Captain Hon. Hedworth George Ailwyn Fellowes (Hedworth Fellowes on our memorial) 1891-1916 was the third son of the 1st. Baron Ailwyn and Lady Ailwyn (nee Agatha Joliffe). His father was a Cabinet Minister in Balfour's government who inherited Honingham Hall in Norfolk.



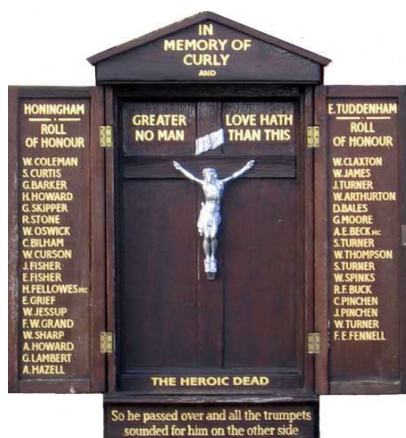
Hedworth was known as Curly. He was born in London and he went to Charterhouse School. In 1911 he joined the 1st. Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers and the following year he was living in Calcutta. He gained the rank of temporary captain in the service of the Indian Army.

Fighting back in Europe he was awarded the MC in 1915 when he and a NCO went in daylight to locate a hostile trench mortar. They were successful and staying out for 3 hours of observation 'they obtained other valuable information'.

In 1916 he married Audrey Janet Boyle. Their marriage was short lived for the next year Hedworth was killed in action at the age of 25. He is buried in the Hervin Farm British Cemetery, north east of Arras, and there is a memorial to him and others who were killed in Honingham church.

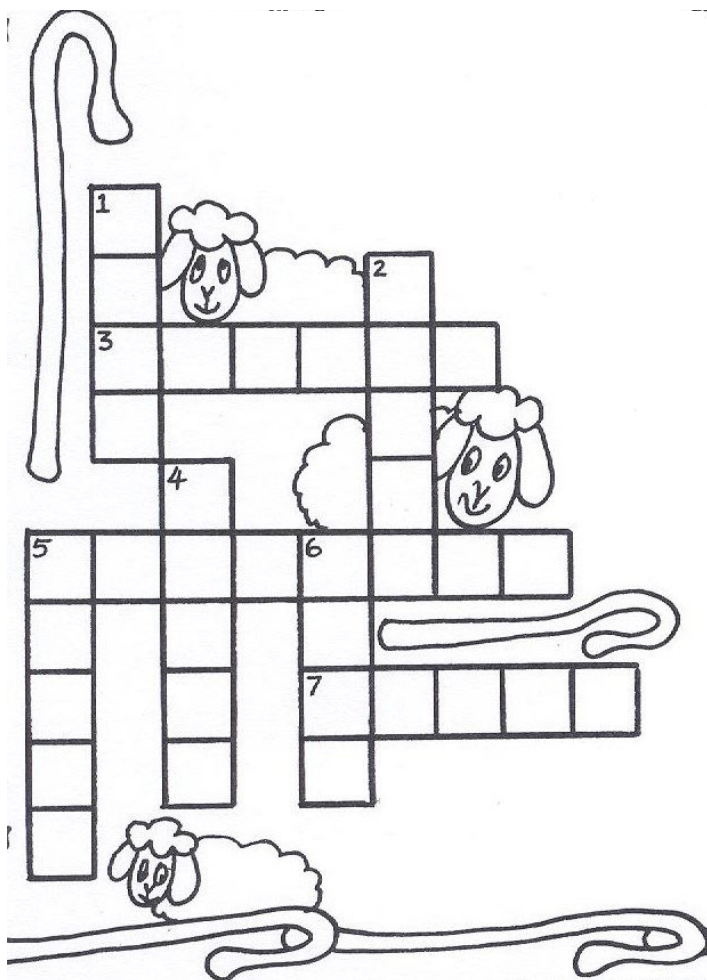


Hervin Farm British Cemetery



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THE GOOD SHEPHERD



This is what the Good Shepherd is like: 'The sheep hear his voice and come to him; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He walks ahead of them; and they follow him, for they recognise his voice'.

Jesus says: 'I am the Good Shepherd and know my sheep and they know meand I lay down my life for the sheep.' (John 10)

Use this to help you solve the crossword.

Across

3. When Jesus walks ahead, what do the sheep do?
5. Jesus is the Good one of these.
7. Jesus walks _____ of the sheep
(it means in front of).

Down

1. What Jesus lays down for the sheep.
2. The sheep recognise this when Jesus calls them.
4. Jesus calls his won sheep by name and _____ them out.
5. These hear Jesus voice.
6. The sheep use their ears to do this.



RECIPE FOR MARCH

Country Apple Cake

Ingredients

- 5 medium eggs
- 200g granulated sugar
- 100ml vegetable oil
- 175g plain flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp mixed spice
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- 5 eating apples, peeled, cored and diced, about 600g
- 1 tsp each icing sugar and ground cinnamon, for dusting.

Method

1. Heat over to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
2. Line a 23cm loose bottomed cake tin with baking parchment.
3. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs and sugar until thick and pale, about 5 minutes. Pour in the oil and stir well to combine.
4. Sieve in the dry ingredients and fold through until the mixture is smooth and well combined before adding the apples.
5. Carefully pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 45-50 minutes.
6. Leave to cool slightly before turning out onto a cooling rack.
7. Once the cake is cool, dust with icing sugar and cinnamon.



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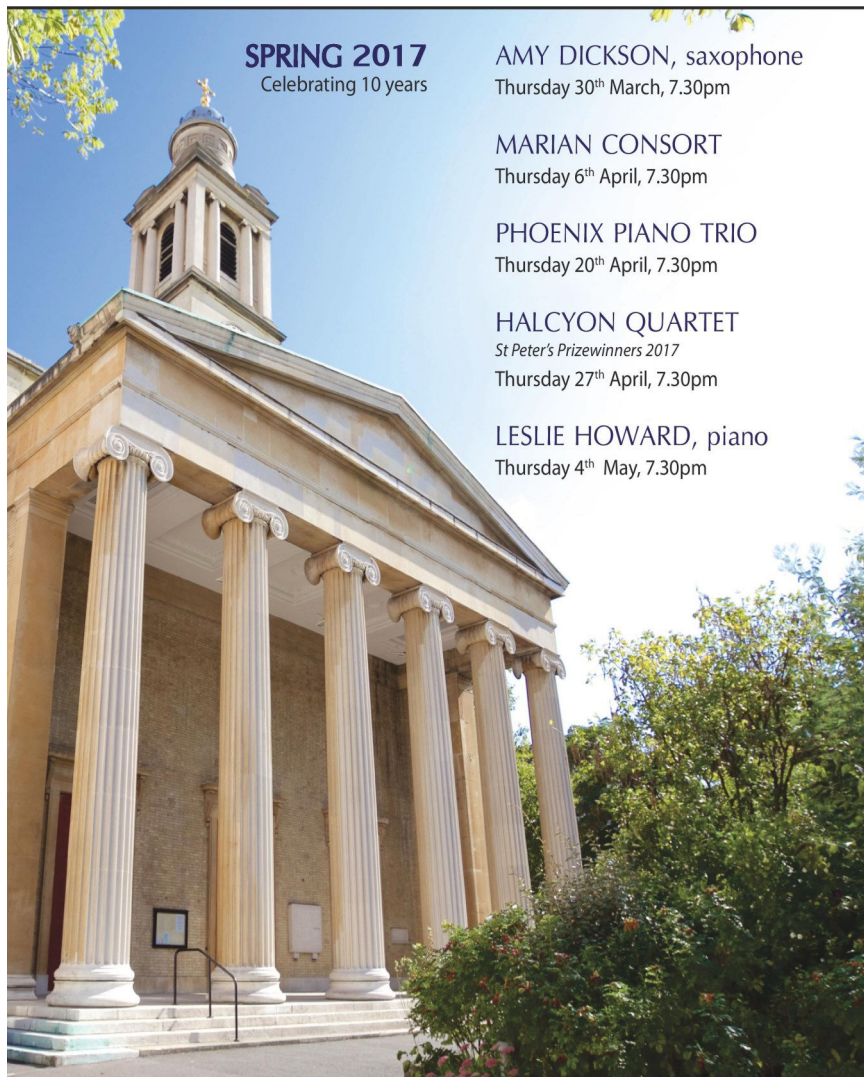
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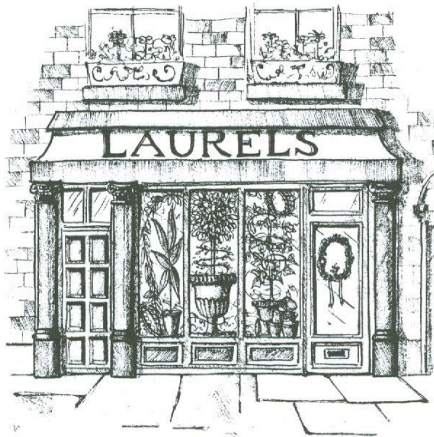
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