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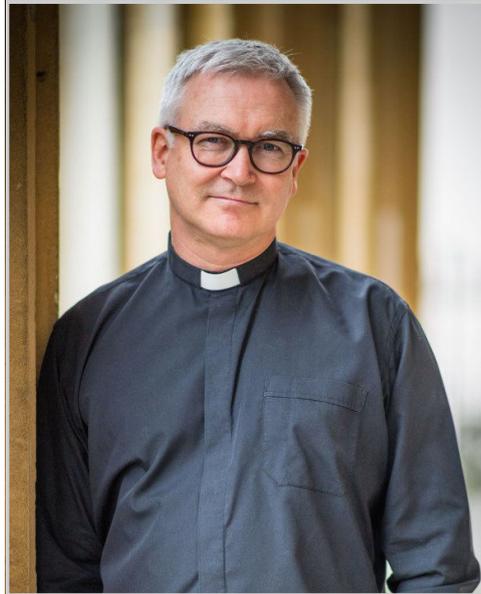
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VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



Tateossian and Saakshar - beautiful bracelets supporting children's education

This month I am helping to market and sell high quality jewellery to men and women to raise money for the poor. Yes, it's true!

It may seem to be a surprising collaboration, but the high end jeweller Tateossian are creating and soon to launch a range of beautiful bracelets which will generate funds for our little Indian slum charity Saakshar. When they first approached us I was surprised to discover that Robert Tateossian is keen to use their brand and beautiful products to support charitable work, and that they have regularly dedicated some of their range to funding good causes. Over the last few months Julie, Catherine and I have met with Tateossian staff to plan the product launch and have agreed the design and the price for a range of beautiful bracelets in semi-precious stones and silver, each with a small tag bearing the name 'Saakshar'. The beautiful bracelets are now being made, in a range of colours and sizes for men, women and children, and will be available for the Christmas season. The

design alternates semi-precious beads with silver nuggets and the Saakshar/Tateossian tag in five colours.

Please consider buying them for yourselves or as gifts, in the knowledge that they will represent not only beauty, craftsmanship and style, but also a commitment to helping some of India's poorest children to go to school and to gain a far better life. Each bracelet sells for £120 and 30% (£36) from each one goes directly to Saakshar, to help children from slum and slum resettlement communities in Delhi to go to school and to complete their education.



If you would like to help to market the bracelets in your own place of work or community, please contact Catherine Cowie - catherine@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk.

For information about Tateossian, see: www.tateossian.com

For more information about Saakshar, see: www.saaksharschoolappeal.uk

Launch Events!

There will be two launch events - one at St Peter's Church before and after services on Sunday the 20th November, and the other at the Tateossian shop in Sloane Square in the evening on Tuesday 29th November. Please come along and bring style-conscious friends too.

Who are Tateossian?



Established in 1990 by Robert Tateossian, this international luxury brand creates seasonal collections for both men and women which have a distinctive style - contemporary, fashion-forward and timeless. They have attracted a huge fan base including some of the world's most high profile figures including models, professionals, politicians and heads of state. Innovative materials, including precious and semi-precious stones and crystals are mixed and paired in unique combinations, each piece with an element of surprise. Working in silver, and in 18-carat gold, the pieces are exquisitely hand-crafted, with an uncompromising level of quality. Based in London, Tateossian is an international company with showrooms in London and New York, and outlets in over 71 countries around the world in the most prestigious and fashionable boutiques and stores.

Stewardship Sunday - Christ the King - Sunday 20th November 2016



Following a period of several years in which congregational giving had declined, last year on the Feast of Christ the King we held a stewardship drive and invited all regular members of the congregation to reconsider their giving. As a result of this, and thanks to the generosity of many, congregational giving rose by approximately 15%. This was very helpful, and a positive response, but our giving is still low in comparison with many other parishes

and this year we would like to build on that commitment, and particularly invite regular members of the church (old and new) who are not part of our regular giving scheme to make a financial commitment to supporting the work of the church here.

It costs over £1000 every day to run St Peter's. This money is spent on maintenance, heating and lighting, on paying our staff (including our two paid clergy), a modest contribution to the diocese for their centralised support (training, legal help, senior staff), on the costs of our worship and music, on administration and on the outreach work we do in many other ways.

We are fortunate to receive income from the rental of the crypts and the car park, but a significant proportion of our costs need to be covered by congregational giving. Until now we have supported charities through special collections, but in future we would also like to give a percentage of our giving to charities we support too.

How much should I give?

In the Book of Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 35, it says,

*Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.*

*For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.*

“As generously as you can afford” should be our guide. While many of us have other financial commitments to charities, the amount we give to the church's work reflects the importance of faith and the love of God in our lives. If we regularly attend church, have faith in the love of God who died and rose for us, and believe in the transforming power of God in our lives and in our communities, then we should also give as a generous response of thanks and as a commitment to supporting the work of the gospel. For those of us struggling on limited incomes and with many other demands, the amount we can give may be modest. God knows and understands the difficulties we face and

sees our hearts. For others of us, who have greater income or have money for investments and leisure, the amount we give to the church should reflect the financial position we enjoy. In concrete terms, this may mean that some can afford £5 each month, while it might be appropriate for others to give hundreds of pounds each month. The church needs your support, and we should all give generously, whether that is a small or a large amount.

Newer Members

If you are relatively new to St Peter's, you might not be in our regular giving scheme, and we I would like to invite you to make a regular monthly commitment to the church by setting up a standing order with your bank. The literature which we will provide on Stewardship Sunday will explain how to do this simply. As regular members of the church we should come to worship each Sunday and at festivals whenever we can, should offer some of our time and skills towards the church's life, worship and outreach, should join the church's electoral roll, and should make a regular financial commitment too. Making a monthly payment from our bank allows us to give regularly at a realistic level, and helps the church to plan its finances better.

Existing Members

If you are an existing member of the church who already contributes financially, thank you! Please may I invite you to use Stewardship Sunday as an opportunity to review what you give and the way in which you give. If you use the numbered envelope system, please would you consider changing to a monthly payment from your bank instead, making your giving more regular, reducing our administration costs and helping us to plan our church finances. You can still put an empty envelope into the collection as a reminder of your commitment, and can always give more if you wish to! If your financial circumstances have changed this year, should your giving reflect this?

Gift Aid

Whether you are a newer member of the church or have been coming for a long time, and if you pay income tax in the UK, please allow us to reclaim some of the tax you have paid through the Gift Aid scheme. Please complete a Gift Aid form if you have not already done so, so that we can reclaim an additional 25p for every £1 you give, without it costing you any extra.

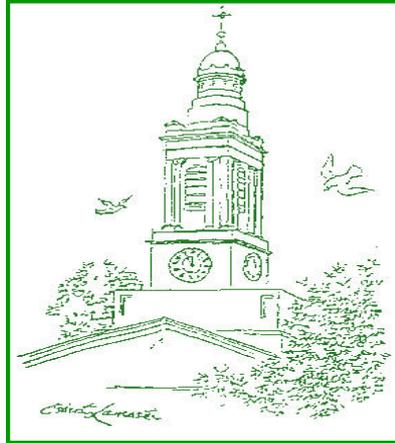
Legacies

Lastly, please may I encourage you to remember St Peter's in your will? Much of the life of the church today and its charitable action is the result of generous legacies in the past. It is very important as part of our own financial responsibility to make a will and if you have not done so already I strongly encourage you to do so. Leaving a legacy to St Peter's will help to enable the church's presence, work and ministry here in generations to come and all charitable gifts (including gifts in wills to the Church of England) are exempt from inheritance tax.

For more information about leaving a legacy, see www.churchlegacy.org.uk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

PARISH NEWS



Looking back

On the first Sunday in October we celebrated the feast of Michael and All Angels, and at the Family Eucharist four children were baptised, Ferdinand Hextall, Isabelle Johnston, Annabel Slane and Alice Trafford-Roberts. That evening the Youth Group met again for the second time this autumn with young people attending from school Years 7, 8, and 9, who wrote their own drama sketches based on Biblical parables. Vicar's school reference forms were signed at the start of the week for church secondary school applications, and both Ralph and Julie went to take assemblies at Westminster City Boys School, accompanied by Artemis Kassi and Catherine Cowie. The PCC met on October the 6th, and reflected positively on the PCC Away Day last month. The PCC heard in depth about the work of the Transformation Committee and plans for the May Fair next year, and the decision to support the following charities this Christmas: Caxton Youth Organisation (a local charity supporting children with learning difficulties), Centrepont (a youth homelessness charity in London) and USPG Syria (working in Lebanon with refugee children). As part of this we are planning a Christmas party in the Parish Hall with Caxton's young people. The PCC also agreed to replace the aged automated bell ringing system, to allow the church bell to be

rung before the start of each Eucharist on Sundays and weekdays, and invite the local community to worship.

The beginning of October saw the start of our Pilgrim Course, an opportunity for adults to learn more about Christian faith and to prepare for confirmation, in the relaxed and welcoming setting of the home of James Wormall and Lynne Mark in Pimlico. The course each Monday evening has been run by Revd Julie with support from Judith Richardson and Catherine Cowie, and has been very rewarding for all who have attended.

Our Harvest Festival Service took place on Sunday the 9th of October, following the St Peter's School Harvest Service in Church on Friday the 7th. Our harvest celebration (a Parish Eucharist at 10.30am) had an international theme this year, with liturgy which reflected the international backgrounds of our congregation and a shared lunch on the portico, which was an international feast. Fr Ralph drove to The Passage the following morning, the car loaded to the roof with food and toiletries to be used and distributed in their work with the homeless around Victoria. On Thursday 13th Fr Ralph went to speak at the Harvest Assembly at Eaton House School, whose gifts were also being given to The Passage.

On Wednesday the 12th of October, children from Year 6 at St Peter's School came to church for their year assembly and demonstrated to parents and the rest of the school what they had learned while away on their residential school journey to Sayer's Croft last month.

On Sunday the 16th Rupert Stearns was baptized in the afternoon with a large group of family and friends in attendance. His family have long connections to St Peter's, and Rupert's grandparents travelled from the parish of Cleobury in Herefordshire bringing greetings from their Vicar, Revd Ashley Buck, who was formerly a Curate at St Peter's. That evening the Youth Group made Welcome Boxes for refugee families in London.

The Faith Discussion Group met on Monday 17th October and the meeting was ably led by Judith Richardson, as we read and discussed the Transfiguration in Mark's gospel.

On Sunday the 23rd the Choir were welcomed for lunch at the Vicarage, following a service at which Rosa da Silva's granddaughter Amana was baptized.

Throughout the month the Poppets met each Monday with over twenty children playing in the Parish Hall, accompanied by their parents and carers. A number of people who come with their children to Poppets have been worshipping on Sundays too. The Welcome Box scheme really took off this month too, with a group of members of the church being trained to visit refugee families, assembling welcome boxes and beginning their visits. As more refugees and their families are made known to us, the scheme looks set to increase in size and scope. October ended with the celebration of All Saints Sunday on October 30th, and a Youth Group pancake night.

The Eaton Square Concert programme got underway in October, with a beautiful concert by the 2016 St Peter's Prizewinning Fitzroy Quartet, joined by former prizewinners the Piatti Quartet for the Mendelssohn Octet in E flat major on the 13th of October. The concerts continued through the month with some tremendous music each Thursday and the current season runs until November the 10th.

Looking ahead

On Sunday the 6th November Fr Ralph will be away from St Peter's, preaching at St Paul's Cathedral, but at the services at St Peter's there will be a consideration of the experience of refugees, and information about our Welcome Box visiting programme. The following Sundays will also be special: we remember those fallen in war as we observe Remembrance Sunday on November 13th and Judith Richardson is our preacher at the Sung Eucharist. The Feast of Christ the King on the 20th is also Stewardship Sunday when we will be reviewing our giving

to the church. On that Sunday Albert Taylor will be baptized at the Sung Eucharist and we will also launch the new range of bracelets being made and sold by the jewelers **Tateossian** on behalf of **Saakshar**, the slum education charity we support in Delhi. See the Vicar's letter here for more information on this.

November will end with the celebration of Advent Sunday on 27th November, and our beautiful Advent Carol Service for everyone at 6pm, and the Faith Group on Monday 28th (discussing the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospels). As the Christmas season approaches there will be lots of evening events in the church at the end of November – look out for the Heathfield School Concert (November 30th), Kids for Kids Darfur Charity Concert (December 1st) and Friends of Columbia Concert (December 2nd).

Ralph

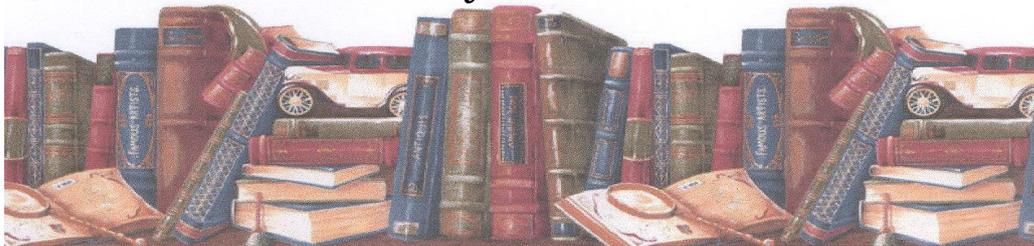
The Book Club

The next meeting is on
Wednesday, 16 November at 7.00pm
at 54 Chester Row

The book chosen is

‘South Wind through the Kitchen’
by Elizabeth David

‘Favourite recipes, articles and anecdotes
chosen by her friends’.



FROM JULIE



This is what the Lord Almighty says to all those I carried into exile: Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29.5-7

When I was a child growing up in Seattle, Washington, I imagined what it would be like to grow up in a far-off land very different from that which I was familiar. I remember placing a message in a bottle in the Puget Sound wondering where it would go as it floated through the bay and out into the Pacific Ocean. With my childlike sense of adventure I dreamt of traveling to the mysterious unknown lands of wonder.

Many years later, after moving to Scotland, I was asked by my young niece to take part in her 'Flat Stanley' school project. Flat Stanley was a paper doll made to teach the children about the diversity and wonder of our world. My job was to bring 'Flat Stanley' with me to Scotland and take pictures of him as we together travelled around Europe. These pictures, along with stories of adventure, were then emailed to my niece to show her class.

Games like sending a message in a bottle or travelling with Flat Stanley give us glimpse from a young age of what it means to be human. For they have their foundation in the divine truth that we are all loved and accepted by God no matter who we are or where we live. God's all-encompassing welcome forms the heart of the Christian message and is deeply rooted in scripture.

God calls his people to welcome the foreigner into their midst. As we read of God's covenant with his people in Genesis we see that at the heart of this promise is 'to be a blessing to all nations.' In the Prophets we read how the exiled people of God are called to live in a new land, to be a blessing to the people, and to pray for the peace and prosperity of the city.

The message of God's welcome woven throughout the Old Testament culminates in the Incarnation, God becoming one of us in Christ so that we might be one with him. God became 'a foreigner in the land,' so that we all might be 'citizens and members of the household of God.' (Ephesians 2)

As a foreigner myself I relate to this image of God and to his unconditional welcome of all into the family of God. This is central to our vision for ministry at St Peter's and forms the foundation for the Welcome Boxes initiative. Welcome Boxes involves people from St Peter's and other churches visiting and delivering boxes filled with practical items to refugees and asylum seekers in London. These visits have been a privilege and an invitation into the lives of very ordinary people living in extraordinary circumstances. And those of us taking part have experienced a profound sense of welcome from the people we have met.

A few weeks ago we celebrated an International Harvest festival at St Peter's. We gave thanks for God's blessings and enjoyed an array of foods from around the world. It was lovely to highlight and celebrate the diversity of our congregation. Hearing the Lord's Prayer in several languages was especially moving, a symbol of the Body of Christ in London today. And so, as we continue to welcome one another in all our diversity, let's remember God's call to the exiles those many years ago, '*Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*'



CHRISTMAS CARDS



We are once again producing a beautiful Christmas card, which will be available to purchase in church and at the school from early November. By popular demand, this year's card will be a smaller size but just as beautifully printed as last year, and the design features a detail from one of the windows in the Verger's Vestry, of an angel playing a harp. At just £5 for a pack of 6, all the proceeds will go to our Christmas charities.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 2 November:

All Souls' Day

Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33

Romans 5: 5-11

John 5: 19-25

Sunday, 6 November: Third

Sunday before Advent

Job 19: 23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20: 27-38

Sunday, 13 November: Second

Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Malachi 4: 1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

Sunday, 20 November:

Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday, 27 November: First

Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Matthew 24: 36-44

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

2 October	-	Ferdinand Hextall Isabelle Johnson Annabel Slane Alice Trafford-Roberts
16 October	-	Rupert Stearns
23 October	-	Amana Marlow

FROM CATHERINE



Autumn is well and truly here and, as the nights draw in and the weather grows colder, I like to use this time to reflect on the Summer that was, and look forward to the exciting celebrations that Winter will bring. But this is such a busy time for many of us, it can be hard to take the time to pause, reflect and be still. We, as

Christians, are fortunate that we have our “day of rest” each Sunday, but even this most sacred of days, in our modern busy lives, competes with so many social and obligatory commitments that the “rest” part can be tricky.

I have a background in art and meditation, and have studied and practised both for many years. I believe passionately that we are all creative – we are all part of God’s creation, we are His created beings and so are, literally, made to create ourselves. Creation takes many forms and so I invite you all to spend some time with "the eyes of creation" over the coming month...

“Yet another thing to add to my list of tasks!” I hear you say. "But no" is my reply; it’s so much easier than you think. There is no need to add this to a to-do list or make a note in the diary to action on a particular day of the week. What I’m inviting you to do is simply to ‘see with the eyes of creation’.

I love the word ‘repent’. Such a complicated, power hungry word, that actually simply means ‘think differently’.

Just over a year ago, I spent an incredible week on the remote Scottish Island of Iona. I went with my previous church as a retreat, and we were fortunate to stay in the Abbey with the Iona

Community. Our day would start, after a proper Scottish breakfast (otherwise known as Porridge), with Morning Prayer in the medieval Abbey Church, followed by group tasks.

Living as we were, in a community, the daily tasks that were required to house and feed us all were shared out equally. I chose (yes, it was a choice!) to clean the loos. Why? One reason might have been that I've always been taught that if you want a job done properly - best to do it yourself. However, my main thought process was that this was the job that no-one wanted to do, the job considered the lowest job of the lot. So, I put on my rubber gloves and stepped up, gladly, because performing our daily tasks, especially the ones we didn't want to do, was all part of our extended prayer.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said "Jesus does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

Seeing with the eyes of creation enables me to seek to live my life as an ever-flowing extension of prayer. As it is in the everyday, that we have the opportunity to give all that we are to God, through the love we share for one another and the love we have for ourselves. Giving all we do to God enables us to repent, thoughtfully to tackle the endless lists of jobs, and see our tasks as an expression of the love we have for Him, our Family, our Friends, our Church, our Country and the World.

We all have choices, even when we think we have not. Sometimes those choices only become apparent when we actively try to think differently, to repent and try to see with the eyes of creation. Whether we choose to use the creativity we all inherently have within us, to see with fresh eyes the busy lives we have, and to recognise the gift of time we have been given, is up to us.

Rudyard Kipling gave the nation our favourite poem in "If", which contains the lines "If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run". What does that mean?

Kipling, after all, lost his only son in the First World War. November is a time for remembering sacrifices - my meagre chore of cleaning loos pales to nothing in comparison. However, I suggest that those sixty seconds of every minute are the fallen's gift to us, and how we the living use them for good, and in God's name, is our own gift forward; gifts that are prayers in their doing.

Catherine



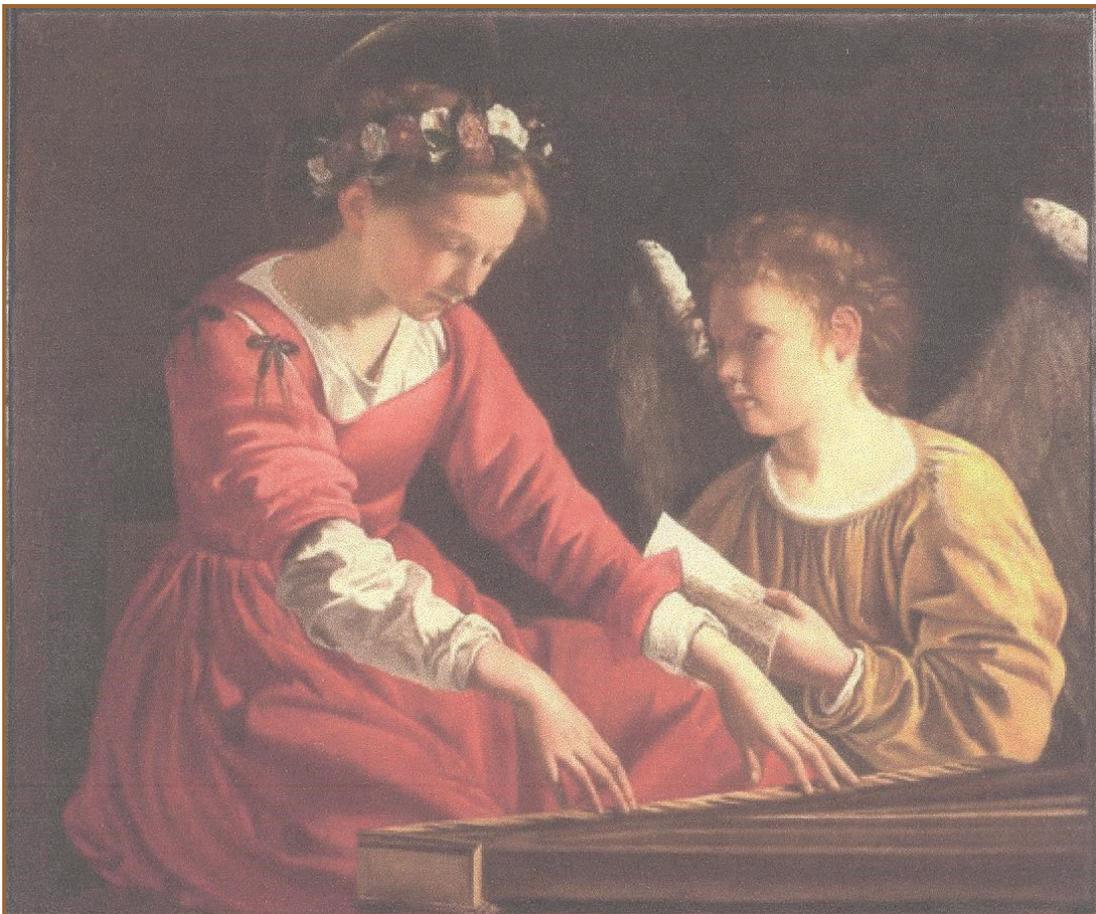
REFUGEE WELCOME BOXES

Please donate practical items such as toiletries, new scarves, gloves, hats and small toys and Oyster cards. The box is at the back of the church - Gifts of money to buy helpful items also appreciated.

Sunday, 6 November *our services will focus on Refugees and the Welcome Boxes. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Welcome Boxes.*

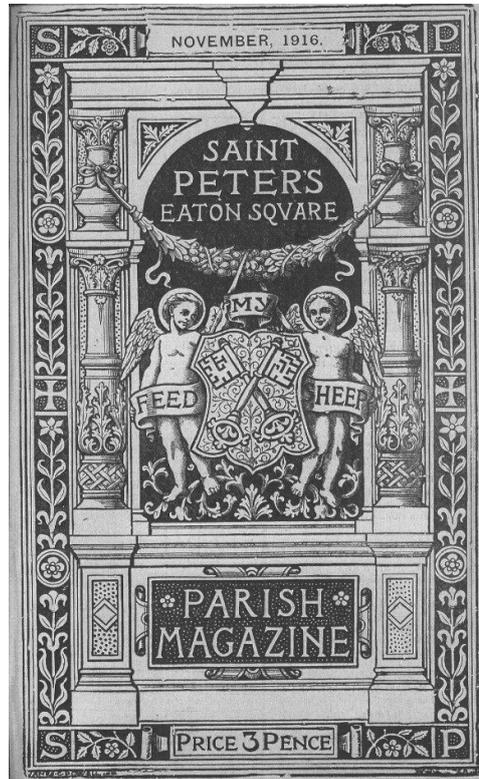
PICTURE FOR NOVEMBER

Saint Cecilia with an Angel
Orazio Gentileschi
1563 - 1639



*Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord".
Feast Day 22 November*

FROM THE MAGAZINE -
NOVEMBER 1916



As no doubt very many of our readers are aware, the S Peter's Boys' Club is, under the energy and zeal of Lady Trotter and her Committee, carrying on what we may well call a National Work - it is, at any rate, a real piece of War Work. The Trustees of the Club have given her the use of it for sleeping accommodation for the soldiers on their way to or from the Front. It may not be generally known that she would be very glad of subscriptions to carry on this work. We are sure that it needs only to be known to secure full and ample support for this good work. Subscriptions and donations should be sent to Lady Trotter, 18 Eaton Place.

The Annual Sale on behalf of the Belgravia and Pimlico Association - a Society which has done, and is still doing, a

splendid work for friendless girls - will be held at 78, Eaton Square, S.W., by kind permission of the Hon. Mrs. H.N. Gladstone, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14th and 15th, from 13 to 6. The Sale will be opened by the Duchess of Buckingham. We would desire very strongly to advocate and bespeak generous support for this work. One of the things which the War is doing, is showing us that a great many of the works which the Church, through such Societies as this, has been carrying on, often in spite of the contempt and indifference of very many of its professed members, is really of wider value and importance than many of us thought. "Wisdom is justified of her children" in the long run.

Comment:

These two extracts show the continuing social work of St Peter's at this time. The first is of particular interest. At the end of the previous year Lady Trotter had been shocked to see soldiers going to or returning from the front having to lie or squat around Victoria Station and founded Sailors' and Soldiers' Rest initially in Pickfords' premises, then on Wilton Road and after this in the premises of the Club. This is something to call to mind when we hold our annual Remembrance Sunday services on the station.

Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith

The Real Advent Calendar



A great way to enjoy and share the Christmas story with a Fairtrade chocolate for every day of Advent - plus a free Christmas story/activity book. Only £3.99 each.

Proceeds to St Peter's Eaton Square Church

**For more information or to place your order
contact Revd Julie.**

ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE

American Thanksgiving Dinner & Quiz Night



**Saturday 19th November
6-9 pm in the Parish Hall**

**Traditional Turkey Dinner
Followed by Quiz**

**Come as a team or on your own.
Families are welcome!**

Tickets £10

In aid of The Samaritans

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.

Tu 1	All Saints' Day	For holiness of life
W 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Of Requiem
Th 3	Richard Hooker (1600)	For Anglican theologians
F 4		For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 5		For the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust
Su 6	The Third Sunday before Advent	For the Parish
M 7	Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739	For retreat houses and leaders
Tu 8	The Saints and Martyrs of England	For courageous witness to the faith
W 9	Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440	For prayerfulness
Th 10	Leo the Great (461)	For Christian leaders
F 11	Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 12		For all victims of war
Su 13	Remembrance Sunday	For the Parish
M 14	Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796	For the American Episcopal Church
Tu 15		For the Middle East

CALENDAR CONTD

W 16	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093	For Scotland
Th 17	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln	For the church in rural communities
F 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231	For our Prayer Board Requests
Sa 19	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680	For vocations to the religious life
Su 20	Christ the King - Stewardship Sunday	For the Parish and for generosity
M 21		The LDBS and church schools in London
Tu 22	Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230	For our choirs and musicians
W 23	Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100	For persecuted Christians
Th 24		For the homeless
F 25	Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century	For our Prayer Board requests
Sa 26		For the parish staff
Su 27	The First Sunday of Advent	For the Parish
M 28		For the workers and residents of the Parish
Tu 29	Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church	For mission
W 30	Andrew the Apostle	For the Mission to Seamen

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

REVD JULIE INTERVIEWS PHIL CLIFTON



I first met Phil on the day of my interview. I recall well how his kind manner immediately put me at ease. I remember too his questions and comments about welcome and outreach that I felt to be very important and encouraging. And, after knowing Phil for a year now, I see where those questions come from. Phil is a very welcoming person, committed to our vision at St Peter's to be an inclusive and accepting community that

seeks to welcome all in the name of Christ. And I am very pleased to partner with him in this important ministry.

Phil was born in North London but, when he was still a baby, his family moved to Dorset where Phil's younger brother was born. Phil's father worked as a nuclear physicist near Dorchester. Many of you know Phil's mother as she is a regular visitor to St Peter's. Phil describes his childhood as happy and Dorset was a great place to grow up. He did well in school, excelling in sciences and maths and was a part of the Air Cadets where he 'discovered his fear of heights.' Phil attended Imperial College, London where he studied Mechanical Engineering. After Phil finished his degree he soon realized that being a design engineer was not what he wanted to do. Loving the people side of the work in engineering, he went into project management and then completed a Masters in Business

Administration.

Over the years Phil enjoyed a diversity of work, living in various parts of the country including the Midlands, Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland, and travelling widely throughout the world. Rolls-Royce gave Phil his first company to look after at the age of only 29 and from there he went on to manage many different companies. Phil said he ‘drifted into things like doing management of change and problem solving.’ After 2001 he became more involved in city fundraising and then in 2004 became responsible for a division of a major global engineering group with factories world-wide, ‘rarely unpacking his bag for 6 to 7 years.’ Phil mentioned at one point that he ‘is one of the lucky ones because he has always loved his job, both the adventure and the challenge.’

For much of his early work life Phil lived in Durham and then Stamford with his ex-wife and two daughters, Hannah and Tessa. Hannah is now a primary school teacher and Tessa is an A & E nurse. After Phil’s separation 10 years ago and subsequent divorce, he began to spend more time in London. And this brought him to St Peter’s. He remembers well his first visit where he met both Richard Carter and Valerie Smith who were both very welcoming. Phil’s father was then sadly diagnosed with cancer so he spent more time with his parents in the North West to help and wasn’t able to come to St Peter’s for a while. It was also during this time when Phil’s friendship with Ever grew and they eventually got together. This was a time of great changes in Phil’s journey and he will be forever grateful for the supportive family he found at St Peter’s. He felt safe and free to open up to people in the church, experiencing profound acceptance and support. And, in his words, ‘I chose St Peter’s because of the people and there is nothing I would want to change.’

Having grown in the ‘lower church’ and then Methodist expressions of church, Phil appreciated the depth of liturgy and

catholic practice at St Peter's. It gave him the space and the time to grow and it didn't take long before Phil became deeply embedded in the community. He has loved participating in the prayer groups and bible studies, which have planted seeds of thought and have given him the time to dwell and think. Since coming to St Peter's Phil has faithfully served as a Welcomer (and a very good one!). And, just over two years ago Peter approached Phil saying they would soon be looking for a new churchwarden, making a point, 'I'm not asking, just saying.' Phil told Ever he had a feeling that Peter would ask him to serve as churchwarden. And, if he did, he would say no. But after his meeting with Peter the answer was yes. And it was Peter who happily told Ever the news.

Phil said yes to this commitment for a number of reasons. He was looking forward to new beginnings and a new team with the excitement of Ralph's imminent arrival. Phil also looked forward to working with Jim whom he liked very much. And Phil has greatly appreciated his partnership with Jim these past two years, particularly the way they compliment and challenge one another. Phil also serves as Transformation chair, which connects with his passion and vision for welcome. He feels very strongly about the importance of reaching out into the community and beyond and is very happy to see the various ways this is happening at St Peter's today. And finally, Phil has a great capacity for looking out for the needs of others. Witnessing his cheerful welcome to visitors each Sunday has, for me, been a pleasure and a challenge.

Christingle

A service of light for all the family
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SAINT FOR NOVEMBER

Margaret of Scotland (c. 1045 – 16 November 1093), also known as Margaret of Wessex, was an English princess of the House of Wessex. Margaret is sometimes called "The Pearl of Scotland".

Born in exile in Hungary, she was the sister of Edgar Ætheling, the short-ruling and uncrowned Anglo-Saxon King of England. Margaret and her family returned to England in 1057, but fled to the Kingdom of Scotland following the Norman conquest of England of 1066. Around 1070 Margaret married Malcolm III of Scotland, becoming Scottish queen. She was a pious woman, and among many charitable works she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth for pilgrims travelling to Dunfermline Abbey, which gave the towns of South Queensferry and North Queensferry their names. Margaret was the mother of three kings of Scotland (or four, if one includes Edmund of Scotland, who

ruled Scotland with his uncle, Donald III) and of a queen consort of England. According to the *Life of Saint Margaret*, attributed to Turgot of Durham, she died at Edinburgh Castle in 1093, just days after receiving the news of her husband's death in battle. In 1250 she was canonized by Pope Innocent IV, and her remains were reinterred in a shrine at Dunfermline Abbey. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation and subsequently lost.

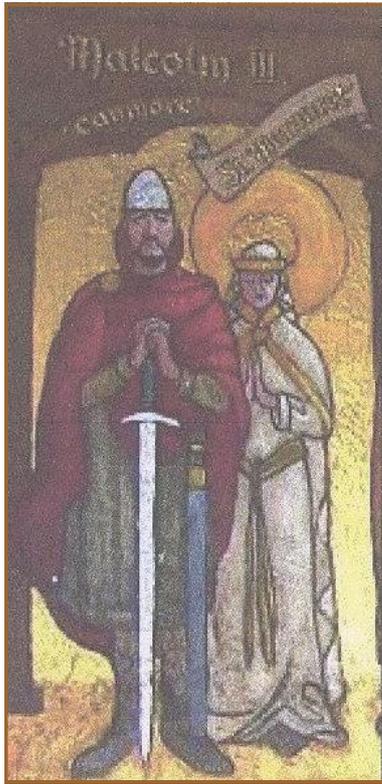


Margaret was the daughter of the English prince Edward the

Exile, and granddaughter of Edmund Ironside, king of England. After the Danish conquest of England in 1016, Canute had the infant Edward exiled to the continent. He was taken first to the court of the Swedish king, Olof Skötkonung, and then to Kiev. As an adult, he travelled to Hungary, where in 1046 he supported Andrew I's successful bid for the throne. The provenance of Margaret's mother, Agatha, is not clear, but Margaret was born in Hungary around 1045. Her brother Edgar the Ætheling and her sister Cristina were also born in Hungary around this time. Margaret grew up in a very religious environment in the Hungarian court – the Hungarian monarch was known as 'Andrew the Catholic' as a result of his great piety and devotion to Rome.

Still a child, she came to England with the rest of her family when her father, Edward, was recalled in 1057 as a possible successor to her great-uncle, the childless Edward the Confessor. Whether from natural or sinister causes, Edward died immediately on landing, but Margaret continued to reside at the English court where her brother, Edgar Ætheling, was considered a possible successor to the English throne. When the Confessor died in January 1066, Harold Godwinson was selected as king, Edgar perhaps being considered still too young. After Harold's defeat at the battle of Hastings later that year, Edgar was proclaimed King of England, but when the Normans advanced on London, the Witenagemot presented Edgar to William the Conqueror who took him to Normandy before returning him to England in 1068, when Edgar, Margaret, Cristina and their mother Agatha fled north to Northumbria.

According to tradition, the widowed Agatha decided to leave Northumbria with her children and return to the continent. However, a storm drove their ship north to Scotland, where they sought the protection of King Malcolm III. The spot where they are said to have landed is known today as St Margaret's Hope, near the village of North Queensferry. Margaret's arrival in Scotland in 1068, after the failed revolt of the Northumbrian earls, has been heavily romanticized, though Symeon of Durham im-



plied that her first meeting with Malcolm III may not have been until 1070, after William the Conqueror's Harrying of the North.

Malcolm was a widower with two sons, Donald and Duncan. He would have been attracted by the prospect of marrying one of the few remaining members of the Anglo-Saxon royal family. The marriage of Malcolm and Margaret took place some time before the end of 1070. Malcolm followed it with several invasions of Northumberland, in support of the claims of his brother-in-law Edgar, as well as to increase his own power. These, however, had little result beyond the devastation of the county.

Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters:

Edward, killed 1094.

Edmund of Scotland (c.1070 – after 1097)

Ethelred, abbot of Dunkeld

Edgar of Scotland (c.1074 - 11 January 1107), King of Scotland from 1097 - 1107

Alexander I of Scotland (c.1078 - 23 April 1124), King of Scotland from 1107 - 1124

Edith of Scotland (c. 1080 – 1 May 1118), also called Matilda, married King Henry I of England

Mary of Scotland (1082–1116), married Eustace III of Boulogne

David I of Scotland (c.1083 – 24 May 1153), King of Scotland from 1124 - 1153

Margaret's biographer Turgot, Bishop of St. Andrews, credits her with having a civilizing influence on her husband Malcolm by reading him stories from the Bible. She instigated religious reform, striving to make the worship and practices of the Church in

Scotland conform to those of Rome. This she did with the inspiration and guidance of Lanfranc, the future Archbishop of Canterbury. Due to these achievements, she was considered an exemplar of the "just ruler", and influenced her husband and children—especially her youngest son, later David I—also to be just and holy rulers.

She attended to charitable works, serving orphans and the poor every day before she ate, and washing the feet of the poor in imitation of Christ. She rose at midnight every night to attend church services. She invited the Benedictine order to establish a monastery at Dunfermline in Fife in 1072, and established ferries at Queensferry and North Berwick to assist pilgrims journeying from south of the Firth of Forth to St. Andrews in Fife. A cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline was used by her as a place of devotion and prayer. Amongst her other deeds, Margaret also instigated the restoration of the monastery at Iona.

In her private life, Margaret was as devout as she was in her public duties. She spent much of her time in prayer, devotional reading, and ecclesiastical embroidery. This appears to have had a considerable effect on the more uncouth Malcolm who could not read; he so admired her devotion that he had her books decorated in gold and silver. One of these, a pocket gospel book with Evangelist portraits, is in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. Malcolm seems to have been largely ignorant of the long-term effects of Margaret's endeavours, not being especially religious himself. He was content for her to pursue her reforms as she wished, a testament to the strength and affection inherent in their marriage.

Her husband and their eldest son, Edward, were killed at the Battle of Alnwick on 13 November 1093. Her son Edgar was left with the task of telling his mother of their deaths. Margaret was not yet fifty, but a life of constant austerity and fasting had taken their toll. Already ill, Margaret died on 16 November 1093, three days after the deaths of her husband and eldest son. She was buried in Dunfermline Abbey. In 1250 her body and that of her husband were exhumed and placed in a new shrine in the Abbey. In

1560 Mary Queen of Scots had Margaret's head removed to Edinburgh Castle as a relic to assist her in childbirth. In 1597 the head ended up with the Jesuits at the Scots' College, Douai, France, but was lost during the French Revolution. Philip II of Spain had the other remains of Margaret transferred to the Escorial in Madrid, but they cannot now be found.

Saint Margaret was canonised in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV in recognition of her personal holiness, fidelity to the Church, work for religious reform, and charity. In 1693 Pope Innocent XII changed her feast day to 10 June in recognition of the birthdate of the son of James VII of Scotland and II of England. In the revision of the General Roman Calendar in 1969, 16 November became free and the Church transferred her feast day to 16 November, the day of her death, which had always been recognised in Scotland. However, some traditionalist Catholics continue to celebrate her feast day on 10 June.

She is also venerated as a saint in the Anglican Church.

Comment:

Margaret had an undoubted influence on the spiritual, cultural and political life of the Scotland of her day, Given her high position and her life of evident piety the accounts of her life are surprisingly free of legends or miraculous events. One such however, concerns the book in the Bodleian library mentioned above. A richly decorated and illustrated compilation of the sections of the gospels used in the Mass, it was said to have been dropped in a stream, where the cover came off and the pages were seen to be turned by the flow of the water. When retrieved, however, it was said to be undamaged by water. A Latin poem contemporary with her is inscribed at the beginning of this volume, which tells the same story as appears in her biography. The Bodleian book is indeed said to be undamaged by water, except for one page which shows the signs of crinkling to be expected after a wet sheet has been gently dried

Saint chosen by Richard Carter and commented by Valerie Smith

ST PETER'S WW1 MEMORIAL

This month the stories are of the courage of two cousins.

Major Philip Musgrave Neeld Wroughton 1887-1917 was the son of Philip and Evelyn (nee Evelyn Mary Neeld) Wroughton. His father was a Conservative MP from 1878 -1895 for Berkshire and a Major in the Yeomanry Cavalry. Philip had six older sisters and one younger brother. In the 1891 census the family was living in Woolley park near Wantage with 12 servants. The 1911 census records them living at 19 Eaton Square. Philip went to Eton.

He was mobilized in 1914 as a Major in the Berkshire Yeomanry, and he served in Gallipoli, Egypt, Sinai, Palestine and Senussi. He died in the second battle of Gaza when, in the face of a strong Turkish attack, his Brigade was called up. There is a vivid eye-witness account of the action: *'The situation ... was very critical when an urgent message was sent to the 6th. Mounted Brigade. Looking south-westwards from the Atawineh Ridge across two miles of level ground towards the Wadi Munkheileh, the writer could see the latter enveloped in clouds of black smoke from the shells which were bursting over it. Suddenly he saw a sight which thrilled him: out of the wall of smoke which hid Munkheileh there emerged a mass of horsemen which gradually opened out in extended order and filled the foreground. It was the Berkshire Yeomanry ... disdaining to dismount, for they knew it was only a matter of minutes, the yeomanry galloped on, here and there a horse and rider coming down as they covered the two miles ... dismounting the yeomanry came in to the advance at once and after driving back the Turks they effectively re-established the broken line. The Berkshire Yeomanry took a number of the enemy trenches and fought off further*



Turkish attacks. Major Philip Wroughton, much loved by all ranks, was fatally wounded by shellfire. The cross from his grave in Gaza is now in St. Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth.

Each year, on the nearest Sunday to Philip's death, his family gather around a memorial cross about four miles south of Wantage for an Anniversary Parade. There also, until age and death prevented them, were the two sons of his army servant. When he came home he had told his sons to attend the Parade every year for Philip's instruction to him 'to keep his head down' as the yeomanry moved forward in April 1917 had saved his life.



Memorial Cross near Wantage

2nd. Lt. Musgrave Cazenove Wroughton 1892-1914

In the 1901 census Musgrave was living with his parents, William Musgrave and Edith Wroughton (Edith was the daughter of Henry Cazenove), at 30 Chester Square with two older sisters and 7 servants. Later they moved to 77 Chester Square and also had a house in Northamptonshire.



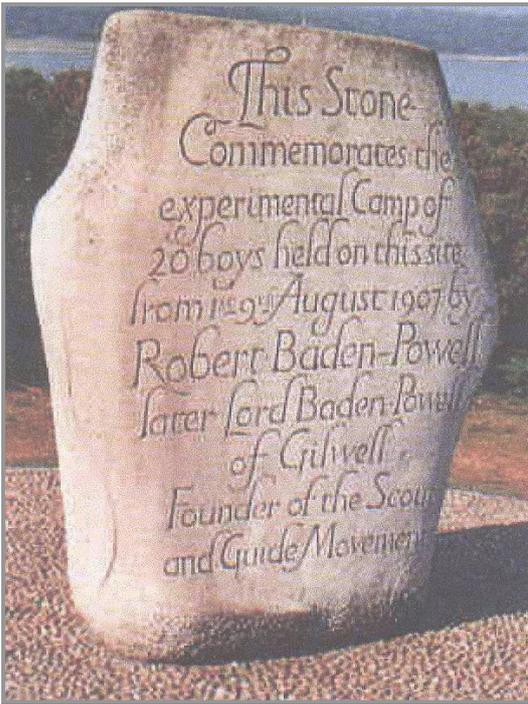
Musgrave liked to be called Bob. He went to Harrow school and Christ Church. During the holidays he was a keen follower of the Pytchley Hunt where his father was master for many years. On leaving school he was commissioned in the Northampton Yeomanry.

Bob's parents were great friends of Robert Baden-Powell and Bob, aged 15, was one of the Scouts who took part in the Brownsea Island camp in 1907 which started the Scout Movement. In fact some of Bob's ideas helped in establishing

the Movement. When he was 20, he accompanied Baden-Powell as his ADC on a world tour.

In 1913 Bob transferred to the 12th. Lancers and he went to the front in August 1914. Just a few weeks into the war he had already been mentioned in Despatches for 'gallant and distinguished service in the field'. On October 13 he was shot by a sniper at the 1st. Battle of Ypres and he died from his wounds. He is buried at Kemnsel churchyard in Belgium.

A distraught Baden-Powell wrote to his parents 'I have felt as nearly as possible like a second father to him and to read the little testimonies to Bob's character is the greatest possible comfort. I am so glad that he had made his mark already before he died.' One of the testimonies was from his Sergeant Major



'He was such a brave young officer ... his last words to me as I carried him to a place of cover were 'Never mind me, Sergeant Major. Look after yourself.' Another was from a Private who said he was protected by Bob on the day he was wounded for he had told him to look after the horses and not go into the trenches.

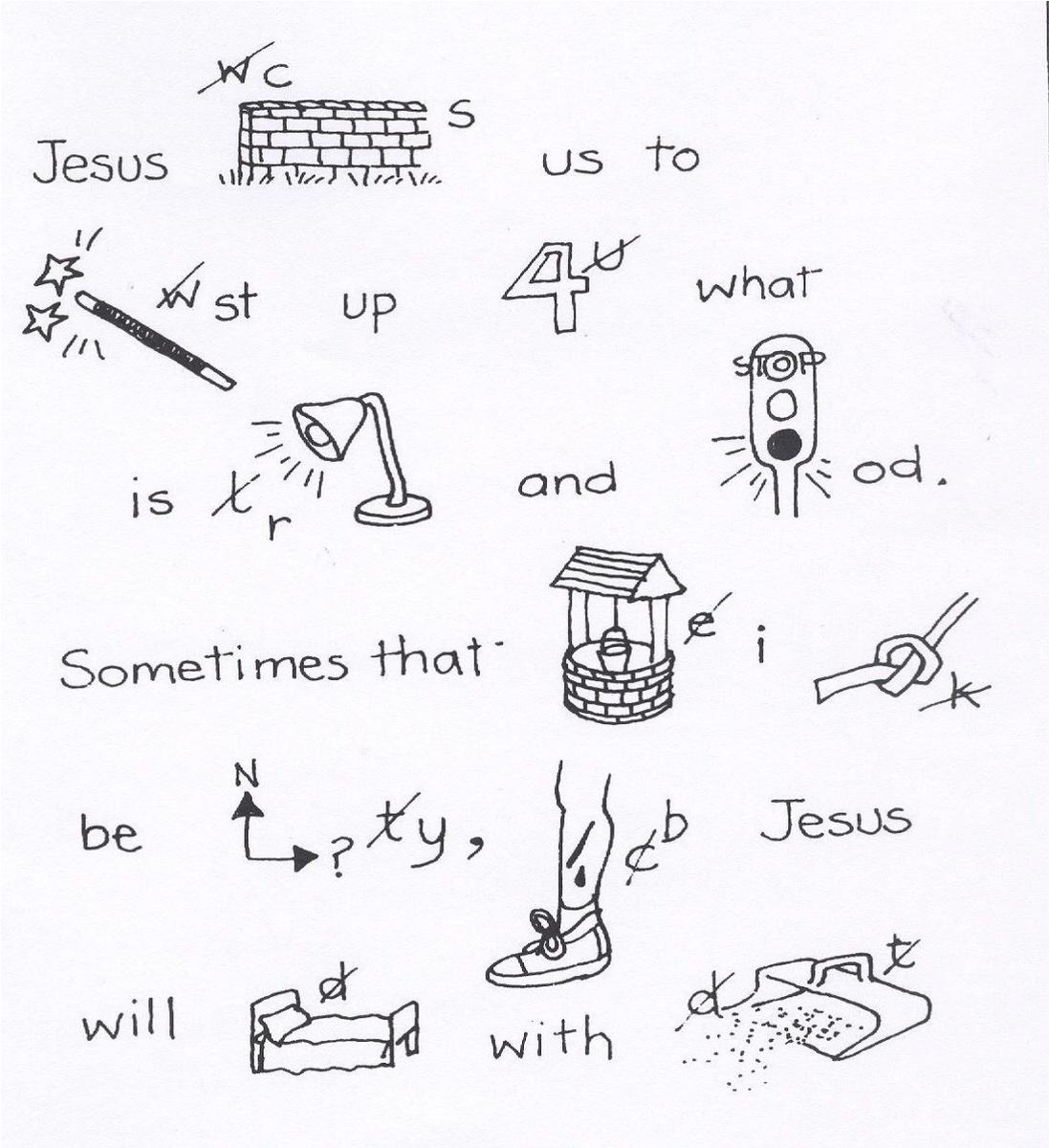
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

'TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME'

Matthew 16: 24-28

This month we remember Christian martyrs.



ST PETER'S
LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2016/2017

2016-2017	Festival/Holy Day	Worship
Sunday 27 November	First Sunday of Advent	Morning worship at normal times. Advent Carol Service 6.00pm
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Eve	Crib Service 4.00pm Eucharist of Christmas Night 11.00pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day	Holy Communion 8.15am Family Eucharist 9.45am Sung Eucharist 11.15am
Sunday 1 January	Naming and Circumcision of Christ	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 8 January	The Epiphany	Morning worship at normal times.
Sunday 22 January	Confirmation by the Bishop of London	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Sunday 29 January	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Morning worship at normal times.
Wednesday 1 March	Ash Wednesday	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 8.00 am; 12.30 pm; 7.00 pm
Sunday 26 March	Mothering Sunday	Morning worship at normal times.
Sunday 9 April	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 8.15 am; 9.45am Family Eucharist , Procession of Palms 11.15 Sung Eucharist
Thursday 13 April	Maundy Thursday	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm

Friday 14 April	Good Friday	The Story of Good Friday 10.00am The Liturgy of Good Friday 12 noon
Saturday 15 April	Easter Eve	Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Sunday 16 April	Easter Day	Holy Communion 8.15 am Family Eucharist 9.45 am Sung Eucharist 11.15 am
Sunday 7 May	The Dedication of St Peter's Eaton Square	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 28 May	Ascension Day (transferred)	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 4 June	The Day of Pentecost	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 11 June	Trinity Sunday	Morning worship at normal times
Thursday 15 June	Corpus Christi	Sung Eucharist 7.00 pm
Sunday 2 July	Peter the Apostle - Parish Patronal Festival	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am followed by Parish Lunch
Sunday 1 October	Michael and All Angels	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 8 October	Harvest Thanksgiving	Holy Communion 8.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Thursday 2 November	All Souls' Day	Sung Eucharist 7.00pm
Sunday 5 November	All Saints' Sunday	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Sunday	Morning worship at normal times
Sunday 26 November	Christ the King	Morning worship at normal times

RECIPE FOR NOVEMBER

Pumpkin Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 225g/8oz digestive biscuits
- 60g/2oz butter
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 340g/12oz cooked pumpkin (steamed or roasted)
- 225g/8oz caster sugar
- 450g/1lb cream cheese
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2.5g/½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 4 eggs
- 90ml/3fl oz double cream
- 90ml/3fl oz natural yoghurt

Method

1. Heat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3
2. Bash the biscuits into crumbs. Melt the butter over a low heat and mix in the biscuit and lemon zest. Lightly grease a 25cm/10in loose-bottomed cake tin and press the crumbs into the base and up the sides slightly.
3. Mix together the cream cheese, pumpkin flesh, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg until smooth. Beat the eggs and fold into the pumpkin mixture. Turn into the tin and bake in the oven for 90 minutes until the surface is set but the underneath still slightly squidgy.
4. Take the cheesecake out of the oven and let it cool in the tin. When cool, turn it on to a serving plate, cover with foodwrap and chill overnight.
5. Whip the double cream until thick and fold in the yoghurt and the lemon juice. Spread over the top of the cheesecake

and serve at room temperature.





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Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm

VASARI SINGERS

Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm

KATHERINE BRYAN, flute

TIM CAREY, piano

Thursday 10 November, 7.30pm



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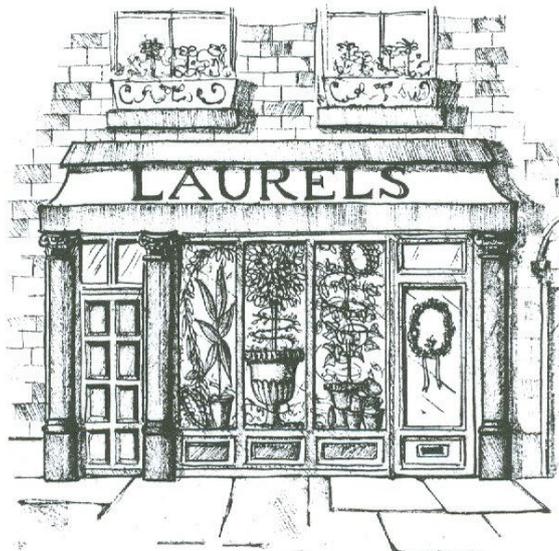
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