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## VICAR'S NEWSLETTER



### **Christian Stewardship**

It is strange that, although we use it all the time, money is a really difficult thing for most of us to talk about. You might imagine how I feel, as a slightly introverted English person, to find myself leading a stewardship campaign this month. To describe it as outside my comfort zone is an understatement. But I know that money is important, and that how we respond to this particular part of our Christian calling in the

months ahead will have a big effect on the life and work of St Peter's. I will be writing to everyone in a couple of weeks, but until then, here are some thoughts.

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament have a lot to say about money, our use of it, and our attitudes to it. These issues are not new, as they stem from our fundamental nature, our generosity or lack of it, our insecurities and weaknesses. The Bible tells us that we brought nothing into the world and we will take nothing out - we do not own anything, and are only stewards of what we think we own. The response used in the Eucharist, "All things come from you, and of your own do we give you", fairly expresses the Christian and Jewish understanding of property or money. We give to help the church's work of bringing the transforming power of God's love to every area of life - to people near and far, in the congregation, in the parish, in our city, in places of need around the world. We give out of deep thankfulness of all we have been given ourselves, in response to the generosity of God.

In the gospels, Jesus commends both poor and rich for their generosity - we remember the widow with her 'mite' and Zacchaeus the tax collector who gave away half of all he owned, leaving him poorer, but probably still comfortable. Luke's gospel refers to a group of at least five women who supported the ministry of Jesus and his disciples financially, and I am delighted that they get a mention (in Chapter 8.2). Others are described as paying the price for holding back what they should have given (see Ananias and Sapphira in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5). Then in the Epistles there is a rich vein of sayings which have become part of our everyday language, with the ever true observation that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, and the comment that, 'God loves a cheerful giver'. Giving money generously for the work of the church is simply something which we are all called to do, in proportion to our means, and in addition some people have a special calling to support the church financially, a ministry of giving.

### **Our Church's Finances**

At St Peter's we are fortunate that we have some resources which are carefully managed to produce an income. A few years ago our congregational giving accounted for a third of our income, and the rest came from investments, from rental of the crypts and parish rooms, and from car parking. Over the last few years our income from the congregation has slowly declined. Two recent periods of interregnum have affected our giving, and on top of this we have had extraordinary expenses, most notably the replacement of the boilers, which led to the parish taking out loans from the diocese, which we are repaying. I was surprised to learn that in comparison to the average for the diocese, the amount given per head through planned giving at St Peter's is very low. It is essential that we shoulder the responsibility for more of the church's costs, and make money available to do more of the things we would like to, more outreach, more work with young people, more involvement and support for charities and so on. More detailed financial information will be available

before Stewardship Sunday, but as we have a full team of staff here again now, a new PCC group structure and lots of enthusiasm, good ideas and hard work taking place, I hope the time has come for a substantial increase in our regular giving. This is a thriving and vibrant church, and there is a lot which we would like to do - please help us to do it.

### **How should we give?**

The very best way to give money to the church is by a monthly standing order, and to sign a Gift Aid form so that we can claim back income tax, greatly increasing the value of your gift. Some people like to put money in the collection as cash, or by envelope, but it is far better for the church if your giving is done directly - it is more regular and predictable for us. I am proposing that we provide some paper slips saying "I give monthly" or something similar, which will enable us to continue the action of putting something in the collection, and letting children put something in too, while the bank does the work. I hope that many people who give cash through the open collection or who give with envelopes will take out a standing order and 'gift aid' it too.

### **How much should we give?**

Someone at the last PCC meeting helpfully asked this question, but it is difficult to answer - we must each answer it for ourselves. Some churches, including the one where I spent my teens, practice the Biblical pattern of tithing, with everyone giving a tenth of their income before tax. Needless to say, the church can do a lot if giving is this generous. In the Church of England I expect there are few who give this amount, although thankfully some do, or even give more than that, and many people have regular giving to charities too, but the amount we give must be realistic and generous in terms of our resources and income. If we are happy to invest money in property, should we not be prepared to invest generously in the work of the church too? If we eat meals in restaurants or spend money on entertainment, a night out, school costs or clubs or tutors, hobbies and

clothes, should we not also give an amount which is realistic or generous relative to these things, to the church? The work that the church does and its role in our lives and our society is critically important. We are proclaiming the message of Life, the transforming and saving power of God's love in individual lives, in society, for our children and our community, for our world. There is no better cause to give a generous proportion of our money to, if we can. The last word goes to St Paul:

The one who gives sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9: 6-8*

### **Legacies**

When I was a Curate in North London, and I saw how much my church needed to raise from its small congregation, I began to realise the importance of legacies. Most of the structures of the church and other valuable institutions were established through the generosity of people in their wills. Gifts in Wills are an important part of Christian giving, and leaving a gift to St Peter's through your will is a way to thank God for all the blessings we have received here and elsewhere in our lifetime. Could you consider this? For information about how a gift in your will could make a difference to St Peter's, please visit the Church of England Legacy website here: <http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk>

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH

*A view of St Peter's  
from 118 Eaton Square - taken by the Vicar*



## CHRISTMAS CARDS



We are producing a beautiful St Peter's Christmas card, which will be available to purchase in church from the middle of November. The cards will be quite large and beautifully printed, with the image of the beautiful Advent Angel from the window which can be seen in the Verger's Vestry. They will be sold in packs of 6 cards for £4, with discounts for larger quantities. The proceeds of the sale of the cards go towards our Christmas charities

## FROM JULIE



‘Do not worry. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you.’ Matthew 6.34.

Jesus, in his words from this year’s Harvest Festival Gospel reading, reminds us of our hope in God: hope that points toward the future, hope that is realized in the midst of the world around us and hope that gives us the freedom not to worry. We might imagine Jesus walking through a valley full of wildflowers flowers and

birds as he says, ‘Don’t worry about what you wear, what you eat or what you drink. For can anyone add a single hour to their life by worrying?’

Now, as I pointed out in my Harvest Sunday sermon, Jesus’ words may be beautiful but they are not easy; Because, after all, we all worry. We worry about our family, our children’s education, our health, our finances, our future. Too many times I have heard well-meaning people say, If you really believe in God, there is no reason to worry. Others say that nothing bad will happen if Jesus is with us. Well you don’t have to live long to realize this is not so. No, Jesus must have something else in mind.

Part of what Jesus means when he says not to worry is that he meets us in the midst of our concerns and worries in this life. And he illustrates this with images from God’s creation. ‘Look at the birds of the air. . . Consider the lilies of the field.’ Jesus

draws us to recognize the beauty of the world – the beauty God has created. And he points us to the amazing reality that God cares even more for each one of us. This is our hope and it is the hope we want to share with the world. And this, I believe, was the whole idea behind this year's Harvest Operation Fish. Because we are a people of hope, we dedicate and rededicate ourselves to service in the church and in the world.

And there are many opportunities for service in the church and outreach to the community. The recent restructuring of the PCC into the areas of Formation, Resources and Transformation has opened new opportunities for anyone to become involved. Why not volunteer with the Poppets, the weekly play and craft group with young children and their carers? You might be interested in helping out with the new coffee morning with crafts, joining the family choir or participating in prayer and quiet days. You may like to join the new social committee or Sunday morning coffee rota. We are also looking ahead to new outreach initiatives, ways that we might engage with the diversity of people and needs in the parish, the wider community and the world. And we want to hear your ideas for mission and ministry. Look out for the outreach and charity survey soon to come.

And so, this November as we move through our season of Remembrance, we look ahead to Advent, to the new beginnings experienced in the birth of Christ. And, as we embrace this new life, we grow in our call to love God and one another. As we grow together in Christ we experience the freedom to live generous lives. This is why and the only reason why we can say along with Jesus, 'Do not worry. But seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be given to you.'

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



## St Peter's School Christmas Fair

Saturday 5 December  
11.00am - 2.00pm

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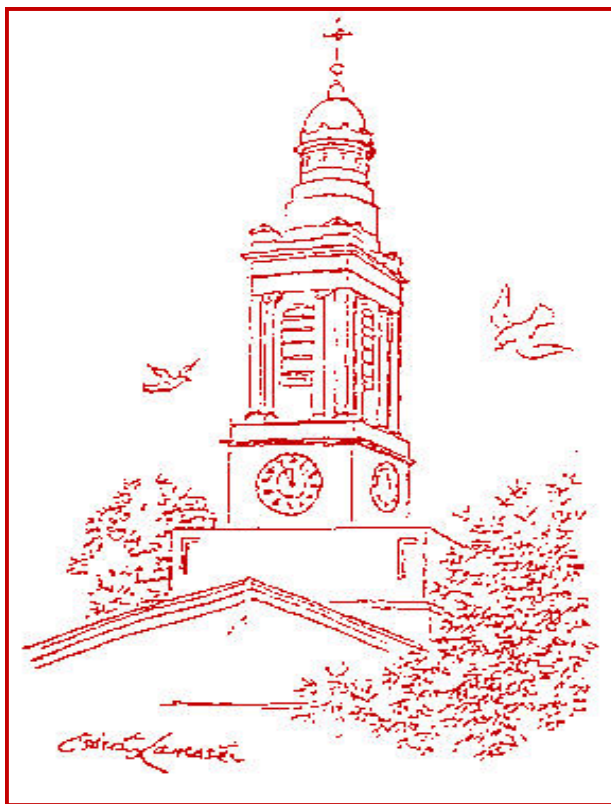
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### **BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Book Club  
will be on Thursday, 12 November 2015  
at 7.00 pm at David & Ann Bawtree's house,  
25 Hugh Street and the book  
we will be discussing is  
"Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll.  
Please come and join us.

## PARISH NEWS



Autumn at St Peter's is the season of welcome and a time for new beginnings. I have experienced a lovely welcome and it a joy journey in this new adventure with you. In the church our new emphasis on transformation, formation and building the church and community through wise use of its recourses is underway. At St Peter's School, we have been exploring the Sermon on the Mount in the context of the term theme, new beginnings. We were also warmly welcomed by Westminster City School and have greatly enjoyed our interaction with the students there. I have particularly enjoyed ministry with the children in the school and church and am struck with the children's depth of faith and desire for understanding. The youth group has met several times now and the programme continues with fortnightly meetings from 6 to 7.30 pm. The youth group is mainly social but we have had some lively theological reflection, particularly when re-enacting a few of Jesus' parables. We have recently

enjoyed a film night and have plans for future activities, such as ice skating and bowling. The Stephen Ridgely-Whitehouse room is being prepared (with thanks to Jim Glen and others), and will soon become the new Youth Group room

The PCC will meet at 7.00 pm the 19th of November. Last month we affirmed the new structure and are now practically working it out in the life of the church. As an example, the Transformation committee oversees the Outreach, Charity and Hospitality groups. And, as part of hospitality, we are beginning a new Social Committee. Please speak with me or Laura Cook if you are interested in joining this group. October was a time to look afresh at ministry opportunities at St Peter's with Operation Fish. And we will soon have a leaflet and survey available with ideas for outreach and charity in the parish and wider community. Please do speak with a member of the clergy or the churchwardens for more information about becoming involved.

October has also been a month for enjoying our life together in the parish. The Faith Discussion group has continued with a fruitful and challenging reflection on Genesis. Next month we will continue our discussion with the book of Revelation. Thank you to all who helped with are wonderful Harvest lunch, those who organized, prepared the food and sold the lovely plum jam! And finally, this month we also launched a new coffee morning with crafts, meeting every Thursday in the church from 9.00-11.00 am. Everyone is welcome, including children! .

### **Looking ahead to November**

November brings our active remembrance. We will remember those we have lost, those who have gone before us. All Saints Sunday (November 1st) and All Souls will be marked with a Requiem Eucharist on Monday 2nd November at 7.00 pm. There will be an opportunity to remember those we love but see no longer through prayer and the reading of names. If you would like to add the name of departed loved ones please add the names to the list at the back of the church. On Sunday the 8th of No-

vember we will remember those who have died in war, both past and present, in our act of remembrance at 11 am on the Portico and at Victoria Station. Service times will be as normal. I believe Remembrance Day takes on greater meaning in the midst of current conflicts around the globe. The reality of loss and suffering that so many people live with each day points us beyond ourselves to prayer. And it would be especially appropriate this month to remember in prayer the many thousands of refugees who have fled their homes as a result of war and conflict. Let's take the time to listen to their stories and reflect together how they point us towards a sign of God's kingdom in the world.

This November we emphasize our stewardship, both of our gifts and our finances. Please see Fr Ralph's letter for more information. On the 5th of November at 7.30 pm, we look forward to the final Eaton Square Concert for the autumn season. Please join us and bring your friends to hear Julian Bliss, clarinet and James Baillieu, piano.

At the end of the month Advent begins with an Advent Carol service on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 7 pm. We are also selling Real Advent Calendars which tell the Christmas story and offer good quality Belgian Chocolate. They are available Sunday mornings and the cost is £3.99. On a personal note, thank you to everyone for giving both Ivan and I a wonderful welcome. I have enjoyed visiting with many of you and me look forward to getting to know in the future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Julie Khoo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

## AN OBITUARY FOR JOAN WATTS DIED 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2105.

Joan Watts was born on Christmas Day 1919. Sixty years later at the end of 1979, she retired very much against her will as Director of Welcare in the Diocese of London, the social work agency of the diocese. She was a dynamic person full of energy and vitality and having to retire at the statutory age was a great blow to her. I had known of Joan all my ordained ministry, since 1966, and had met her and worked with her since 1970. Welcare at that time had at least one Anglican social worker in every deanery of the diocese and most deaneries including our deanery had a mother and baby home for young women living rough on the streets of London while expecting a child. Joan and her team were a real force for good in the world of social work and highly respected as caring professionals in their field. I was involved at the time of her retirement with plans to sell the Christchurch Burial Ground in Victoria Street, in order to set up two major parish charities which would secure the financial future of St Peter's. This meant that I needed help in the short term with parish administration and subsequently a secretary to the new charities. I asked Joan if she would come to work for me and so began Joan's work at St Peter's. In the event, the sale of the burial ground was not achieved and the site remains a parish asset. It is currently rented by Westminster City Council on a short lease and there is a file in the archives for future incumbents.

Instead, Joan became my Secretary and took on the administration of the St Peter's Eaton Square Charity set up in 1977 to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the church in 1827. She incorporated into that responsibility the administration of the church car parking and was soon very efficiently making an annual profit of £100,000 p.a. for the support of the parish. She stayed with me until my retirement 26 years later and stayed on for another two years after to make the handover until she retired at the age of 87.

She was a perfect Secretary. Although she could “talk the hind legs off a donkey”, nevertheless, when it came to confidential material she had a mouth like a padlock, and secondly, if I dictated a letter which she thought needed toning down, it would be done discretely so that I was aware that it had been improved and grateful she had done so. Shades of “Tea with Mussolini”! Also, when in about 2000, she came to me to announce that our supplier had told her that the ribbon for her typewriter no longer existed – “There is not one single ribbon left in the universe” – I asked her whether she would like me to buy her a different brand of typewriter or a computer. She replied at once, “Let’s move on. A computer.” In the end after she had done the research, she chose a word processor to type the letters and print the bills for the car parking. She taught herself how to use it and it speeded up her work in the process.

Joan had an extraordinary life and career. In 1945, she went to Vienna to work with the refugees fleeing from the east following the end of the Second World War. There she made Viennese friends with whom she developed a deep rapport, so that those friendships lasted for the rest of her life. Just a week or so before she died, a grandson of one of her friends visited her while in London. She was not supposed to fraternise with the Austrians but she did so with good effect.

She then trained as a church social worker, later being a lay student at Queen’s Theological College, Birmingham, studying alongside ordinands preparing for Ordination. A revolutionary idea at the time!

Her capacity for friendship led to her keeping in touch with many of the women and children she and her team of social workers in Welcare helped. She became a godparent to a number of the babies. Again, those friendships lasted for the rest of her life.

Joan was inspired by many people, including Josephine Butler who worked in Victorian England to repeal the legislation passed

to blame the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases on to female prostitutes because the Victorians could not believe that “respectable” men who used prostitutes could themselves pass these diseases on to the women. The Josephine Butler Society works today for the abolition of the slavery of women in the sex trade throughout the world. Joan was a member of the society, which still meets regularly in the Parish Hall.

She was also a Guider in Marylebone in her spare time after work, bettering the lives of young girls in Marylebone over many years. She worshipped for much of that time at St Mary’s Bryanston Square until forced out by a church plant, after which, she transferred to St John ‘s Wood Parish Church.

She was also a supporter of the Ordination of women from the time of its early beginnings, believing both in the justice of the cause and the need to recognise and discern the callings already experienced by women to the ordained priesthood.

In 2001, Her Majesty the Queen presented the Royal Maundy at Westminster Abbey and three people from St Peter’s were nominated, including Joan Watts, to mark their exceptional contribution to the welfare of the people of Westminster. The other two were Margaret Denton and Brenda Bailey. A truly exceptional trio!

Her gift for friendship was rooted in love, her great capacity to love, her recognition that the law of Love, inaugurated by Our Lord is greater than any set of rules. Jesus was a Law breaker and it took him to the Cross. Joan took risks by befriending others and showing them Christian love.

All this was crystallised in her membership of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis, the Anglican community of Franciscan friars, with its focus on the example and teaching of St Francis of Assisi, namely, simplicity of life, poverty of spirit, renewal of the Church, thirst for the Kingdom of God, humility as the root of all progress towards love of God, love of neighbour, love of self. Joan became a novice guardian of the Third Order, respon-

sible for teaching enquirers the basic tenets and practice of the Third Order and, more importantly, being an example to them of the Franciscan life, lived in society.

Here was the key to the meaning of her life, her quest for social justice in the world and in the Church, her great capacity for love and friendship, her wisdom and her inner strength. Joan was not perfect but she was and remains an inspiration to so many today, as the high attendance at her funeral bore witness.

We commend her to God our Father, that she may enjoy the vision of his glory and come to that radiant fulfilment to which he calls us all. May her faith be turned into sight, her hope into possession and her love perfected in his love in the joy of God her Creator and Redeemer. Amen.

DESMOND TILLYER

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

**Sunday, 1 November: All Saints' Day**

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Revelation 21: 1-6a

John 11: 32-44

**Monday, 2 November. All Souls' Day**

Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33

Romans 5: 5-11

John 5: 19-25

**Sunday, 8 November: Third Sunday before Advent**

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Hebrews 8: 24-2nd

Mark 1: 14-20

**Sunday, 15 November: Second Sunday before Advent**

Daniel 12: 1-3

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Mark 13: 1-8

**Sunday 22 November: Christ the King**

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1: 4b-8

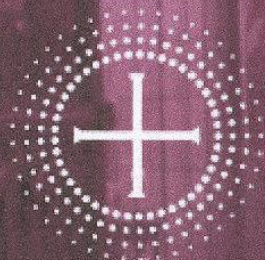
John 18: 33-37

**Sunday 29 November: First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-9

Luke 21: 25-36



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# 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>Su 1</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	Of Requiem
Tu 3	Richard Hooker (1600)	For those who have inspired us
W 4		For the ministry of Parish Treasurers
Th 5		For the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust
F 6		For our Prayer Board Requests
S 7	Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739	For retreat houses and leaders
<b>Su 8</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 9	The Saints and Martyrs of England	For English saints and martyrs
Tu 10	Leo the Great (461)	For Christian leaders
W 11	Martin, Bishop of Tours, c. 397	For all victims of war
Th 12		For the Middle East
F 13	Charles, Simeon, Priest, Evangelist, Divine, 1836	For our Prayer Board Requests
S 14		For RE teachers
<b>Su 15</b>	<b>The Second Sunday Before Advent</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
M 16	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093	For Scotland

## CALENDAR CONTD

T 17	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln	For the church in rural communities
W 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231	For victims of natural disaster and all relief agencies
Th 19	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680	For vocations to the religious life
F 20	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870	For our Prayer Board Requests
S 21		For all Church schools in London
<b>Su 22</b>	<b>Christ the King - Stewardship Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish and for generosity</b>
M 23	Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100	For persecuted Christians
T 24		For the homeless
W 25		For Victoria Station and all who work there
Th 26		For the parish staff
F 27		For our Prayer Board Requests
S 28		For the workers, residents and passengers of the Parish
<b>Su 29</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>M 30</b>	<b>Andrew the Apostle</b>	<b>For the mission of the Church</b>

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

FROM THE MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 1935  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



CHURCH AND STATE

*Altogether it was a memorable Church Congress, but for many Churchmen perhaps the most deeply interesting address was that in which Canon Anthony Deane defended the Establishment of the Church of England. He drew his arguments from a great many spheres of thought, from philosophy, from history, and from the special conditions of the modern problem as it arose in England, but he dwelt especially on the*

*far-reaching implications for many of the most important sides of our national life, of the unity of Church and State which has prevailed through so many centuries of English history. He dwelt also on the immense value of the parochial system and its dependence on present Endowments. Last, but not least, he urged that the battle between Christianity and secularism was imminent, and that the Church needed the concentration of its whole strength upon its essential work of teaching and preaching the Gospel.*

*In the same debate Sir Charles Grant Robertson, Vice Chancellor of Birmingham University, dwelt on the unity between "the state civil and the state ecclesiastical" which had obtained in England for more than 1,000 years; and the Archbishop of Wales (Dr. Howell Green) summarised the experience of the Church in*

*Wales since Disestablishment and Disendowment had taken place.*

*It is not the way of the Church Congress to take decisions, and greater freedom of debate on all controversial questions is hereby assured. There was probably no single one of the speakers in the more controversial debates at Bournemouth who enjoyed the full agreement of all members of this audience; but equally there can hardly have been any member of the Congress who did not take away from it new points of view, interesting lines of thought, and a mental stimulus towards meditation on some aspects of the wide and important fields which it covered.*

**Comment:**

The question of disestablishment of the Church of England becomes topical from time to time – for instance when Archbishop Runcie took a stance on the Falkland Islands campaign which did not support the government of the day and most recently when the Church diverged from the opinion of Parliament on the Marriage (Same Sex) Couples Act 2013. As in this extract, arguments continue to be advanced on both sides. Advantages for the Church in disestablishment would include avoiding the sort of interference by Parliament in measures supported by the Church's governing bodies (as at the time of the 1928 Prayer Book controversy) and a perceivable distancing of itself from government influence, particularly when legislation that seems to disadvantage poorer sections of the population is in question. Bodies such as the National Secular Society also argue that in a multi-faith and in some cases non-faith country it is unfair to privilege one faith group; however, they are often not supported by other faith groups who see aggressive secularism as a greater enemy than the Church of England's more gentle approach and who also do not want faith relegated to the private sphere. The writer of this extract quotes the argument from history and indeed the involvement of bishops and others in government (which considerably predates the Reformation) has helped to create the sort of social and legal system we now have.

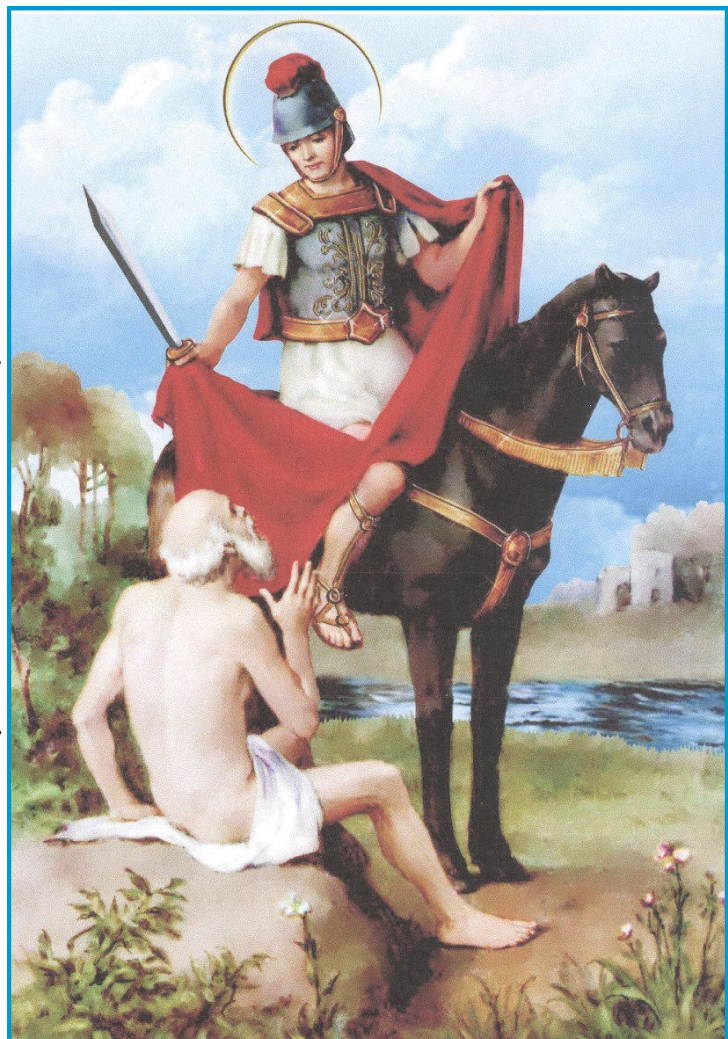
Extract chosen and commented by Valerie Smith

## SAINT FOR NOVEMBER

### Martin of Tours, Bishop & Theologian

Martin was born around 330 of pagan parents. His father was a soldier, who enlisted Martin in the army at the age of fifteen. One winter day he saw an ill-clad beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. Martin had no money to give, but he cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. (Paintings of the scene, such as that by El Greco, show Martin, even without the cloak, more warmly clad than the beggar, which rather misses the point.) In a dream that night, Martin saw Christ wearing the half-cloak. He had for some time considered becoming a Christian, and this ended his wavering. He was promptly baptized. At the end of his next military campaign, he asked to be released from the army, saying: "Hitherto I have faithfully served Caesar. Let me now serve Christ." He was accused of cowardice, and offered to stand unarmed between the contending armies. He was imprisoned, but released when peace was signed.

He became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers a chief opponent in the West of the Arians, who denied the full deity of Christ, and who



had the favour of the emperor Constantius. Returning to his parents' home in Illyricum, he opposed the Arians with such effectiveness that he was publicly scourged and exiled. He was subsequently driven from Milan, and eventually returned to Gaul. There he founded the first monastery in Gaul, which lasted until the French Revolution.

In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. His was a mainly pagan diocese, but his instruction and personal manner of life prevailed. In one instance, the pagan priests agreed to fell their idol, a large fir tree, if Martin would stand directly in the path of its fall. He did so, and it missed him very narrowly. When an officer of the Imperial Guard arrived with a batch of prisoners who were to be tortured and executed the next day, Martin intervened and secured their release.

In the year 384, the heretic (Gnostic) Priscillian and six companions had been condemned to death by the emperor Maximus. The bishops who had found them guilty in the ecclesiastical court pressed for their execution. Martin contended that the secular power had no authority to punish heresy, and that the excommunication by the bishops was an adequate sentence. In this he was upheld by Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. He refused to leave Treves until the emperor promised to reprieve them. No sooner was his back turned than the bishops persuaded the emperor to break his promise; Priscillian and his followers were executed. This was the first time that heresy was punished by death.

Martin was furious, and excommunicated the bishops responsible. But afterwards, he took them back into communion in exchange for a pardon from Maximus for certain men condemned to death, and for the emperor's promise to end the persecution of the remaining Priscillianists. He never felt easy in his mind about this concession, and thereafter avoided assemblies of bishops where he might encounter some of those concerned in this affair. He died on or about 11 November 397 (my sources differ) and his shrine at Tours became a sanctuary for those seeking justice.

The Feast of Martin, a soldier who fought bravely and faithfully in the service of an earthly sovereign, and then enlisted in the service of Christ, is also the day of the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War. On it we remember those who have risked or lost their lives in what they perceived as the pursuit of justice and peace.

Martin of Tours was Bishop of Tours, whose shrine in France became a famous stopping-point for pilgrims on the road to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. He has become one of the most familiar and recognisable Christian saint.

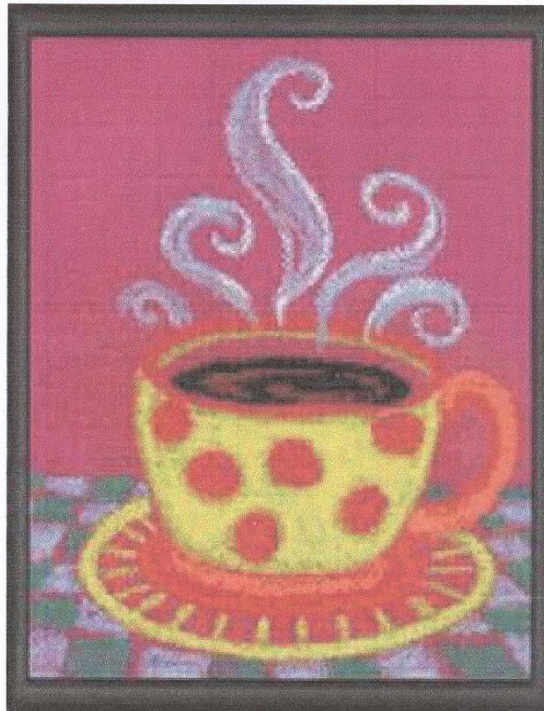
11 November 397 (Armistice Day 11 November 1918)

***Comment:***

*In ceasing to be a soldier as a result of his conversion to Christianity, Martin was following a practice that went back to the early days of the Church, and which in his own time, with the triumphs of Constantine, was already less common. The right attitude to fighting in wars continued to give problems to the Church; was it always wrong to inflict violence, or were there circumstances where standing by without resisting obvious evil would be more open to censure. The criteria for fighting a 'just war' were intended to help in making this difficult decision, but it is rarely that a decision to fight an evil is not intertwined with lesser motives. With the rise of terrorism, the decision about what constitutes a just war becomes even more difficult. As Martin's story shows, cowardice is seldom the reason for Christians refusing to fight. much courage is often shown by those who do not fight but for instance offer medical assistance under fire.*

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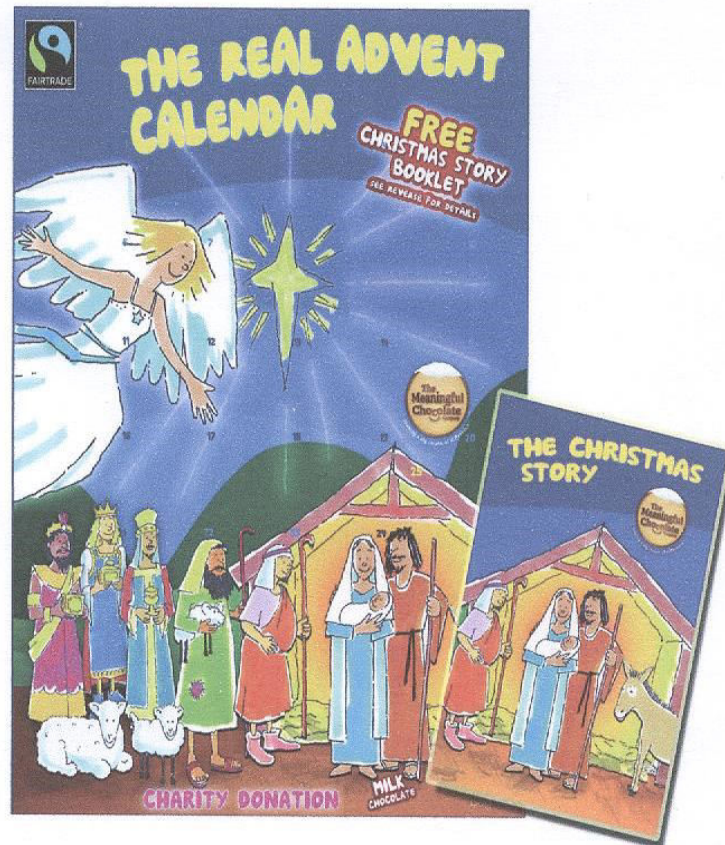


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## AN OBITUARY FOR ROBERT HAVEN ENSLOW

7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1939 – 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015.

Bob as he was always called was born in Seattle in the USA and was educated at the University of Washington, Oregon, the Sorbonne in Paris and gained an MBA at the Darden School of Business Studies at the University of Virginia. He pursued a career in banking, rising to the position of Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank, New York and London as well as many other prestigious posts in the banking industry. He became a major shareholder in FundX Investment Group, and Chairman of Corinthian International Limited, its UK Sales Arm. He also worked for the American Government as Director of the Office for Foreign Direct Investments. He and Carl Muller had known each other when both of them were working in different sections of Chase Bank but had gone their separate ways. By chance, some years later, Carl was walking down Eaton Place when he recognised Bob across the road, discovered that Bob was also living in Eaton Place, got back in touch with him and introduced him to St Peter's. As a life long and committed Episcopalian, Bob was immediately involved in the life of the parish, using his financial skills to the benefit of the church as well as being a generous benefactor. Later on, he became the Parish Treasurer, introducing a professional accounting system and the software "Sage" to the parish finances. He was of enormous help in ensuring that the investment capital of the P.C.C. and the parish charity was safely and lucratively placed in appropriate funds on the Stock Exchange. He chose wisely using his extensive banking and FundX experience. He also used his expertise to benefit the Friends of Music at St Peter's Eaton Square Limited, working to support Carl and produce highly successful series of concerts and recitals in the church over so many years. Bob's banking background gave him always a more cautious approach to handling long-term investments. Earlier, during my time, Bob and another member of St Peter's with financial skills and experience had

volunteered in response to an appeal for help to become involved in the assessment of the investment and property portfolios of the Diocese of London, but it soon became clear that the diocesan authorities had no intention of actively using the advice given and the initiative came to nothing. What a contrast with the ethos and practice of the Episcopal Church!

Bob was a wonderful character, with a gravelly voice, a great sense of humour, the impeccable manner of a gentleman and that great American gift of generosity. Those who knew him well regularly received emails with jokes from him, often political, occasionally also a little “blue” but always with a grain of wisdom in them. After Fr. Alan and I retired, he discovered that we were going on holiday in San Francisco and offered us to stay in his beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> floor Art Deco apartment on the first hill above Fisherman’s Wharf. We also remember enjoying his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday reception at Boodle’s Club, where he had reciprocal rights, being himself a member of the Union Pacific Club, San Francisco, where he entertained us on our visit to SF before leaving the city to return to Europe.

He was a great opera lover. Also, he loved the English countryside, enjoyed shooting and was often away during the season at various shoots. He enjoyed sailing and had an ocean going yacht permanently berthed in San Francisco, though how he found time to sail her is a mystery, given all his other responsibilities. No doubt, when he went on business to California to “to talk the talk and to walk the walk”, there was time for relaxation on the yacht before returning to London.

Bob was a devout and active Christian who loved Our Lord and his Church and served him and the Church sacrificially in so far as the latter allowed. He was a wonderful person to preach to, always leaning forward and responding with signs of recognition and appreciation on his face. I remember one memorable occasion in Eastertide, when I referred to the Resurrection Appearances as “religious experience”. His face light up, he nodded and

a broad smile spread over his face and it was clear to me that Our Risen Lord was to him a living reality in his life.

Bob was married several times and finally found lasting happiness with Jenni, whom he had known some years before. She, together with her three children, provided him with as family and loved and supported him in his latter years when various illnesses afflicted him. He died in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington after a short illness, having received the Last Rites from the hospital chaplain.

We pray for Jenni and Bob's step-children in their bereavement that the Christian hope may sustain them in their sorrow and for Bob, that the promise of the Risen Christ will raise him up to glory, through the forgiveness of sins and the reward of eternal life. Amen.

DESMOND TILLYER

## A Prayer for the Refugee Crisis

Heavenly Father,  
you are the source of all  
goodness, generosity and love.  
We thank you for opening the hearts of many  
to those who are fleeing for their lives.  
Help us now to open our arms in welcome,  
and reach out our hands in support.  
That the desperate may find new hope,  
and lives torn apart be restored.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
Your Son, Our Lord,  
who fled persecution at His birth  
and at His last triumphed over death.  
Amen



## Advent Procession at St Paul's Cathedral

The parishes and other church groups gave us a most enthusiastic response last year and we're delighted to be able to invite you again this year on **Saturday 28 November at 6.00 p.m.**

You can request passes for the service according to the number of your people who wish to attend. The pass guarantees you a seat anywhere in the church on a first come/first served basis. This means that, if you want to sit together, you need to arrive together. The service will last approximately an hour and a quarter.

Please email Ruta Juozaityte – [ru-ta@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:ruta@stpaulscathedral.org.uk) – indicating how many people you plan to bring. You'll receive an email in reply with a pass which you'll need to print out according to the number of people you've told us are coming. (Please don't print out any more than you've said or you might take up seats that other people are expecting to occupy!) You'll need to be seated by 5.30 p.m. at the latest (we'll need to release seats after that time to members of the general public).

We do hope you'll join us for this moving and uplifting service in which the Cathedral Choir moves throughout the building singing music which reflects the Advent themes of light and hope, together with readings from scripture and literature and some of the best-loved of the Advent hymns.

Please reply as soon as possible (in case all the seats get taken - but certainly by **Monday 16 November**).

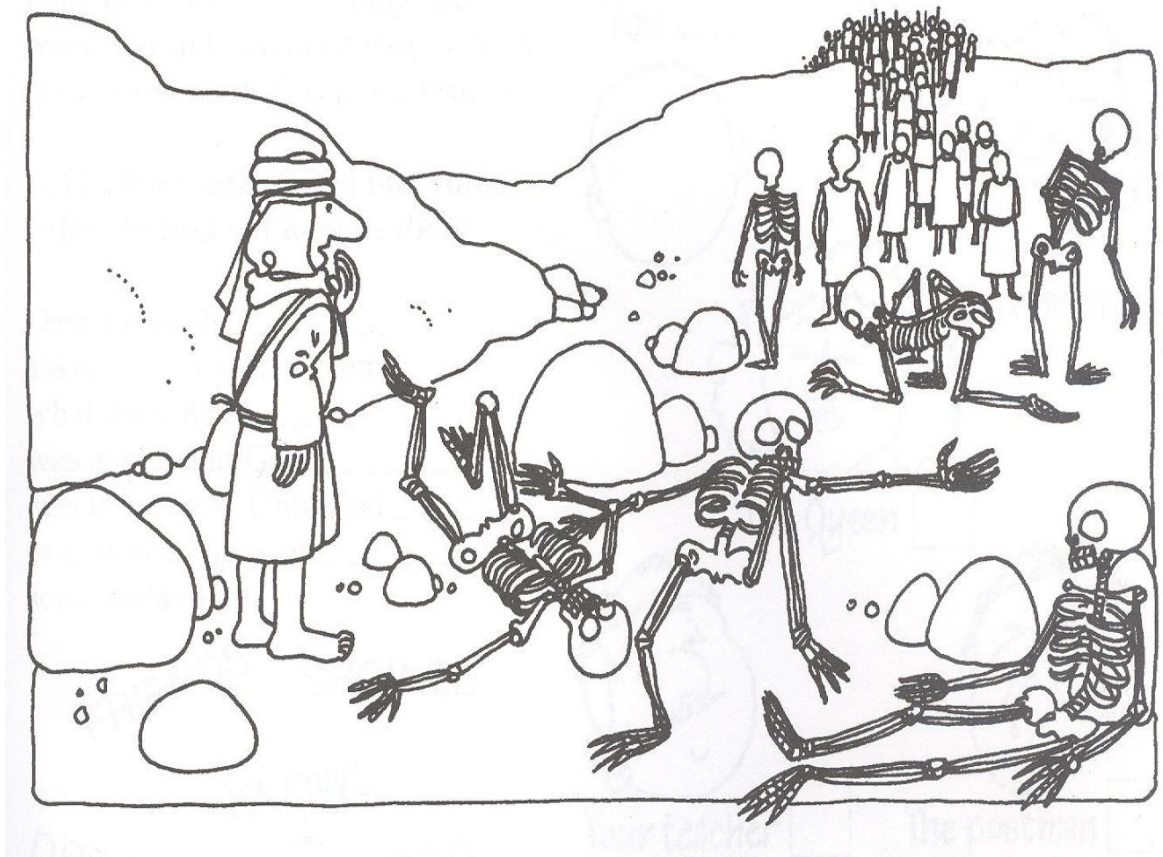
## The Family Service Choir

If you are interested in joining the Family Eucharist Choir, please email Amy Evans: [alpevans@hotmail.com](mailto:alpevans@hotmail.com). Places are available in all voice parts. Rehearsals take place every Sunday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall and members do not have to be available to sing every week. The choir welcomes singers from a variety of musical backgrounds and levels of experience. If you enjoy singing, get in touch! Amy



*Picture: The Family Eucharist Choir practising at the May Fair*

# God gives us life



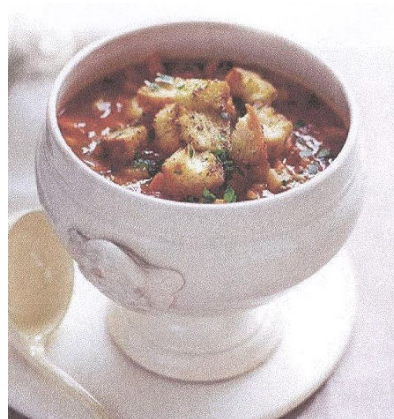
Read Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Winter Minestrone with Pesto Croûtons

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 100g unsmoked lardons
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 sticks celery, chopped
- 1 medium potato, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped or crushed
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1l vegetable stock (from granules or a cube)
- 2 tsp chopped sage leaves or 1 tsp dried
- Few cabbage leaves, shredded
- 400g can haricot beans
- Handful chopped parsley
- For the pesto croutons - 3-4 slices of crusty bread  
3 tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp pesto



#### Method

1. Heat the oil in a large pan, add the onion and lardons and fry for about 5 minutes until the onion is starting to brown. Tip in the carrots, celery, potato and garlic, stir well and cook for a few minutes.
2. Add the tomatoes, stock and sage, and bring to the boil, stirring. Reduce heat to simmer and cook partly covered for 30 minutes, stirring in the cabbage after 15 minutes. Drain and rinse the beans and add to the pan with the parsley. Season and serve with pesto croutons.
3. For the pesto croutons: Cut 3-4 slices of crusty bread into chunks, about 2cm thick. Tip into an ovenproof pan, mix the olive oil and pesto, then add to the bread, tossing them until the croutons are evenly coated, bake in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes until crisp.

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