

St Peter's Parish Magazine



August and
September
2025

Contents

From Fr Jonathan	3
From Mthr Jennifer	7
Parish News	9
From the Parish Magazine 1935	10
Searching for St Peter	12
John Bunion	13
St Michael	14
Calendar of Intentions August 2025	15
Calendar of Intention September 2025	17
Readings for August & September 2025	19
Persecuted Christians	20
A Reminder of Old Friends	21
Recipe	23
Children's Pages	24
Our Common Life	28

From Fr Jonathan



Dear friends

As this Magazine goes to print the school holidays are upon us. It has been a very good year at our own St Peter's Church of England Primary School -culminating in the Ofsted inspection on 13 and 14 May and published on 25 June. The school was judged by His Majesty's Inspectors to be outstanding in the pupil's Personal Development and in Behaviour and Attitudes and solidly good in Quality of Education, Leadership and Management and in Early Years' provision. This is testimony to our headteacher, Jane Carrington, the Senior Leadership Team, the Governors, the whole school staff and to our wonderful children. The partnership between St Peter's Church and School is a strong and collaborative one and we much look forward to all that is to come. It is good to have our weekly School Mass and to be so involved in the life of such a nurturing and inclusive community.

We have also enjoyed our ongoing relationship with the other schools in our parish. We hosted in the Church Westminster City School's annual wider opportunities concert, showcasing its excellence and talent in music. Mother Jennifer and I attended their annual celebration evening and prize-giving in Westminster Abbey Gardens and I officiated at their end of term service at St Margaret's, Westminster. We have also hosted Eaton House School's end of term performance in the Church, together with a number of other events over the year. We look forward to continuing to be fully involved in the life of both these schools in the new academic year in September.

It has been wonderful to a full-time assistant priest again after a period of twenty months without one. Mother Jennifer and her family are settling in very well to St Peter's and it is lovely to have them with us and all they bring to our life together. During the months of July and August our ordinand/seminarian Carlos Remotti-Breton is undertaking a placement in a parish context different from our own

with my friend Mother Sally Jones at St Mary Magdalene's, Munster Square. It is a parish I know well from having served there as an honorary assistant priest when I was Chaplain to the Bishop of Edmonton between 1996 and 2000. The context of the parish is a diverse and challenging estate near Euston Station and I know that Carlos will be enriched from his time there before returning to us in September for the beginning of his final year of formation at St Augustine's College.

The coming months, as well as being holidays, also contain a number of holy days. The feast of the Transfiguration on 6th August, the Assumption of Our Lady on 15th August, the Triumph of the Holy Cross on 14th September, St Matthew the Apostle on 21st September and St Michael and All Angels on 29th September. These pepper the continuing season of Ordinary Time as we are aware of the great cloud of witnesses who surround and enfold us in their strong and loving prayers as we continue our pilgrimage of faith.

Building Project update

We have been continuing to move forward and taking great steps forward in the tower, portico and wider building project – “Doors wide open”. We sent out invitations to six architectural companies to tender for the combined role of the new Quinquennial Inspecting Architect and Project Architect. On St Mary Magdalene's Day (22nd July) a sub-committee of the PCC met with me to interview the three shortlisted candidates. I am delighted to say that the PCC has now met to endorse the clear choice of the sub-committee to appoint Kathryn Harris of Nick Cox Architects for the combined role. Kathryn is currently working on similar large heritage projects locally at St Mary-le-Strand and St Martins-in-the-Fields and she is Cathedral Architect at Bristol and Birmingham Cathedrals.

Under Kathryn we will be undertaking the biggest and most ambitious project St Peter's has undertaken since the rebuild after the catastrophic fire in 1987. As a precursor to this we have been undertaking essential works inside, including electrical works, the new fire alarm, emergency lighting, signage and compartmentation to comply with regulations for multi-use buildings with accommodation at height such as our own.

The other important work we have been undertaking is to bring the whole site of St Peter's under the church's internal Faculty Jurisdiction for which the PCC are petitioning the Chancellor of the Diocese following our meeting earlier in July. When the Church was rebuilt after the fire, only the worship space from the glass doors to the golden apse of the blessed sacrament chapel were consecrated, broadly following the floor plan of the late Georgian Church, including also the sacristy, vergers' vestry and the carpeted assembly area. This meant that the rest of the site then came under Local Authority Listed Building Permissions in the City of Westminster. This is an unusual situation for a church to be in and possibly made St Peter's unique in the Diocese. In the aftermath of the fire and with the new church building this was a situation felt to be right for St Peter's at the time, but now that we need to undertake major works it makes the permissions which need to be sought to carry out the work extremely complex.

The City of Westminster is the Local Authority with the highest number of historical and listed buildings in the country and it is right that all applications to carry out major restoration works are dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis but which can make the process extremely slow through no fault of the Local Authority. Faculty Jurisdiction under the ecclesiastical exemption brings the process in the first instance under the Consistory Court of the Chancellor of the Diocese of London, which can make the process of permissions to carry out the works swifter and more streamlined. To prepare for this I have been meeting with my predecessor, Fr Desmond Tillyer, to understand more fully the situation after the 1987 fire and I have been working with the Archdeacons and both the Registrar and Chancellor of the Diocese to find a solution to bring the whole site under Faculty Jurisdiction, whilst also enabling us the freedom to rent out our spaces and the car-park under a single overarching faculty. Following a very full discussion, when we were joined by Georgina Graham, Operations Manager of the Two Cities Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London, the PCC have now voted to petition the Chancellor to bring this about. This will require a public consultation period, when the Local Authority will also be consulted. It will make a huge difference in carrying forward all we need to do.

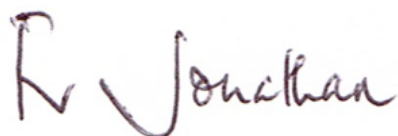
This is a significant step forward for us for which we are very thankful. These are exciting, if somewhat daunting times for a project which we know will cost between £3 and £5 million. We do so in quiet and prayerful attentiveness to God and as we all come together as a community bound together through our love of God and one another. I realise that the time this has taken to get to this point has been frustrating, but there were certain key things we had to get done and set in place and major appointments made before we could get to this moment.

The Revd Jacqui Miller

After six full years, the Revd Jacqui Miller will be moving on from St Peter's in September. Her ministry among us started after a placement here leading up to her ordination to the priesthood in 2019. She has been such a support and mainstay of parish life, especially during the time that there was no Vicar at St Peter's for over a year and during the twenty months that we were without a full-time Assistant Priest. We are hugely grateful for all that she has done here through her faithful pastoral and liturgical ministry. Jacqui's final Sunday with us at St Peter's will be 21st September when we shall be observing the Feast of St Matthew the Apostle. After that she will be taking a well earned sabbatical from parochial ministry as she reflects where God may be calling her for the next chapter of ministry.

Just last week I recalled that I have been with you as your Vicar for three years. It is an honour and privilege to serve you and I much look forward to moving forward with you in all that is to come.

With my love, thanks and prayers, as always.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R Jonathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

From Mother Jennifer

St Lawrence



A few weeks ago, I served as deacon for the Solemn Sung Mass for the Dedication Festival of the church St Lawrence Jewry Next Guildhall in the City of London; the annual celebration of the reconsecration and rededication of the church in 1957 after the post-war rebuild.

The Feast Day of St Lawrence is 10th August.

Who was St Lawrence, and why does his story continue to inspire Christians nearly 1,800 years later?



The Life and Martyrdom of St Lawrence

St Lawrence (or Laurence) was one of the seven deacons of the church in Rome during the third century, under Pope Sixtus II. The role of a deacon was to care for the poor and distribute the church's alms. It was a calling of practical charity; one rooted in the example of Christ himself, who came not to be served but to serve.

In 258 AD, the Roman Emperor Valerian launched a fierce persecution of the Church. Pope Sixtus II was captured while celebrating the Eucharist and was executed just days later. Lawrence, knowing his time was also near, began to distribute the wealth of the Church to the poor of Rome as quickly as he could. When the Roman authorities demanded that Lawrence turn over the Church's treasures, he asked for extra time to be able to gather it all. He returned not with gold or silver, but with a procession of the city's

most vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the blind, the orphaned, and the outcast. *"These are the treasures of the Church,"* he declared.

For this act of defiance, Lawrence was sentenced to death. Tradition holds that he was martyred by being roasted alive on a gridiron (as he is seen holding in the stained-glass window), a method of execution both cruel and slow. It is in this context that the most famous phrase attributed to him was uttered. According to tradition, after some time on the flames, Lawrence is meant to have said to his executioners: *"You may turn me over; I am done on this side."* Whether apocryphal or not, this line has endured as a symbol of courage, faith, and even humour in the face of death.

The Message of St Lawrence Today

What can we, as 21st Century Christians, take from the story of this third-century deacon?

Lawrence reminds us of the duty we all have to serve others, especially to the poor. His clear identification of the needy as the "treasures of the Church" stands in opposition to materialism and spiritual complacency. We live in a time when value is often measured in financial terms, in shares and profits, in buildings and property portfolios. But Lawrence turns this upside down. The real wealth of any Christian community lies not in what it owns but in how it loves.

Secondly, Lawrence shows us that courage in the face of injustice is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. He did not compromise or bargain with the Empire. Instead he bore witness, even unto death, to the values of the Gospel. His defiance was not rooted in pride, but in a love for Christ and His people.

And finally, there is something to be said about the way Lawrence retained his humour even in the midst of suffering. That may seem an odd thing to comment on, but it reveals a life lived so anchored in hope that not even the flames of martyrdom could consume it. His calm strength is a reminder that joy is not incompatible with suffering, and that faith brings a peace that passes all understanding.

Mthr Jennifer

Parish News

Congratulations, Fr Joe...

Many congratulations to Joe Grogan, our former parish assistant, who was ordained deacon by the Bishop of London in St Paul's Cathedral on 28 June. In the Common Worship liturgy of ordination to the diaconate each candidate is presented by two supporters – one of whom for Joe was our Churchwarden, Sammie Singlehurst. Joe has been receiving his formation for ordination for the past three years at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield in West Yorkshire, where both Fr Desmond and Fr Jonathan both received theirs.

Joe is now serving his curacy in the Parish of St Martin's, Ruislip in the Willesden Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London with Fr Robert Chapman SCP. It is a parish which is well known for its abundance of life and as an excellent place in which to serve a curacy. We much look forward to seeing more of Joe now that he is back in London and we look forward to his ordination as a priest and his First Mass next Petertide.

In the pictures below Joe is shown with his training incumbent, Fr Robert Chapman and just after the moment of his ordination inside the Cathedral.



John Booth – RIP

We were very sorry to hear of the death of John Booth. John's children James, Victoria, Catherie and Hannah were previously pupils at St Peter's School. Very sadly John's wife, Sally, also died ten years ago. We send our love and prayers and deepest sympathy to all John's family at this time and pray for the repose of his soul.

From the Parish Magazine August - September 1935

It was a great disappointment to us all, as I know it was to him, that Canon Sheppard was prevented by illness from preaching to us on our Festival Sunday; it is so long since we have heard him at St Peter's that his presence with us and his message would have been especially welcome. We are most grateful to Bishop Palmer who so kindly took Canon Sheppard's place at very short notice. Fortunately, the other preachers were able to come, and we are very grateful to them for their contribution which they brought to our Festival. Once more we have made our Thanksgiving to God for our heritage and I hope and pray that the real inwardness of devotion and consecration of ourselves to God for His service which is the heart of a Parish Festival, will bear the fruit in our souls and lives and that the Peter-spirit of steadfastness and loyalty, especially in these difficult days which the remembrance of our Patron Saint must ever recall, will have been stirred up in our souls and will enable us to serve Christ's Kingdom according to His Will.

You will see that this Monthly is to serve for September as well as for August. I wonder how far many of us realise the opportunity which the holiday months give us for the recreation of mind and soul which not only sends us back rested and ready to take up our ordinary life but may also give us that balance which the world of work and occupation so sorely needs.

COMMENT: Like us, the congregation at that time were eager to make a great thanksgiving on their patronal festival in advance of a time of holiday. I am always puzzled by the fact that August and September were and are assumed to be months when everyone is away. There was indeed an era when the rich families of Eaton Square would retire to their country houses for the summer, taking their servants with them, but after the World War I and certainly in the 1930s, "in these difficult days", that was less common than earlier, while now getting two months off work is a dream for most people.

Valerie Smith

From the Parish Magazine September 1935

The Sunday school had their Annual Summer party on Saturday, July 13th. Shepherded by Mr. Portch and Mr. Brewer, a party of between 80 - 100 children left Victoria for Margate. Fortunately, it was the time when the heat wave was on, so to escape from the torrid streets of London was more than welcome: and for once it was a relief to know that there was nothing between us and the North Pole! We find that the boys and girls, like true Londoners, are never happy unless they are within easy reach of shop or a show. Except for a superintended bathing parade, the attractions such as most of them find close to their own homes seemed to appeal to them more than the sea. Still, the essence of a good holiday is that you should be able to do just what you like, and we gather that that was a great success. Certainly, it is a relief to those who are responsible for the day when the children are safely delivered to waiting parents or friends and there are neither accidents nor missing children to report. We are most grateful to Mr. Portch, who always makes such admirable arrangements for these parties beforehand and shepherds the boys and girls into the trains, to Mr. Brewer, the friend and not only the Headmaster of every boy in the Schools, and last but not least, to Mr. Stuart Johnson, who gathers the funds which make the day possible and who is always at the Station to greet and welcome us on our return, we rejoiced to know that it has been a happy day.

COMMENT: Most people who have aimed to organise an improving day for children will recognise that – despite a few children being really interested in the underlying purpose of the outing – most will focus on things that to the mind of the conscientious and well-meaning adults seem rather a waste of an opportunity. In the end, after an exhausting day of diminishing aspirations, getting back home with nobody hurt and nobody lost becomes the main achievement to be celebrated.

Valerie Smith

Searching for St Peter



Depending on when you are reading this, there might still be time to see the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy (It closes on August 17th). Either way, there are plenty of other things to see on permanent display there, including this picture entitled "Peter and John curing the lame man." There's our patron saint in his usual yellow and blue and St John in the faded red and blue.

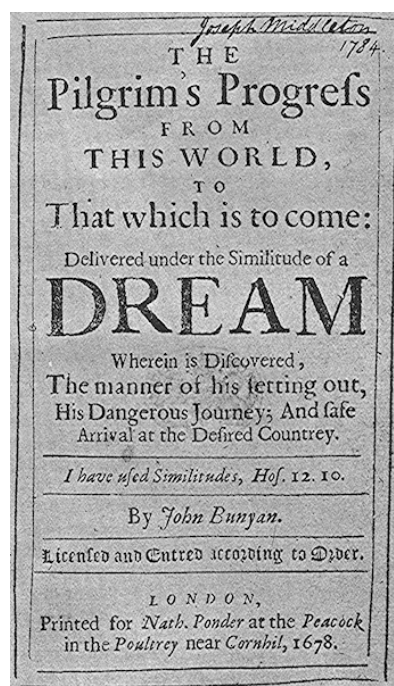
The story is from Acts 3. The man, who had been unable to walk from birth, is outside the temple, asking for money. Peter tells him they don't have money but what he does have, he will give to the man. Peter tells him to get up and walk, helps him to his feet and he starts walking. It is a significant story, showing that Jesus had passed his ministry to his disciples.

The painting itself has an interesting story behind it. It was a more or less exact copy of a Raphael picture used as the art work for one of several huge tapestries commissioned by Pope Leo X at the end of 1514 to be hung in the Sistine Chapel in Rome. This copy was painted more than two hundred years later, between 1729 and 1731. The artist was called Sir James Thornhill. The Raphael originals ended up at Hampton Court in the private collection of the royal family and no one else could see them. Sir James Thornhill used his copies (he made three sets) for training his students but it also meant they could go on public display so lots more people could see his copy of the Raphael art work and of course contemplate St Peter's miracle.

David Stanley

John Bunyan

John Bunyan 1628-88 best remembered as the author of 'The Pilgrim's Progress'



St Michael

Sculpture outside Coventry Cathedral 1958 by Jacob Epstein



Calendar of Intentions August 2025

Date	Day	Mass/prayer intention
Fr 1	<i>Feria</i>	Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
Sa 2	<i>Feria</i>	Royal Marsden Hospital
Su 3	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God
Mo 4	<i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Cure d'Ars, priest, spiritual guide 1859</i>	Parish clergy
Tu 5	<i>Oswald, King and Martyr, 642</i>	+Stephen, Archbishop of York
We 6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	Community and Society of the Resurrection, Mirfield
Th 7	<i>John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866</i>	Society of St Margaret
Fr 8	<i>Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221</i>	The Dominican Order
Sa 9	<i>Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921</i>	The Mothers' Union
Su 10	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God
Mo 11	<i>Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253</i>	The Poor Clares in Arundel
Tu 12	<i>Feria</i>	The Brompton Hospital
We 13	<i>Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667</i>	Unity of the Church
Th 14	<i>Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941</i>	Modern day martyrs
Fr 15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Calendar of Intentions August 2025 (cont.)

Date	Day	Mass/Prayer Intention
Sa 16	<i>Feria</i>	Grosvenor Estate
Su 17	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God
Mo 18	<i>Feria</i>	Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum
Tu 19	<i>Feria</i>	Victoria Station
We 20	<i>Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1152</i>	The Cistercian Order
Th 21	<i>Feria</i>	Rachel Blake, our Member of Parliament
Fr 22	<i>Feria</i>	London Ambulance Service
Sa 23	<i>Feria</i>	Metropolitan Police
Su 24	BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	Parish and People of God
Mo 25	<i>Feria</i>	The Heritage Quarter
Tu 26	<i>Feria</i>	The Guards Chapel
We 27	<i>Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387</i>	All mothers
Th 28	<i>Augustine of Hippo, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430</i>	Theologians
Fr 29	<i>Martyrdom of St John the Baptist</i>	For courage to speak the truth
Sa 30	<i>John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688</i>	Spiritual writers
Su 31	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God

Calendar of Intentions September 2025

Date	Day	Mass/prayer intention
Mo 1	<i>Giles, hermit, c. 710</i>	The Church in France
Tu 2	<i>Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942</i>	The Church in Papua New Guinea
We 3	<i>Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604</i>	Pope Leo XIV
Th 4	Feria	Society of Catholic Priests (SCP)
Fr 5	Feria	Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage
Sa 6	Feria	Westminster Cathedral
Su 7	TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God
Mo 8	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Society of Our Lady of Pew
Tu 9	<i>Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880</i>	St Barnabas, Pimlico
We 10	Feria	Westminster City School
Th11	Feria	St Peter's School
Fr 12	Feria	Eaton House School
Sa 13	<i>John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407</i>	Inchbald School of Design
Su 14	TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS	Parish and People of God
Mo 15	<i>Cyprian, bishop martyr, 250</i>	+Sarah, Bishop of London

Calendar of Intentions September 2025 (cont.)

Date	Day	Prayer Intention
Mo 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Convent of St Mary-at-the-Cross, Edgware Abbey
Tu 16	<i>Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432</i>	The Church in Scotland
We 17	<i>Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179</i>	Andrew-John Smith, our organists and singers
Th 18	<i>Feria</i>	The Houses of Parliament
Fr 19	<i>Theodore, archbishop, 690</i>	The Crown Nominations Commission discerning the new Archbishop of Canterbury
Sa 20	<i>John Coleridge Patterson and companions, martyrs, 1871</i>	The Church in Melanesia
Su 21	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE	Parish and People of God St Matthew's, Westminster
Mo 22	<i>Feria</i>	Westminster Chapel
Tu 23	<i>Feria</i>	The Passage
We 24	<i>Feria Ember Day</i>	Vocations to the Ordained Ministry
Th 25	<i>Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626</i>	Southwark Cathedral
Fr 26	<i>Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942</i>	The Church Army
Sa 27	<i>Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660</i>	Vincentian Family and the Company of Mission Priests (CMP)
Su 28	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Parish and People of God
Mo 29	St Michael and All Angels	St Michael's, Chester Square
Tu 30	<i>Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420</i>	Bible translators

Readings for August & September 2025

03 August 2025 Trinity 7 Ecclesiastes 1: 2 & 12–14 & 2: 18–23 Colossians 3: 1–11 Luke 12: 13–21	07 September 2025 Trinity 12 Deuteronomy 30: 15–20 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14: 25–33
10 August 2025 Trinity 8 Genesis 15: 1–6 Hebrews 11: 1–3 & 8–16 Luke 12: 32–40	14 September 2025 Holy Cross Day Numbers 21.4-9 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17
17 August 2025 Trinity 9 Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Hebrews 11: 29-12 Luke 12: 49–56	21 September 2025 St Matthew the Apostle Proverbs 3.13-18 2 Corinthians 4.1-6 Matthew 9.9-13
24 August 2025 St Bartholomew the Apostle Isaiah 43:8-13 Acts 5:12-16 Luke 22:24-30	28 September 2025 Trinity 15 Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
31 August 2025 Trinity 11 Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14	

Persecuted Christians

From an article courtesy of Open Doors

HOW ARE CHRITIANS PERSECUTED IN MYANMAR?



- *Since the 2021 coup, Christians have faced persecution from both the military government and from opposing, nationalistic rebel groups*
- *Myanmar's military junta has long discriminated against Christians, the majority of whom belong to ethnic groups such as the Kachin, Kayah, Karen and Chin, and many Christian leaders have been penalised for speaking out against the coup*
- *Military airstrikes often target churches and Christian areas – far more than Buddhist monasteries and communities; thousands of Christians have been killed and many more families are displaced*
- *'Anti-conversion laws', supposedly to prevent forced conversions, are abused to persecute Christians – even for sharing Bible verses on social media*
- *Christians are discriminated against in aid distribution, education and in the job market*
- *Buddhist nationalism is also on the rise: Christians and other religious minorities face opposition from family, community, radical Buddhist monks, insurgent groups and more, who portray Christianity as a 'foreign' religion.*

A Reminder of Old Friends

We were surprised and pleased on Friday 4 July, to receive a visit from Mother Kekeletso now Superior of the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Grahamstown, accompanied by Mary Khan, who has been involved with the Fellowship (a group of mainly lay supporters of the Community) for many years and who will be familiar to those who have ever attended their annual St Peter's Day festival in London. They had been in England for this year's festival and were fitting in a few other activities and visits whilst here. Mother Keke had very much wanted to visit St Peter's and to see our picture of the first Superior of the Community, Mother Cecile, which currently hangs in pride of place with the photos of the Vicars of St Peter's from 1827 onwards in the Vicar's study. We wish we had known about her visit in advance as we would have loved to do more to welcome her but, as it was, she was able to look round the church, meet a few of us, be photographed with the picture of Mother Cecile and to attend the 12.30 Eucharist on that day



For those of you who have not heard of her before, Mother Cecile received her inspiration for her life's work while attending St Peter's. She had been confirmed here and was much involved with parish work. In 1883 when she was only twenty-one, she heard the Bishop of Grahamstown, Allan Becher Webb, preaching at St Peter's on the text from Acts, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision". She went to Grahamstown and became the first

member and superior of the Anglican sisterhood founded by the Bishop. She, with the growing number of sisters, worked to establish a school, a training college, an orphanage and other social and educational resources, as well as engaging in parish work and promoting prison reform. The Community expanded into other countries in Africa. She was described as practical, engaging and good-humoured but sadly died young in 1906. The Community

flourished for many years, in which they more or less ignored the constraints of apartheid. They no longer have their house in England but continue in Grahamstown.



Mother Keke, with Mother Cecile

Fr Tillyer renewed the connection with the Community of the Resurrection of our Lord shortly after his appointment to the parish in 1974. The Community held its annual festival at St Peter's for the first time in 1976. This marked the start of a long association with the parish. In the 1980s and 1990s we supported several pupils from the school at Grahamstown and also from the foundation in Zimbabwe (Rebecca, who trained as a nurse, Mathonsi, who became a doctor and Nicki who became a lawyer). At their centenary, a plaque commemorating Mother Cecile was dedicated at St Peter's but like so many memorials disappeared in the fire of 1987. Mother Cecile's name is now among those commemorated in the tablets in the assembly area behind the apse.

For some years a few of the members of our then Mission Committee went up to the Community's London House at St Peter's Bourne, Oakleigh Park for the Festival, and later on, when it became harder for some of the older members of the Fellowship to deal with the steps and uneven grounds at Oakleigh Park, we hosted them again in the Parish Hall at St Peter's. We have had quiet days and also PCC away days at St Peter's Bourne, although the premises there are now run by a lay community.

Valerie Smith



Recipe

Plum Cake

Ingredients

- Butter for greasing
- 2 tbsp demerara sugar
- 500g plum

For the cake

- 175g butter
- 175g dark muscovado sugar
- 140g golden syrup
- 2 eggs beaten
- 200ml milk
- 300g self-raising flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp mixed spice



• Step 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line the base of a 23cm square cake tin with baking parchment. Butter the paper generously and sprinkle with the demerara sugar. Halve the plums and arrange in the base of the tin in 1 layer, cut-sides down.

• Step 2

For the cake, melt the butter, muscovado sugar and syrup in a large pan over a low heat, stirring until smooth. Cool for 10 mins, then stir in the eggs and milk. Sift in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices, then mix to a smooth batter.

• Step 3

Pour the batter into the tin, over the plums, and bake for 45-55 mins until firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool. Will keep in the fridge, wrapped in baking parchment and foil, for up to 5 days.

Children's Pages

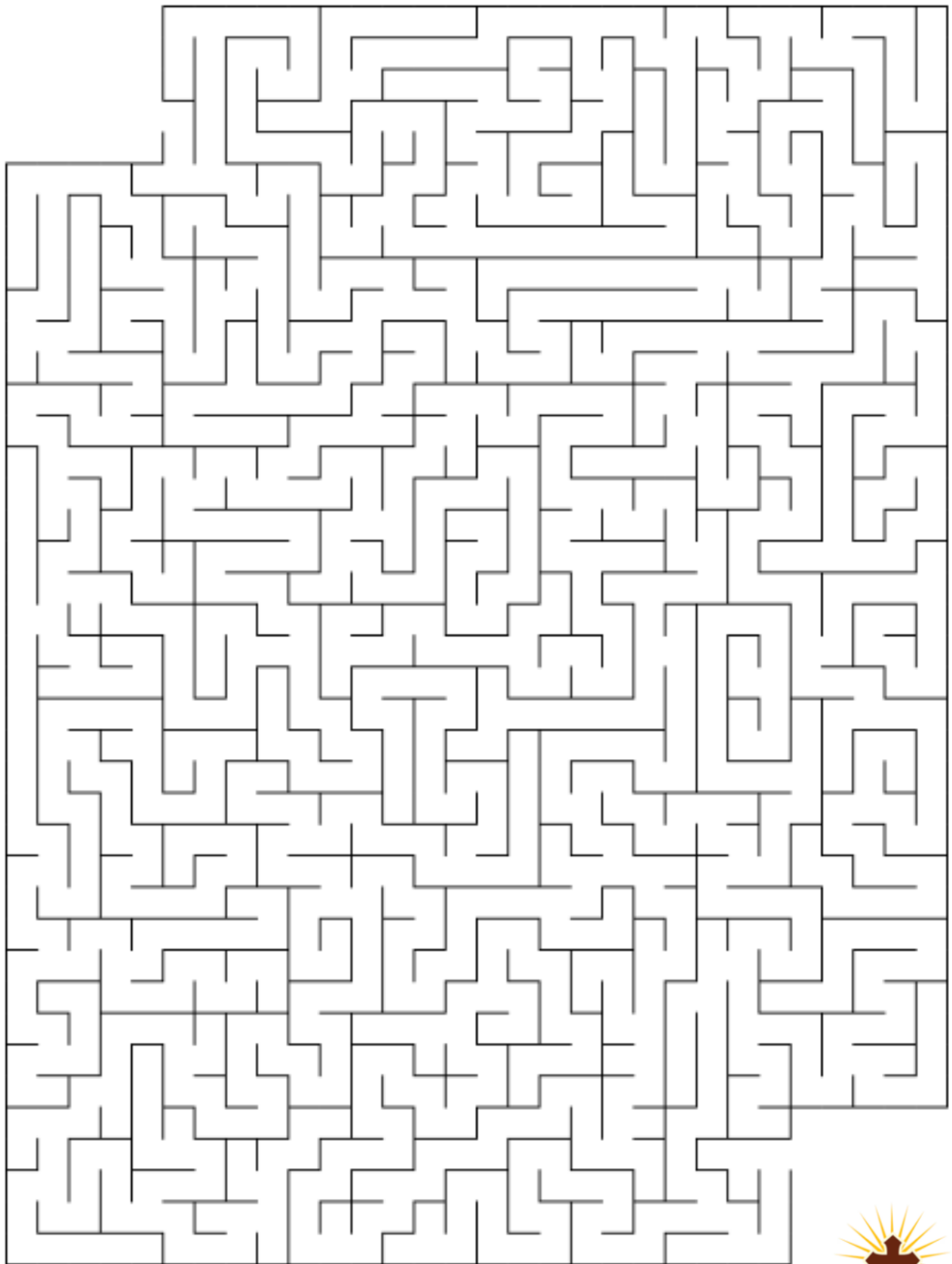
14th September - Holy Cross Day



This is a picture of St. Helena. She was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, but she is perhaps best known as the person who found the remains of the cross on which Jesus was crucified (she is often shown holding it, like in this picture) Holy Cross Day isn't a celebration of the crucifixion, however, it is a celebration of how Jesus' death on the cross saved us all.

See what you can find out about St. Helena and the story of how she travelled to Jerusalem, how she found the cross and what persuaded her that it was definitely the real thing!

Help St Helena find the true cross...



On September 29th, we celebrate Michaelmas, when we remember St. Michael and all the angels. If you look in our sacristy at St. Peter's, you will see mosaics of all nine different kinds of angels! Can you find the words that are linked to angels in this word search?

X	G	D	B	Y	F	L	E	N	E	W	S	C	E	Z	E	S	U	S	I
C	D	P	S	U	E	A	V	Q	W	G	O	E	F	H	E	Z	S	N	M
B	H	P	Y	A	N	S	L	J	S	M	A	H	N	I	Z	J	F	O	L
M	M	E	H	M	Z	A	A	L	P	G	T	S	T	O	I	B	H	I	M
L	K	C	R	R	A	P	H	A	E	L	A	I	S	Q	R	V	M	N	O
Z	I	P	K	U	J	V	N	P	A	N	L	B	K	E	M	H	H	I	U
M	D	P	M	Z	B	Y	N	E	V	A	E	H	R	Y	M	U	T	M	R
N	A	R	P	I	Z	I	H	S	P	X	K	H	P	I	R	T	S	O	I
O	B	A	T	T	L	E	M	I	G	R	X	R	O	J	E	Y	O	D	E
G	T	Y	W	U	N	H	C	E	D	N	A	Y	Q	S	D	L	H	S	L
A	R	E	V	B	K	N	R	C	V	I	I	J	S	C	A	H	Y	S	Q
R	U	R	X	N	I	F	E	I	S	A	X	W	E	A	U	N	L	M	K
D	M	Y	T	R	P	O	W	E	R	S	O	C	R	L	O	N	N	J	A
N	P	L	P	C	A	L	L	E	L	U	I	A	A	U	N	O	E	A	X
N	E	Q	P	I	H	S	R	O	W	N	D	Q	P	O	V	P	V	K	L
S	T	O	P	O	S	Q	P	W	L	D	M	M	H	J	B	A	A	U	U
Y	S	Z	H	V	R	K	Q	O	U	R	Y	L	I	K	N	A	E	U	X
S	O	H	L	H	C	N	N	U	Z	N	C	L	M	G	O	V	H	X	R
V	E	F	U	M	I	I	D	B	M	H	V	S	E	E	B	H	S	V	I
L	E	G	N	A	H	C	R	A	N	F	S	L	D	Y	S	E	W	A	M

alleluia
battle
dominions
gabriel
heavenlyhost
michael
prayer
seraphim
uriel

angel
cherubim
dragon
health
hosanna
powers
principalities
thrones
wings

archangel
company
fallen
heaven
message
praise
raphael
trumpets
worship

This is the time of year when we thank God for the harvest.
It is a good time to remember the whole of creation and all that God has given to us. Add some things God has created to the picture below, and don't forget to say thank you to our Heavenly Father as you colour your picture in!



Our Common Life

Vicar Fr Jonathan Kester 020 7235 4242 07539 332408 frjonathan@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk	Parish Administrator Sheila Matthews 020 7235 4482 admin@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk
Assistant Priest Mother Jennifer Midgley-Adam 020 7201 9950 motherjennifer@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk Associate Priest The Rev'd Jacqui Miller Honorary Assistant Priest Fr Herbert Bennett	Bookkeeper Susan Redwin 020 7235 4482 finance@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk
Licensed Lay Minister Dr Judith Richardson 07907 459693	Choral Eucharist Director of Music Andrew John Smith 07545 009607 music@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk Assistant Director of Music (Choral Eucharist Organist) Dan Moulton
Churchwardens Samantha Singlehurst sammiefromlondon@hotmail.com 07930 826475 Ekanem Peers empeers@yahoo.co.uk	Family Eucharist Deputy Director of Music Andrew Sackett andrewjsackett@gmail.com Director Family Eucharist Choir Fiona Hymns
Hon Treasurer John Hilary jhilary@gmail.com	Resources Committee Convenor: Richard Carter
P.C.C. Secretary Valerie Smith Vasmith440@gmail.com	Formation Group Convenor: Fr Jonathan Kester
Verger/Facilities Coordinator Colin Chadwick 07365 002204 verger@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk	Transformation Group Convenor: The Revd Jacqui Miller

Our Common Life

Poppets Coordinator Sarah Armstrong poppetsatstpeters@gmail.com	Electoral Roll Officer Dr Judith Richardson richardson_judith@hotmail.com 07907 459693
Standing Committee Chair: Fr Jonathan Kester	Communications Group Valerie Smith
Hospitality Co-Ordinator Raana Khatabakhsh	Safeguarding Officer Raana Khatabakhsh safeguarding@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk
Parish Magazine Editor Phoebe Hilary	Children's Champion Maite Boudy
School Headteacher Jane Carrington 020 7641 4230	Bible Reading Fellowship Please contact Parish Office for more information
P.C.C. Members Maite Boudy Richard Carter Stephen Couttie Robin Duttson Jim Glen Oliver Grant John Hilary Raana Khatabakhsh Alasdair Locke Nicolas Moore Evelyn Olugboja David Probert Ekanem Peers Carlos Remotti-Breton Judith Richardson Valerie Smith James Watson	Deanery Synod Richard Carter 020 76414230 John Hilary jhilary@gmail.com Jim Glen 07970375655 Ekanem Peers empeers@yahoo.co.uk Judith Richardson 020 3268 0055
	Lay Eucharistic Ministers Valerie Smith Carl Muller Jane Booth Raana Khatabakhsh Evelyn Olugboja

Pre-School Beginner Ballet

KNIGHTS
BRIDGE
BALLET

Thursdays at
St Peters Church
119 Eaton Square
SW1W 9AL



"They both absolutely LOVED it. They've never asked to go back to any class in London but were begging to go again as soon as we left."

Wonderful as a parent to see such happiness in them."

SCAN ME



020 8579 8268

077 9613 4841

www.knightsbridgeballet.co.uk | info@knightsbridgeballet.co.uk

Hosting with Housing Justice



Do you have a spare room that you could offer to a homeless asylum-seeker, refugee or other migrant in need? The Compassionate Communities team within the Diocese of London is working in partnership with Housing Justice to provide temporary accommodation for London's destitute asylum-seekers, refugees and other forced migrants while they resolve their immigration status.

Find out more here or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.compassionatecommunitieslondon.org.uk/refugee-response/hostingwithhousingjustice>



Sunday Morning Services

BCP Holy Communion	08:00 am
Family Eucharist	09:30 am
Choral Eucharist with our world-class choir	11:00 am

Weekday Eucharist

Each day Monday to Friday	12.30 pm
<i>also Wednesday</i>	08.00 am

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday at 08:00am
(Excluding Wednesday)

Evening Prayer:
Monday - Friday at 5.00pm

We are open for private prayer Monday – Friday
8.00am – 5.00pm