

St Peter's Parish Magazine



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From Father Jonathan



Dear friends

As I write this letter, we have just had a glorious celebration of Pentecost, when fourteen candidates were confirmed by Bishop Rob Wickham and another young candidate baptised. Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the great Easter Season and the fulfilment of the promises of the risen and ascended Christ. At Pentecost, through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the apostles are empowered to be a transformational presence by taking the liberating good news of the Gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Like them, we at St Peter's are called to be a transformational presence in our local parish and community and so draw others to the unquenchable fire of God's love. My hope and prayer is that we might continue to grow both in faith and in number and in our knowledge and love of God and one another.

As soon as Pentecost is over we move into "Ordinary Time" – although nothing is ever ordinary in God's gracious and loving economy! The word "Ordinary" in this sense refers to the Latin "*Ordinalis*" - because the Sundays and Weeks are denoted by numbers.

Even as Ordinary Time begins, we also have a number of special celebrations to look forward to. **On the first Sunday of June we shall continue the celebrations of Corpus Christi** (which falls on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday). Although we give

thanks for the inauguration of the Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, our joy is tinged with the poignancy of Passiontide. Corpus Christi gives us a Festal celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Lord's abiding presence within it. On the Sunday of Corpus Christi, we pause for a brief moment in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as we are drawn ever closer to the warmth of God's love and embrace and are given a foretaste of the eternal banquet of the Lamb.

The end of June always sees our Patronal Festival of St Peter the Apostle, in whose honour we are dedicated. In recent years this has been observed primarily on the Sunday morning closest to St Peter's Day. **This year we trying something different by observing our Patronal Festival with a beautiful Choral Eucharist at 7 pm on the eve of St Peter's Day on Friday 28th June.** We warmly welcome as our preacher my predecessor, the Very Revd Nick Papadopulos, Dean of Salisbury. We hope that our friends from neighbouring parishes will be able to join us and we will follow the service with lovely bubbly refreshments outside in the Church grounds. By chance, I will also be observing the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood by the Rt Revd John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans in 1994. It would be lovely if you could join us for this special celebration.

Later in this magazine you will find some reflections by St Peter's Church members on a wonderful pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. It has been some years since St Peter's went on a formal parish pilgrimage to Walsingham and we have booked places to go again next year from 02 to 04 May 2025. It is very important that parishes such as ours in the inclusive catholic tradition of the Church of England keep going on pilgrimage to Walsingham and we much look forward to next year when we shall once again be there with our friends from St Matthew's, Westminster and Christ the Saviour, Ealing Broadway.

I also hope to re-establish our parish cell of Our Lady of Walsingham when we will gather once a month for a short

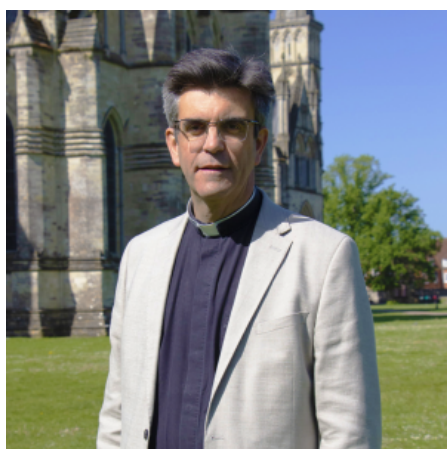
evening Eucharist, sometimes with a talk or meditation and always with some suitable refreshment at a local hostelry! To re-establish the cell we need at least seven lay people to sign up as members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham. If you are interested in doing so, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Over the next few weeks, I will be doing the final gathering together of all the responses to our congregational audit and the input from our PCC on the away day earlier in the year to formulate our new Mission Action Plan, which will be the seedbed and vision for our building development project going forwards. The tower and portico will be restored, and other parts of our lovely building and grounds further developed so that we might better serve the whole wider community as well as the gathered congregation for many generations to come.

This comes with my sincere thanks for all that each and every one of you brings to our life together at St Peter's and greatly looking forward to all that we shall do together in the months and years to come.

With my love and prayers,
as always,

R Jonathan



Our preacher for our Patronal Festival on
Friday 28 June
The Very Revd Nick Papadopoulos
Dean of Salisbury
Vicar of St Peter's (2007-13)

From the magazine for June 1934

At the end of this month as we all know comes our St Peter's festival. The details of the services will be made known later on. What I am chiefly concerned with is that we should think of the festival in what, I believe, is the right spirit. We are being led gradually to have a new vision of what a parish can be and should make itself to be. It is the vision of the world and its needs and primarily of the place in which it is set...We must keep steadily before us that vision of St Peter's primarily for itself as the home of our spiritual life in order that it may be a radiating force for the Kingdom of Christ. It will imply a faith and a courage which is not timid about its own interests but "seeks first the Kingdom of God" and is responsive to the needs and opportunities of our day. We have made a beginning in that adventure and our Festival gives us the opportunity of offering ourselves for whatever God is prepared to give us in work and witness. As an expression of our desire to serve the Kingdom we will give our offerings on the Sunday of the Festival to the John Keble Church in thanksgiving for all that St Peter's has meant to the Church in past days and to ourselves, and as the earnest of what God shall do through us.

COMMENT

As we approach our own patronal festival we are again at a time for reimagining how to use our premises and how to improve our outreach. Please be ready to be involved in the process. The note about the donation of the funds to John Keble Church Mill Hill is interesting. The church was to support the development of an increasingly important residential area, and in 1934 was still meeting in a large builders' hut. The church when it was built was according to a modern design and was taking a new approach to worship supported by the then Bishop of York, William Temple whose principles were to be captured in a collection of essays, "The Parish Communion" published in 1937. Instead of having Matins, or a sort of High Mass as the main Sunday service, there was a Family Communion Service at 9.30am, followed by a parish cooked breakfast. The service was according to the 1662 Book of JOHN KEBLE Common Prayer. The decision to dedicate it John Keble was somewhat controversial around the 100th anniversary of his National Apostasy sermon. Austin Thompson as Rural (Area) Dean was to dig the first spadeful of earth for the construction of the new building in July 1935 and the building was finally consecrated at the end of 1936. St Peter's also made a gift of communion vessels. Have a look at the church next time you are in the area.

Valerie Smith

Searching for St Peter



It was in the grounds of the Elizabethan manor house of Parham in West Sussex that I chanced upon another church with the same name as ours. History doesn't tell us when the first church on the site was built but it does tell us the first rector took up his job in 1148. The current St Peter's is largely the result of a rebuild between 1800 and 1820 by the lord of the manor of the time. It's plain but well-maintained interior has at least two highlights worthy of mention: a 14th century lead font and a private pew for the residents of "the big house".

The font has a repeating inscription, IHS Nazar, Jesus of Nazareth, all the way round and bears the Coat of Arms of the local Knight from 1351. The private pew occupies the north transept and has its own fireplace. The story goes that the Squire would begin to shovel coal noisily onto the fire, if the Rector's sermon went on too long.



The current owner of the manor house is Lady Emma Barnard (a member of the Guinness family) who we spotted in the shop and having a publicity photo taken under a blossom tree. She is the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex. The house, which is run by a charitable trust, is stunning inside, fizzing with family portraits and other works of art. The gardens are stunning too. Last but not least, there are decent snacks to be had in the tearoom housed in the Mower Shed.

David Stanley



Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham

A group of St Peter's people went on our first pilgrimage to Walsingham for some years. Below is an overall account from Nick Moore followed by the impressions from some of the other pilgrims.

A group of nine pilgrims departed St Peter's in two cars just after noon on Friday 3 May and oozed slowly northwards out of London past Cambridge, Newmarket and Thetford in heavy Bank Holiday weekend traffic and driving rain. Whilst we may not have endured the journey on foot as pilgrims may have done in years gone by, we felt our resolve appropriately tested by the difficult driving conditions! We were sustained largely by excellent good company and humour amongst the passengers, but were also fortified by grilled smoked bacon brioche buns and coffee from the ever-convenient Gog Farm Shop just to the southeast of Cambridge which was but a minor detour from the A11.



We finally arrived in Little Walsingham just before 5pm and were immediately struck by the way in which the Anglican Shrine dominates the entire centre of the village. Great Walsingham, the larger, immediate neighbour to Little Walsingham feels surprisingly workaday and almost out of keeping in the gently rolling north Norfolk countryside. We experienced no such concerns about Little Walsingham which enjoys an abundance of charm, both ecclesiastical and secular.

Once we had settled in our rooms and unpacked, the programme of events began in earnest. The first evening concluded with informal drinks in the Orangery in order to meet our fellow London pilgrims who had joined from St Matthew's, Westminster and Christ the Saviour, Ealing. Fr Philip Chester, the Vicar of St Matthew's welcomed everyone most warmly in two particular respects. Firstly, he and his team had brought a significant quantity of red and white wine and soft drinks which were served to all, with an honesty box for any entirely voluntary contributions to the cost. Secondly, he made some welcoming remarks which I, as a first-time pilgrim to Walsingham, found especially helpful. The essential gist of Fr Philip's remarks was to take things as you personally find them through the course of the weekend and not to be put off or confused if some things did not immediately seem to make sense. These were wise words indeed, for the experience we were to be afforded over the weekend was entirely unique!



After a fitful night's sleep, we woke early on Saturday morning to find prayers answered. The previous day's rain had completely cleared, and we woke to the sound of nothing but gentle birdsong filling the still, cool morning air of the village. I managed to fit in a meandering walk through the village, main streets and back streets, in the hour before breakfast was served at 8am, to help get my bearings.

After Pilgrimage Intercessions in the Holy House, we departed on foot in the mid-morning for the walk along the Pilgrims' Way, or *Via Lucis*, from Little Walsingham to the Catholic Shrine located deep in the countryside approximately one and a half miles southwest from the Anglican Shrine. We conducted a mobile religious service of the Stations of the Resurrection as we

walked, comprising readings, reflections and hymns. I think almost everyone had an opportunity to read to the group at least once on this journey. After a visit to the Catholic Shrine, we returned on foot to Little Walsingham, although Fr Jonathan had very gallantly driven on ahead to leave his car at the Catholic Shrine, and then hot footed his way backwards on the Pilgrims'



Way to meet our party on foot, in order that those members of the group unable to walk both ways might be driven back to Little Walsingham and so not miss out on this most moving aspect of the weekend. Judging by the fact that Fr Jonathan re-joined the group on foot not far beyond

the old railway station as we had scarcely left Little Walsingham, I think we can take as read that he is a fast and nimble walker and driver.

Departing late on Sunday afternoon, still blessed with wonderful dry, sunny, and warm spring weather, all our pilgrims returned to London, relaxed, refreshed and recharged physically, mentally and spiritually. The weekend was an exceptionally special experience and certainly one I very much wish to repeat. On behalf of all our Pilgrims from St Peter's we must thank Fr Jonathan for all his work arranging a trip which was made even more special given we formed part of the London contingent, comprising two other churches.

Please do speak to any of us who attended if you would like to learn more, and, please, do consider joining us for a very special, and exceptionally good value pilgrimage next year! Rest

assured, I have only touched on a very few highlights here, and there is a vast amount more to enjoy and experience over the whole pilgrimage weekend. **Nick Moore**

I had not previously visited Walsingham, although I have spent many happy holidays nearby in North Norfolk. I suppose I have been held back by some residual suspicion of the negatives which associate with the idea of a shrine to the Virgin: wasn't it a lightning conductor for so many of the pre-Reformation accretions about which the reformers became so exercised? Isn't it just a slightly comical attempt to be more southern European Catholic than the actual Southern European Catholics (those eye-wateringly bad hymns! those overcooked devotions! those improbable costumes!). And then, on top of this, come some of the more theological questions: the virginity of Mary, her immaculate nature from conception onward, her role in salvation history, the lack of scriptural basis for many of the traditions embodied in the cult of the Blessed Virgin. All these have nagged at me, and perhaps have been a reason I have been a little semi-detached from the cult, honouring the Virgin in an abstract way, but keeping my distance.

At the beginning of May, however, I took the plunge, joining a group from St Peter's along with two other London parishes on pilgrimage to the Shrine. There, my theoretical anxieties ran into the lived experience of Marian devotion, which, bit by bit, overcame them, and brought me into a new relationship with Mary's cult. I realised that the citadel of my reluctance had fallen when I found myself on the



Saturday evening in the procession conducting Our Lady of Walsingham's statue around the grounds of the Shrine, carrying my candle, and singing, along with everyone else, the Walsingham refrain of Ave Maria. What was it that had overwhelmed my defences? Perhaps it helped that I was visiting

in Eastertide, when the homilies of the clergy were able to highlight the way in which Mary points us to Christ, augmenting rather than diminishing our faith in him. And I suppose the wonderful weather, with abundant sunshine encouraging the gardens of the Shrine to flourish in springtime splendour, did no harm. But most of all it was the sheer variety and number of participants in the devotions which cracked open the carapace of my resistance. Here, people of all shapes, sizes, classes, races, and types are drawn[: the straight, the gay, the fat, the thin, the young, the old, the partnered, the solitary, the gregarious, the isolated, the lonely, the sad, the happy, the carefree, the bold, the fearful, the sick, the healthy, the disabled, the able-bodied]. Real life in all its vulnerability and kaleidoscopic fullness coming to the place where the mystery of the Incarnation is venerated in honouring the Mother of God. **Richard Carter**

My first pilgrimage to Walsingham was back in 1982, with St Peter's. My original apprehensions were very much the same as Richard's with the addition of some concern that extreme devotion to an idea of the Blessed Virgin Mary seemed frequently to be accompanied by an equally extreme disdain for actual contemporary women. But I came over the next twelve years to find that it gave me a way of worship different from my usual inclinations but, because of that, enriching. Returning now after a further interval of thirty years I still find that being among such a diverse group of pilgrims from places all over England, with different approaches and different activities gives me a wider and livelier approach to faith though I wish they were fully open to the ministry of women.

Valerie Smith

I was a complete novice and had no idea what to expect from a "pilgrimage", so I applied to go to Walsingham (sometimes referred to as "England's Nazareth") in the spirit of discovery. Previously I've been to several St Peter's retreats and quiet days, so I was expecting something along those lines, but more extended. In truth it was a completely different experience. We

travelled to north Norfolk in two groups and arrived in the early evening to find a large beautifully kept garden area surrounded by typically East Anglian buildings, my room very comfortable apart from having low doorways. We had plentiful food supplied centrally and a busy programme of services and events. The Walsingham shrine pilgrimage area was full with other groups from all over the country and all the events over the three days were well attended. We met up with two other London church groups on the first evening: Fr Philip Chester from St Margaret's Westminster introduced us all to the concept by saying that all the organised events were voluntary, nothing was compulsory; that new pilgrims might find themselves initially hating some aspects but it might be worth experiencing them to see what benefits they could bring to us. I found his words most helpful.



Over the three days I attended all the services and immersed myself in nearly all the events organised by the shrine for pilgrims. These took their inspiration from visions of the Annunciation experienced by Richeldis de Faverches, a Saxon noblewoman in Walsingham in the year 1061. I felt spiritually uplifted

by many of them. We had some free time which was appreciated and on Sunday morning Fr Jonathan took mass in a small Norfolk parish church away from the shrine, that was also a beautiful experience. When we finally returned to Eaton Square, I'd really benefitted from sharing this in the company of my fellow St Peter's 'pilgrims' and I felt that I'd been away for a good deal longer than three days in terms of the benefits and peace it had given me. Not a retreat, more of an immersion into a different way of worshipping. Thank you very much Fr Jonathan for organising this experience for us. **A PILGRIM.**

But pilgrimages do have some time for rest and recreation, for walks or visits to local villages or just for appreciation the beauty of the area...

On the Saturday after our one mile walk to the Slipper Chapel we had the afternoon free. I spent a few quiet and peaceful hours in the grounds of the ruins of Walsingham Abbey. The



Walsingham Priory was built in the 12 century and remained until it was dissolved by Henry the eighth. In 1538, the Reformation caused the Priory property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners and the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken down and burnt. Nothing remains today of the original shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn of

“The Abbey Grounds” and referred to as Walsingham Abbey.
Pippa Cardale

I am sure everyone has said about the awful journey, the wonderful food, the spiritual uplifting experience? My favourite day was the walk with the singing and biblical readings and the healing, a very moving experience and I certainly want to go again. **Sammie Singlehurst**



A place near Walsingham to which we pilgrims owe a great deal is South Creake, where in St Mary's church we were allowed to hold our Sunday Eucharist.



I really enjoyed our visit to the lovely church at South Creake and it was so nice to see Fr Jonathan and our servers there. The very hospitable congregation gave us coffee and cakes afterwards and we had time to chat with them before returning to the shrine.

In the pictures are Father Jonathan at the altar and Sammie and Valerie being acolytes at the Gospel. There is also their statue of our Lady which I liked. I took a number of videos too which I am happy to show if people would like to see them. I really loved the pilgrimage, with benediction and visits to the Roman Catholic shrine which I had visited a long time ago but at that time we didn't go to the Anglican shrine. **Juana Canete**



Thank you to all our contributors and to the photographs taken by various pilgrims, which we have not attributed individually

Heritage open days: 13 and 14 September 2024



You have probably been aware of Heritage Open Days, noticing that some historical landmarks allow greater access than usual or put on special events free of charge. Last year at St Peter's we had a Saturday at Petertide when the story of St Peter's was laid out in pictures and explanations round the church and when some vestments were on show. That was not part of the Heritage Open Day plan, but this year we decided to link with the Heritage Open Days, which enables us to benefit from free publicity and get us some help from people who have done this before. Each year, the Heritage Open Days focus on particular themes. One of this year's relates to why people came to the area; what was the attraction? For our building this is quite suitable as the history of the church is very much the history of the immediate area. Up to the end of the 18th century the area was not built up, consisting mainly of market gardens. It was part of the parish of St George's Hanover Square, but nearly two miles away from the church itself. Developments were planned to reflect the rising population including three churches of which St Peter's was one. St Peter's was the first building in the new Eaton Square. The church's history reflects much of the sociological changes in the parish, from the area of Victorian privilege with the grand families with multiple servants split up as society changed into flats and offices. Its structure with the elaboration and beatification of the east end, at the time of the was built at the time of the Anglo-Catholic movement.

There is still a lot of planning to be done, but so far the aim is to have an exhibition showing key moments in the history of the parish, which will start on the Friday afternoon and continue throughout the Saturday. The Heritage Team recommends that



those doing this for the first time focus on some particular details of the building; we are thinking that we will focus on the mosaics, both the Victorian Salviati mosaics in the sacristy and the Anna Vyner mosaic round the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

We are hoping to get someone to speak about the mosaics on the Saturday, and we will have tours of the

church including the mosaics on that day as well. We plan some activities for children, including making mosaics out of coloured paper. There will also be simple refreshments – tea, coffee and



biscuits. The whole day, according to the Heritage Open Day rules, will be free and we are hoping to find someone to sponsor such publicity as we have to pay for, and also to find people who can help on the day.

Valerie Smith

Saint for June



St Alban - first recorded British Christian martyr.
Feast day July 29

Picture for July



Johannes Vermeer – Christ in the House of Martha and Mary

ST PETER'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2024



FRIDAY 28 JUNE AT 7 PM
EVE OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Music: Missa Papae Marcelli – Palestrina
Aurea luce – Victoria

Principal Celebrant: Fr Jonathan Kester
Preacher: The Very Revd Nick Papadopoulos - Dean of Salisbury
(former Vicar of St Peter's 2007-2013)
followed by festive refreshments in the church grounds

*Fr Jonathan will also be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary
of his ordination to the priesthood*

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

8.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Joint Parish Eucharist
followed by bring and share lunch

Calendar of intentions June 2024

Sa 1	<i>Justin Martyr, c. 165</i>	Theologians
Su 2	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CORPUS CHRISTI - transferred	The Parish and People of God Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Eucharist
Mo 3	<i>Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977</i>	Church and people of Uganda
Tu 4	<i>Petroc, abbot, 6th century</i>	Sion College
We 5	<i>Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754</i>	Fr Holger Schmidt and the Church in Germany
Th 6	<i>Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945</i>	The Melanesian Brotherhood
Fr 7	Sacred Heart of Jesus	The peace of the world
Sa 8	<i>Feria</i>	Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
Su 9	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The Parish and People of God
Mo 10	<i>Feria</i>	Eaton House School
Tu 11	St Barnabas, the Apostle	St Barnabas, Pimlico
We 12	<i>Feria</i>	Victoria Neighbourhood Forum
Th 13	<i>Feria</i>	Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum
Fr 14	Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691	Hymn writers
Sa 15	Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941	Pleshey Retreat House, Chelmsford

Calendar of intentions June 2024 (cont)

Su16	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo 17	<i>Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936</i>	Modern day social reformers
Tu 18	<i>Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896</i>	The church and people of Zimbabwe
We19	<i>Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man) evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929</i>	The church and people of India
Th 20	<i>Feria</i>	Metropolitan Police
Fr 21	<i>Feria</i>	The Mayor of Westminster
Sa 22	Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 250	The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban and Diocese of St Albans
Su 23	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo 24	Birth of St John the Baptist	Prophets of our own generation
Tu 25	<i>Feria</i>	Theological Colleges and Courses
We 26	<i>Feria – ember day</i>	Those to be ordained deacon
Th 27	<i>Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444</i>	Those to be ordained priest
Fr 28	<i>Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c 200</i>	The Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos and Salisbury Cathedral
Fr 29	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	Our Patronal Festival
Sa 30	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY	The parish and people of God

Calendar of intentions July 2024

Mo1	<i>Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873</i>	St Michael's, Chester Square
Tu 2	<i>Feria</i>	Cleveland Clinic
We 3	St Thomas, the Apostle	+Sarah, Bishop of London
Th 4	<i>Feria</i>	Archdeacon of Charing Cross
Fr 5	<i>Feria</i>	Archdeacon of London
Sa 6	Thomas More, scholar and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535	Westminster Cathedral
Su 7	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo 8	<i>Feria</i>	Buckingham Palace
Tu 9	<i>Feria</i>	The Royal Mews
We 10	<i>Feria</i>	The Guards Chapel
Th 11	Benedict, abbot, c 550	Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield
Fr 12	<i>Feria</i>	Westminster City School
Sa 13	<i>Feria</i>	Holy Trinity Sloane Street
Su 14	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo15	<i>Swithun, bishop, c 862 Bonaventure, friar, teacher of the faith, 1274</i>	Franciscan Orders

Calendar of intentions July 2024 (cont)

Tu 16	<i>Osmund, bishop, 1099</i>	+Jonathan, Bishop of Fulham,
We 17	<i>Feria</i>	St Paul's, Knightsbridge
Th 18	<i>Elizabeth, Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883</i>	Deaconesses
Fr 19	<i>Gregory, bishop, and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c 394 & c 379</i>	Theologians
Sa 20	<i>Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th century</i>	St Margaret's, Westminster
Su 21	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo 22	St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles	All churches dedicated in honour of St Mary Magdalene
Tu 23	<i>Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1371</i>	Church and people of Sweden
We 24	<i>Feria</i>	Royal Marsden Hospital
Th 25	St James the Apostle	St James', Piccadilly
Fr 26	<i>Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	All grandparents
Sa 27	<i>Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, 1901</i>	Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge
Su 28	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	The parish and people of God
Mo 29	<i>Martha, Mary and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord</i>	The Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon, Devon
Tu 30	<i>William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1856</i>	The Clewer Project
We 31	<i>Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556</i>	Spiritual directors

Readings for June / July 2024

<p>2 June 2024 1st Sunday after Trinity Deuteronomy 5.12-15 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23-3.6</p>	<p>7 July 2024 6th Sunday after Trinity Ezekiel 2.1-5 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13</p>
<p>9 June 2024 2nd Sunday after Trinity Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-end</p>	<p>14 July 2024 7th Sunday after Trinity Amos 7.7-15 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29</p>
<p>16 June 2024 3rd Sunday after Trinity Ezekiel 17.22-end 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4.26-34</p>	<p>21 July 2024 8th Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 23.1-6 Ephesians 2.11-end Mark 6.30-34, 53-end</p>
<p>23 June 2024 4th Sunday after Trinity Job 38.1-11 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-end</p>	<p>28 July 2024 9th Sunday after Trinity 2 Kings 4.42-end Ephesians 3.14-end John 6.1-21</p>
<p>30 June 2024 5th Sunday after Trinity Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 2 Corinthians 8.7-end Mark 5.21-end</p>	

Children's Pages



Colour this picture of Saul, when God first appeared to him on the road to Damascus.

You can read the story in chapter 9 of the Book of Acts.



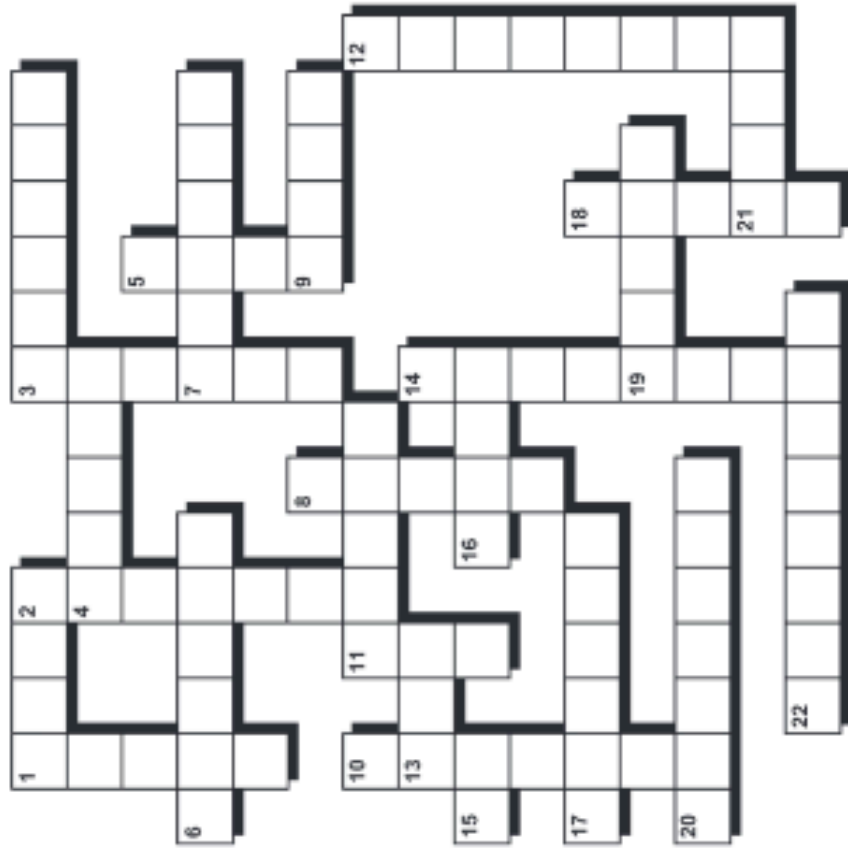
Colour this picture of St Peter.
See if you can work out what the symbols around
Peter represent.

Use the Book of Acts to help you to solve this crossword about St. Paul...

PAUL



At first, Paul (whose name was also Saul) persecuted the followers of Jesus. After a dramatic conversion experience, Paul became one of the greatest missionaries for Christ.



PAUL

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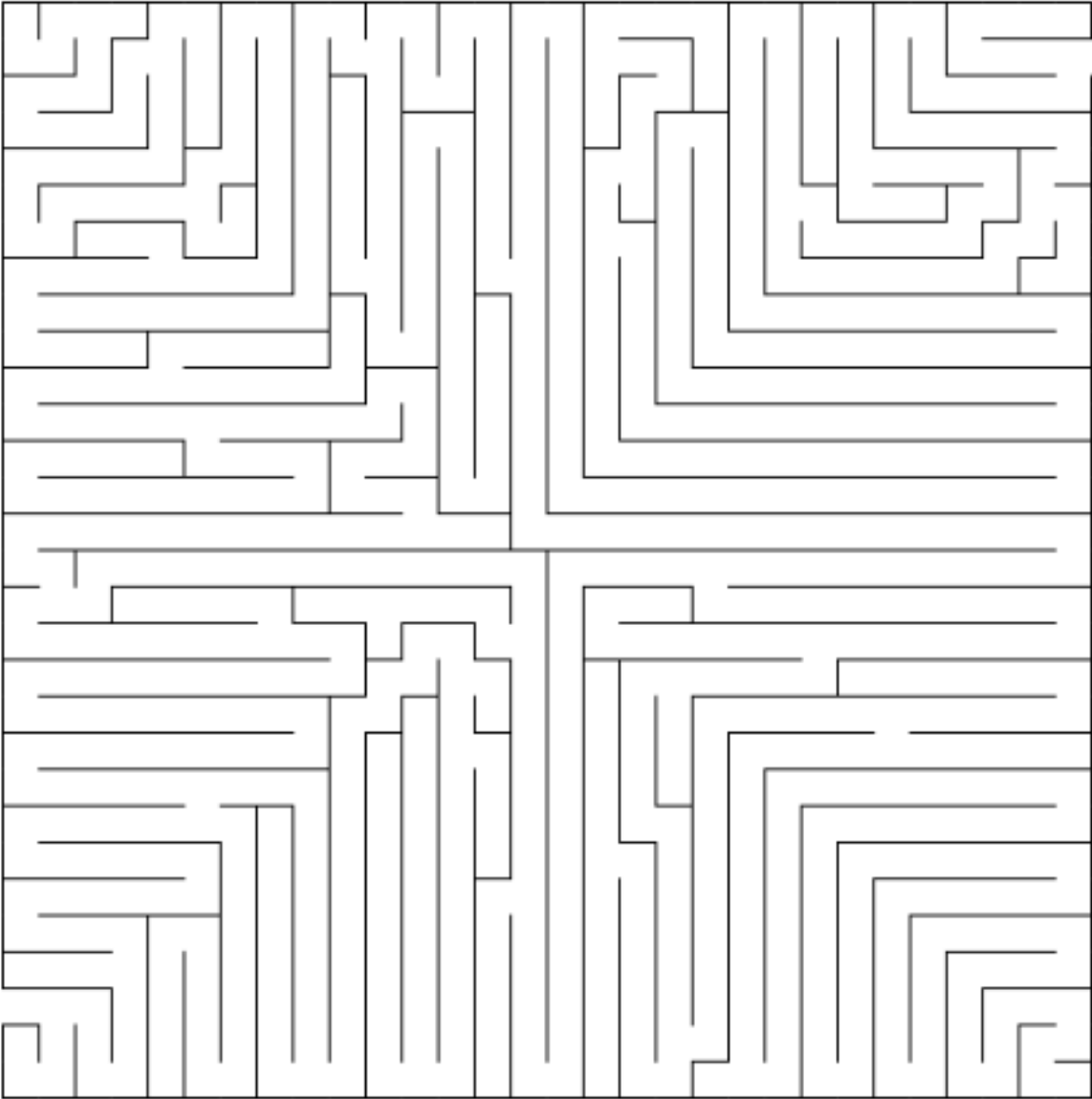
ACROSS

- 1 The Lord wanted Paul to go to this city. (Acts 23:11)
 - 3 Paul was dragged out of this in Jerusalem. (Acts 21:27–30)
 - 4 Paul was shipwrecked on this island. (Acts 28:1)
 - 6 Saul escaped danger in this. (Acts 9:25)
 - 7 Paul was ___ and dragged out of the city. (Acts 14:19)
 - 9 Some Jews planned to ___ Saul. (Acts 9:23)
 - 11 The soldier was surprised to know that Paul could speak this. (Acts 21:37)
 - 13 Paul was in prison twice for ___ years each time. (Acts 24:27; 28:30)
 - 15 Saul heard a voice that said, "Why do you persecute ___?" (Acts 22:7)
 - 16 The ___ priest made charges against Paul (Acts 24:1)
 - 17 Saul was trying to destroy this. (Acts 8:3)
 - 19 Paul was upset because of the number of these in Athens. (Acts 17:16)
- 20 He baptized Saul. (Acts 9:17–19)
 - 21 Paul preached the good ___ in many places. (Acts 14:21)
 - 22 Paul converted Jews and ___. (Acts 14:1–2)

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- 1 Paul was a ___ citizen. (Acts 16:37; 22:27)
- 2 Paul wanted this man to decide his case. (Acts 25:21)
- 3 Saul was from this city. (Acts 9:11)
- 5 The Holy Spirit had ___ for Saul to do. (Acts 13:2)
- 8 Paul went to see this governor. (Acts 23:24)
- 10 Saul was present at his stoning. (Acts 7:58–60)
- 11 The people in Lystra thought Paul was a ___. (Acts 14:11–12)
- 12 He helped Saul. (Acts 9:27)
- 14 Paul was a member of this Jewish group. (Acts 23:6)
- 18 Saul's condition after he was knocked to the ground. (Acts 9:3–9)

Help Peter journey to Rome



Find the words about St Peter...

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Summer Reading Recommendations

In the next issue, we will be including some suggestions for what to read over the summer.

Child or adult, fiction or not, we would love to include yours!

Please send your recommendations to admin@stpetereatonsquare.co.uk and let us know:

- The title of the book.
- A couple of sentences describing what it's about.
- What you like most about it!



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Recipe

Summer vegetable and feta galette

- 75g feta
- 20g soft herbs, chopped (we used basil, parsley and dill)
- Finely grated zest 1 lemon, plus a squeeze of juice
- 1 shallot, finely sliced
- 100g seasonal green veg such as mangetout, peas, broad beans and finely sliced baby courgettes
- 1 tsp extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
- 320g sheet shortcrust pastry
- 1 medium free-range egg, beaten
- ½ tsp nigella seeds
- 2 tbsp natural yogurt (optional)
- Pinch sumac (optional)



1. Heat the oven to 180°C fan/gas 6 with a large, flat baking sheet inside to heat up.
2. Keep the pastry on the sheet of baking paper it comes in and prick the centre with a fork, leaving a border (around 3-5cm) around the outside. Spread the feta mixture over the pricked centre, then lay the sliced vegetables on top. Fold the exposed pastry borders into the centre to create a rustic pleated edge. Brush the pastry edges with egg wash, then sprinkle with the nigella seeds.
3. Remove the hot tray from the oven and carefully slide the galette (on the baking paper) onto it, then bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes until the pastry base is cooked through and crisp underneath. Once out of the oven, drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil, then stir the sumac into the yogurt and serve on the side (if you like).



The Westminster Food Bank needs donations more than ever!

There are ways we can continue to help the most vulnerable in our society... Please bring in your non-perishable food for the Foodbank. Contact Fr Jonathan for information on where to leave donations. Our volunteers will deliver them to the Food Bank promptly. Financial support is also appreciated.

I was hungry, and you fed me...
(Matt 25.35)

The Westminster Foodbank is based at Westminster Chapel and provides three days' worth of nutritionally balanced (non-perishable) food to residents in the Borough of Westminster experiencing financial crisis, through a voucher scheme. It is part of a nationwide network of Foodbanks.

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>



SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday Morning Services

BCP Holy Communion	08:15
Family Eucharist at	09:45
Sung Eucharist with our world-class choir	11:15

Weekday Eucharist

Monday to Friday	12.30
<i>Also Wednesday</i>	08.00

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



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