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Dear Friends,

On my first Sunday back after sabbatical the gospel reading included the Mission of the Twelve from Mark 6. It felt like an apposite passage as I re-entered parish ministry after a time away.

Jesus gives the Twelve instructions for their mission. It feels like Jesus wants to strip them of anything which might be a distraction or weigh them down. 'He ordered them to take nothing for their journey, except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts.'

Reading this gospel, with the perspective gained from a time apart from the parish, I wondered if Jesus is calling us to be more focussed about our mission. I know in my own ministry that there is so much which can get in the way of the fundamental mission of the church, and the fundamental ministry of a priest.

So I wonder how we can be a more intentionally missionary church. I suspect it means letting go of some of the infrastructure of parish life which doesn't actually enable the church's mission and the growth of God's kingdom. Are there things in parish life which are the equivalent of carrying bread, or a bag, or money in our belts? Are there things we need to let go of to become more authentically the presence of Jesus in this place? How might we *be* church rather than *do* church.

I'm not sure I have the answers to those questions just yet, but one of the things I am clear about is that, in the next season of my ministry here at St Paul's, I want to see Jesus more clearly, and to be more intentional about the things of God. And, naturally, I want that for everyone else too. I want us to be more confident about being the people of God; to be more deliberate about our desire to grow in holiness.

I realise that not all of us have the privilege of a sabbatical. But perhaps the slower pace that the summer brings can give us all a sense of space to discern, to listen to the voice of God, and to pray for a deeper sense of what the church in this place is being called to. May we all learn what it is for us to be the body of Christ in Winchmore Hill, and allow ourselves to be taken on a journey from being people who *come* to church to being people who *are* the church.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Daniel

Services in August 2024



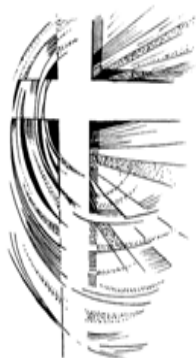
Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said publically Monday-Thursday at 9.05am and 5pm ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
T	1				<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>
F	2				<i>Kate and Bambos, our MPs</i>
S	3				<i>Our PCC committees</i>
S	4	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	5				<i>The unemployed</i>
T	6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Grace to behold the glory of God</i>
W	7		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Racial justice</i>
T	8	St Dominic			<i>Preachers</i>
F	9				<i>The Mothers' Union</i>
S	10	St Laurence			<i>Deacons</i>
S	11	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	12				<i>Victims of injustice</i>
T	13				<i>Care of creation</i>
W	14		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Prisoners</i>
T	15	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Devotion to Our Lady</i>
F	16				<i>Commerce and industry</i>
S	17				<i>Our house groups</i>
S	18	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	19				<i>ALMA</i>
T	20	St Bernard of Clairvaux			<i>Our discipleship</i>
W	21		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>The media</i>
T	22				<i>Enfield Deanery</i>
F	23				<i>Peace in Ukraine</i>
S	24	St Bartholomew	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Sarah, our Bishop</i>
S	25	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	26				<i>Those on holiday</i>
T	27	St Monica			<i>Parents</i>
W	28	St Augustine of Hippo	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Theologians</i>
T	29	The Beheading of St John the Baptist			<i>Those persecuted for their faith</i>
F	30				<i>Farming and agriculture</i>
S	31	St Aidan			<i>Missionaries</i>

Services times are subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details. Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)



FROM THE REGISTERS JUNE 2024

BAPTISM

9 th June	Delia Crouch
23 rd June	Rafe Haslam
23 rd June	Teddy and Alfie Longworth
30 th June	Daisy Shewring

AUGUST 2024 FLOWER ROTA

3 rd August	Sally Shearman
10 th August	Sally Shearman
17 th August	Adele Houldsworth
24 th August	Sharon Saunders
31 st August	Adele Houldsworth

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the team, both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like a chance to develop their skills would be welcome to join the team.

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Any articles, posters and information about upcoming events for the September magazine should be sent to the editor by the 15th August to magazine@spwh.org or via Parish Office

ST JOHN VIANNEY: THE CURÉ D'ARS (4th AUGUST)

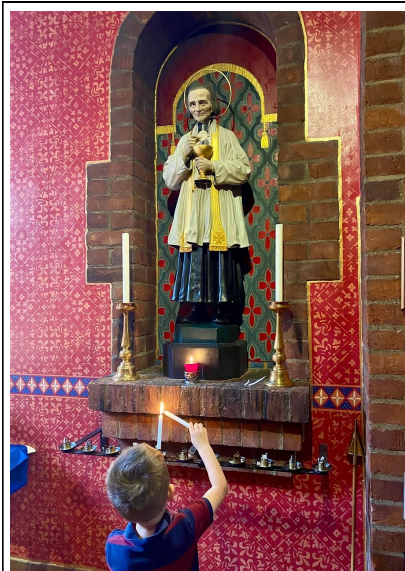
Born in 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, Vianney's childhood was lived through the anti-clericalism and anti-Catholicism of the French Revolution. His formation for the priesthood was interrupted by military service, and his lack of academic ability threatened his ordination. Ultimately, it was argued that his exceptional piety outweighed his intellectual failings, and he was ordained priest in 1815.

After a curacy in Écully, he was made Curé (parish priest) of Ars, a small and insignificant village 40 kilometres north of Lyon. Travelling to his new parish he lost his way on account of a thick fog. He stopped to ask a young shepherd for directions. 'My friend, you have shown me the way to Ars,' said the Curé, 'I shall show you the way to heaven.'

Vianney spent the rest of his life in Ars, leading a life of deep piety, and leading others into that life. The Revolution had led to an indifference to Catholic religion and practice in rural France, and he led a spiritual revival in his parish. His fame as a preacher, counsellor and confessor spread so much that, by the 1850s, Ars was attracting 20,000 pilgrims a year. In the summer months the Curé would spend up to 16 hours in the confessional, and the queues stretched beyond the village.

In many ways John Vianney was a man of austerity. He lived on a potato-based diet, and preached against the dancing and debauchery common in Ars' hostelryes. Yet he was not without joy. Indeed, the opposite is true; he found his joy in the Lord. Cardinal Schönborn, in his book *The Joy of Being a Priest: Following the Curé d'Ars*, writes: 'Those who saw the Curé d'Ars pray could never forget the radiance of happiness on his face.'

Vianney preached a great deal on prayer. 'Through prayer, the soul is like a fish in the water; the more abundant the water, the more content the fish is. The more the soul devotes itself to prayer, the happier it is... Prayer is man's only happiness on earth.' He had an



extraordinary devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, and his little collection of Eucharistic Meditations is one of my favourite books. In it, he tells this most beautiful story about the simplicity of prayer and Eucharistic devotion:

When I first came to Ars, there was a man who never passed the church without going in. In the morning on his way to work, and in the evening on his way home, he left his spade and pick-axe in the porch, and he spent a long

time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Oh! how I loved to see that! I asked him once what he said to Our Lord during the long visits he made Him. Do you know what he told me? 'Eh, Monsieur le Curé, I say nothing to Him. I look at Him and He looks at me!' How beautiful, my children, how beautiful!

John Vianney died on 4th August 1859, aged 73, as much from exhaustion as anything else. He was beatified in 1905, and canonised by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and made patron saint of parochial clergy. His feast day is celebrated on 4th August, although not this year, as that date falls on a Sunday.

'The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus,' he once wrote. He is one of my favourite saints, and I treasure a small statue carved by the monastic family of Bethlehem in France, who also created the new crib figures at St Paul's. I find in the Curé both a deep source of inspiration, but also, if am honest, a pattern of priestly life which it is utterly impossible in emulate. Nonetheless, I pray that his example and intercession may help me and all parish priests to deepen their love of Jesus Christ, in order to sanctify the lives of those they serve, and, like the Curé, show people 'the way to heaven'.

Fr Daniel

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF THE SERVICE?

- + Taking Communion for the first time
- + Being blessed with the oil
- + Talking to the bishop at the start
- + A beautiful feeling of being together with fellow confirmation candidates
 - + A sense of community and belonging
 - + The feeling of witness and being welcomed
 - + I enjoyed it after we were confirmed when everyone clapped us and looked so happy it was a lovely moment



WHAT WILL YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THE PREPARATION COURSE?

- + An understanding of our faith
- + It's made me feel part of the church community
- + I will always remember the experience very fondly - I learnt a lot
 - + I feel fully welcomed into the church
 - + I learnt there might be ups and downs in my journey of faith
 - + Friendships made



DID ANYTHING SURPRISE YOU IN THE SERVICE?

- + I was overwhelmed with joy
- + It surprised me how quickly the service went
- + I was surprised at how emotional I was
- + I had tears in my eyes as I reflected on the service
 - + It was a beautiful highlight of the week in a very hectic period of my life.
 - + Nothing about the service surprised me as I felt ready and prepared and





ALMA is the 26-year old companion link partnership between the Anglican churches in London, Angola and Mozambique that began formally in the Cathedral in July 1998. Prayer and friendship underpins the relationship. Each Wednesday, the London cycle of prayer prays for ALMA partners. Through the lens of this 'soul' friendship' (ALMA in Portuguese means soul) our London parish and school links have a profound connection with the wider church. Improved communications, zoom and social media have enabled this relationship to grow in many creative ways.

On Sunday 21st July 2024 some St Paul's Church Sunday School children attended the ALMA St Paul's cathedral service to participate by having 3 children read the creed in Portuguese and 2 in English. The creeds read were accompanied by actions done by younger Sunday school children.

The version of the Creed that we read was as follows with the actions noted:

We believe

That God sent his son Jesus into the world.

He became man through the hold spirit

He was born of the Virgin Mary

He was crucified

Died.

And was buried.

He went down to those below.

[Arms raised above head]

[Arms in front hands together]

[Hands crossed like a dove]

[Rocking baby]

[Arms like the cross]

[Head dropped forward]

[Head on arms as if asleep]

[Fingers touch ground]

Afterwards he rose from the dead.
 He went up to heaven to sit at God's right hand
 There he prays for us always.
 Praise the Lord.

[Arms in front, palms up]
 [Arms raised above head]
 [Praying hands above head]
 [Arms raised, hands out
 stretched]

The service included many other elements where the Portuguese language was used. For example, in the sermon, Bishop Filomena delivered her sermon in Portuguese and it was translated into English after every few sentences. At the end of the service, Bishop Filomena was presented with a gift as she was at the end of her brief time participating in the Cathedral's services.

St Paul's church was very lucky and to have been invited to join in as a part of the service, and we were all grateful for the opportunity. It was a special day for the children that they will remember, where we were guided by Father Pete and Elouise.

Rhiannon Sheldon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EILEEN AND THANK YOU !



Eileen Collier celebrated her 95th birthday on Wednesday 3rd July with her family and many friends at party at The Gryphon.

Eileen, who has been a member of St Paul's Church for many decades, is know locally for her annual 'Little Bit of Everything' sales which, over the years, have raised tens of thousands of pounds to support local children living with disabilities. She has also raised a lot of money for St Paul's with her annual bric-a-brac stall at our May Fair.





The 2024 MU 'Wave of Prayer' in the Lady Chapel took place on 10th July, when a group of members prayed for the work of the MU around the world and for its support of family life. Each diocese prays for different parts of the world, the London diocese prays for Nigeria, USA, Australia, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan and Kenya. Following the service the group enjoyed coffee on the Green.

The following week our annual garden party took place on 18th July, a beautiful afternoon, in Sue and Mike Laurie's attractive garden, with a gardening quiz, identifying gardeners' photos and some tricky questions. A record number of forty members and friends enjoyed a very delicious afternoon tea courtesy of the Committee. Thanks to all who contributed and purchased items at the successful Bring and Buy sale raising a good sum for MU projects.



Cheryl Humphreys



MOTHERS' UNION DIARY AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

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THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 2 PM IN THE CHURCH

The speaker at our afternoon meeting that day
will be our Vicar, Fr Daniel.

***EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS' UNION
MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

BLESSINGS FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Take time to have fun;

it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

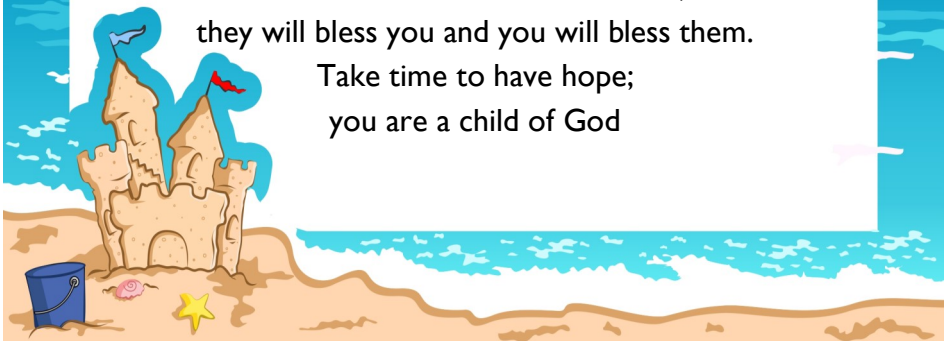
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others;

they will bless you and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope;

you are a child of God





At their June meeting, the PCC adopted **The Children's Society** (formerly known as the Church of England Children's Society) as St Paul's next annual charity, beginning in September 2024.

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