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Dear Friends

The seventeenth-century priest-poet George Herbert expressed his desire to worship God not just on Sundays, but on every day of the week:

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

One of my post-sabbatical priorities is to help us to be more intentionally a community of worship and prayer, and one of the ways I would like to do this is to encourage people to join in daily prayer in church.

Church of England clergy are bound to pray **Morning and Evening Prayer** every day. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Fr Pete and I do this at set times. We would love for people to join us, and therefore join the beautiful rhythm of the church universal.

From September, Morning Prayer will be said at the later time of **9.10am Monday-Thursday**, meaning it's possible to come after school or nursery drop-off. This service of psalms and prayers lasts 20-25 minutes. There's a book which contains all the words we use, or you can even download the *Church of England Daily Prayer* app by going to the app store on your smartphone.

Evening Prayer is at **5pm Monday-Thursday**, following a similar structure using texts from the Book of Common Prayer, and lasts I5-20 minutes. Both services take place in the choir stalls in front of the high altar.

It would be an enormous encouragement to have people join us for these services. Could you come once a week? Or even every day?

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, whether we pray them with others or on our own, create spiritual bookends of the day. They sanctify our work and activity, and provide a space to thank God for his blessings and pray for the needs of the church, the world, and the needs of our own parish.

That's why the bell is always rung before Morning and Evening Prayer; it's as much to remind the people of the parish that they are being prayed for as it is to call them to worship.

There is also the **Wednesday 12.30pm Eucharist** in the Lady Chapel, lasting around 25 minutes. It's a wonderful opportunity to make your Communion during the week, and particularly helpful if you were not able to be in church on Sunday. There is also a 12.30pm Eucharist on midweek feasts; check the monthly Services schedule.

And, in addition to all of this, it's a great blessing to have the **church open during the day for visitors and private prayer**. I am always moved to find people – often strangers – praying in church, and to find candles burning when I arrive for Evening Prayer. From September we planning to extend our opening times so that are open **every day of the week**. We need some volunteers who are willing to open/close the church on Friday morning (around 9am), Friday evening (around 5pm) and Saturday morning. It only takes a few minutes, so please be in touch if you can help.

'Every day will I bless you,' says the Psalmist (Psalm 145.2). God delights in our worship. My prayer is that our church may grow in love for Jesus, and God may build us up by the regular worship and prayer that we make in this holy place. Come and be part of it.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

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Lord, we pray for all students at the beginning of this academic year. Give them minds that are eager to learn, courage to ask good questions, confidence to take risks, the discipline to focus and study and the formation of good friendships.

Services in September 2024

PAUL'S CHURCH

Morning Prayer is said publically at **9.10am** and Evening Prayer at **5pm** Monday-Thursday. ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The church is open for visitors and private prayer most days from 9am to 5pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	T	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
М	2				The new academic year
T	3	St Gregory the Great			Anglican-Roman Catholic
		,			relations
W	4		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Paul's School
Т	5		•		Those who use our church hall
F	6				Racial justice
S	7				Peace in the Middle East
S	8	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
М	9				Our PCC
Т	10				Prisoners of conscience
W	II		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our neighbours at St Peter's,
			7pm	Induction of the Revd	Grange Park
				Poppy Hughes at St	
				Peter's	
Т	12				ALMA
F	13	St John Chrysostom			Preachers
S	14	Holy Cross Day	12.30pm	Eucharist	Devotion to the cross
S	15	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			I2pm	Holy Baptism	
М	16	St Ninian	·	, i	The people of Scotland
Т	17				Our pastoral care team
W	18	St Hildegard	12.30pm	Eucharist	Composers
Т	19	<u> </u>	TBC	Licensing of Alison	Our Licensed Lay Ministers
				Perera	,
F	20				Enfield Deanery
S	21	St Matthew	12.30pm	Eucharist	London College of Bishops
S	22	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
М	23			T	Victims of domestic abuse
Т	24	Our Lady of Walsingham			The Shrine of OLW
W	25	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	12.30pm	Eucharist	The unemployed
Т	26				Peace in Ukraine
F	27	St Vincent de Paul			Charity work
S	28				Vocations to the priesthood
S	29	ST MICHAEL AND ALL	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		ANGELS	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	, 2 p 2.p/o
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
М	30			3	Parish Office staff and
					volunteers

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 JULY 2024

BAPTISM

7th July Ben & Lily Bencardino-Hopley

AUGUST 2024 FLOWER ROTA

7th August Sally Shearman
14th August Sally Shearman
21st August Adele Houldsworth
28th August Sharon Saunders

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 contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.



Seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul! Deuteronomy 4:29

We're excited to share the launch of our new St. Paul's FaithQuest programme, designed to reflect the London Diocese's vision to Grow Younger as well as our mission here at St. Paul's Church: to Grow Faith in Winchmore Hill.

On Sunday, June 16th, we celebrated children who participated in our Sunday Clubs (Sparks, Ignite & Ablaze) and Worship Services for the Epiphany to Pentecost period. The children were delighted to receive their award certificates, sashes, and badges from Fr. Pete, Claire and me.

The FaithQuest program encourages children to go on a quest to seek God with all their heart and soul, to attend Sunday Clubs, as well as to participate in Worship Services. It provides tangible keepsakes for them to document and reflect on the progress of their faith journey. Each child receives a FaithQuest Stamp Passport, to collect stamps for attendance and participation in various ways.

After collecting a certain number of stamps, children receive award certificates and badges for their FaithQuest Sash. They can collect various badges, such as prayer, bible reading, altar serving, choir singing, and ministry helping badges (e.g., carrying the cross, candles, and banners).

The award badges are named after faithful people who supported the Apostle Paul, like the Priscilla Ministry Helper Award, Lydia Bible Reading Award, Timothy Prayer Award, Stephanus Altar Serving Award and more. I've counted 51 people who supported the Apostle Paul so far, so we are not short on award names! These wonderful individuals provided companionship, financial support, hospitality, and prayers, helping the apostle Paul spread the gospel far and wide.

The St. Paul's FaithQuest Award Celebration will be held bi-annually in June and December so, if your child/children would like to go on a Faith Quest with us please send me an email at children@spwh.org or talk to me one Sunday.

We pray this program continues to inspire children and families in Winchmore Hill to seek God with all their heart and soul, to grow in faith and to spread the Gospel everywhere!

Our Sunday Club team look forward to journeying with you on the St. Paul's FaithQuest!

Elouise Nell (Children and Families Worker)

THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (29TH SEPTEMBER)



The feast of St Michael and All Angels, also known as Michaelmas, is celebrated on September 29th. The feast invites Christians to reflect on the roles that angels play in the spiritual realm and particularly on the mission of St Michael as the leader of the heavenly hosts.

St Michael is one of the few angels mentioned by name in the Bible and his first appearance being in the book of Daniel. Michael is often referred to as the guardian prince of Israel, a protector who stands ready to defend God's chosen people. In the New Testament's Book of Revelation, Michael's role as a defender of faith and a warrior against evil is vividly portrayed. Here he engages in a cosmic battle against Satan, casting the adversary out of heaven and preventing him from accusing humanity before God. These depictions have solidified Michael's role as a guardian and a warrior, a figure who embodies the triumph of good over evil.

In Christian tradition, Michael is often referred to as an "archangel", a term that signifies his high ranking among the angels.

The celebration of St Michael naturally extends to all angels, recognising their roles as messengers, protectors and servants of God. The word "angel" comes from the Greek word "angelos" meaning messenger and this is perhaps their most widely recognised role in the Bible. From the angel Gabriel announcing the birth of Christ to Mary to the angels who minister to Christ in the wilderness, these beings serve as divine intermediaries, carrying out God's will on earth.

In the Christian understanding, angels are also seen as protectors of individuals and nations. The concept of guardian angels, who watch over each

person and guide them towards good is a comforting and deep-rooted belief for many. These angels are believed to constantly be at work, shielding believers from harm and interceding on their behalf.

Michaelmas, the feast day of St Michael and All Angels has been celebrated since the early centuries of Christianity. Traditionally marked by special church services, Michaelmas was once one of the four "quarter days" in England, a day for settling debts and beginning new labour contracts. The connection between Michaelmas and the agricultural calendar also meant that it was a time for farmers to give thanks for the harvest.

In churches today, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels is often marked by the singing of hymns such as "Ye Holy Angels Bright" and "Angel Voices Ever Singing". The liturgy may include readings from the Book of Revelation, where Michael's victory over the dragon is recounted and from the Gospel of John which speaks of the ministry of angels.

In a world that often feels tumultuous and uncertain, the figure of St Michael offers a reminder of the spiritual battle that Christians believe is constantly being waged between good and evil. His example encourages Christians to

stand firm in their faith, to seek justice and to protect the vulnerable.

As the feast day of St Michael and All Angels approaches, let us be reminded of the profound ways in which angels, lead by Michael, influence our spiritual lives. May we use this opportunity to consider how angels, as messengers and protectors are active in the world today and how we as believers might join in their mission of bringing light into darkness.



Prayer to Saint Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Alison Perera

Sunday 6 October 2024 Harvest Festival

10am St Paul's Church
All-Together Eucharist

Join us as we give thanks to God for the Harvest. This service replaces our usual 9.15am and 10.30am services, and is suitable for all ages. Please bring donations of non-perishable food for North Enfield Foodbank. Scan QR code for urgently needed items.



Sunday 6 October 2024 Harvest Festival

11am Vicarage Garden
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12pm The Children's Society

Harvest Roast

Church Hall

2 course roast lunch. Adult ticket £13, Child (3-11yo) £7, under 3s free, family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £35. Tickets on sale in the Church Hall after Sunday services or email charity@spwh.org





We are delighted to be able to announce that during the 12 months up to the end of July 2024 we raised over £2000 to support the work of Christian Aid, our last annual charity.

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as our new annual charity

The Children's Society

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Our first fund-raising event will be the Harvest Roast on Sunday 6th October, which follows our Harvest Festival Service and the Snail Race in the Vicarage garden. Our Harvest Roast had become a bit of a tradition at our church and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy some home cooking and good company at this very family friendly event,

Tickets must be booked in advance. You will find an order form, including dietary options, inserted into this magazine or alternatively tickets can be ordered via charity@spwh.org. Tickets will also be on sale after services on Sundays in September.



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Sugar Biscuits Snacks

When appropriate, the parcel will also include feminine hygiene products

and essential toiletries, baby essentials and pet food.

Each parcel is intended to last for three days.

PETER WEST (1932 - 2024) R.I.P.



Peter David West, known to many as Mr West, was a former Headteacher of St Paul's Church of England School. Born in Cuffley on 31st January 1932, his was a close knit family, with his grandparents, uncle and cousin close neighbours. Peter had vivid memories of World War 11, including hearing an air raid siren for the first time and having to jump into a muddy ditch with his mother as a German plane dived from the sky near to

Cuffley station and fired a machine gun in their direction.

When he was 8 years old, Peter's family moved to Southgate and 2 years later his sister Gillian was born. On arriving in Southgate, Peter attended first Salcombe School and later Franklin House to prepare him for the entrance exams to Highgate School. At Highgate School he met Brian Howell, and so began a lifelong friendship.

His father worked in Barclays Bank in London and Peter often met him from work. He remembered being treated to ice cream in a Lyons Corner House and he was introduced to the theatre, which became a life-long passion. As a young man, Peter joined a number of amateur dramatic groups and became skilled at stage makeup.

Peter was a member of the 2nd Cockfosters Scout Troop and was first a Patrol Leader and later Troop Leader. His first experience of performing on a stage was in their Gang Show and he thoroughly enjoyed it. He also developed an interest in cookery at scout camps, and at home with his mother. This interest continued to the end of his life and he was still perfecting his favourite breakfast, Eggs Benedict, at the age of 91.

Peter's first job was in chartered surveying, but at the age of 22 he decided to follow his heart and he enrolled at Trent Park Training College to study Drama. While at Trent Park he was the first man to study costume design and it was there that he met his future wife, Beryl.

Once qualified, Peter first taught at St Andrews Southgate and then Winchmore Junior School before becoming Deputy Head at Coppetts Wood Primary. In January 1971, Peter was appointed Headteacher of St Paul's Church of England Primary School. It was only then that it was discovered that his LRAM qualification, which he obtained while teaching at St Andrew's, was for speech and drama and not, as assumed, for music, so he could not play a note on the school's grand piano.

Peter's great love of sports is well remembered by his children, Simon, Lindsay and Madeline. They recall evenings playing cricket and badminton in their garden and tennis in the park. He refereed football matches and was a lifelong supporter of Southampton Football Club. When the club won the FA Cup in 1976, he celebrated by decorating all of the corridors in St Paul's School in red and white.

His children also recall him spending much of their childhood studying to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree, an amazing achievement for a busy Headteacher and father of three.

Peter's love of drama was reflected in the many school plays he wrote and in which he acted alongside the pupils, Pinocchio being the most memorable. He collected memorabilia from all of his productions, so his family was never short of an idea for a Christmas or Birthday present!

In his tribute at Peter's funeral, David Nash (our former Vicar and School Governor) recalled Peter's ability to recruit teachers with high standards and good experience, the high academic achievements of many of his pupils and the opportunities he provided with school trips to Holland at a time when foreign travel was not as usual as it is today.

When he retired, Peter joined the RSPB and bird watching became a major hobby. He also enjoyed going to the races and having a flutter on his favourite jockey and his daily routines of breakfast in Morrisons and completing the daily crossword.

At the reception in the hall after the service there was a wonderful display of school memorabilia that brought back countless memories for many of those present.

Enfield Deanery Quiet Day



Saturday 28th September 10.30am-2pm St Luke's Church Clay Hill

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THURSDAY 19[™] SEPTEMBER AT 2 PM IN THE CHURCH

The speaker at our afternoon meeting that day will be our Vicar, Fr Daniel, who will talk about his recent sabbatical.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall after Fr Daniel's talk so we will have a chance to catch up with each other's news after the summer break.

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