



Congratulations to Phil Morehen and Paul Prigmore who were, respectively, re-elected and newly elected as our Churchwardens at our Annual Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

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Dear Friends,

This month we will be walking through the first few chapters of Mark's gospel at our Sunday services. In Mark Jesus begins his ministry in an explosive fashion with healing miracles and direct confrontations with the Pharisees.

The symbol associated with Mark's gospel is the lion and Jesus certainly reflects this lion-like character in his ministry. Jesus is bold, courageous and demonstrates great emotion in Mark; sadness, frustration and anger but also joy and excitement. In Mark Jesus is a man of action and the story moves at a fast pace from one scene to another.

As we walk with Jesus in the place of his followers we also learn to be more lion-like. Paul wrote to Timothy that we have been given a spirit 'not of fear but rather of power, love and of selfdiscipline'. And Jesus admonishes his disciples many times in Mark to 'take heart' and to 'have faith'. As we spend time in Jesus' presence, both at church and in our daily lives, we will become more like him; more loving, yes, but also more courageous.

Jesus' bravery flowed directly from his relationship with God. He knew who he was and he knew that he was loved, he was not insecure and he definitely didn't care what other people thought of him. So, as we journey through Mark with Jesus let us pray that we too would know deep in our hearts that we are known and loved by God; that we are beloved children with whom God is well pleased. And from that place of love may our inner lion emerge that we would all grow into courageous followers of Christ.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

With my love and prayers,

Pete

## Services in June 2024



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

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

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	I	St Justin			The persecuted Church
S	2	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
М	3				The Archdeacon of Hampstead
Т	4				Children and Families Worker
W	5	St Boniface	12.30pm	Eucharist	Missionaries
Т	6				Enfield Deanery
F	7				Peace in Ukraine
S	8				Local businesses
S	9	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
Μ	10			, ,	The elderly
т	11	St Barnabas the Apostle	9am 12.30pm	Whole School Service Eucharist	Our link parish in Negage
W	12		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our clergy
Т	13				Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
F	14				The unemployed
S	15				Carers
S	16	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
М	17				The creative arts
Т	18				Prisons
W	19		12.30pm	Eucharist	The Mothers' Union
Т	20				Our neighbouring parishes
F	21				Local nurseris
S	22	St Alban			The faith of this land
S	23	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
М	24	The Birth of St John the Baptist	12.30pm	Eucharist	Grace to proclaim Jesus
Т	25				The Parish Office
W	26		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our Ministry Team
Т	27				Interfaith dialogue
F	28	St Irenaeus			Victims of global warming
S	29	St Peter and St Paul	12.30pm	Eucharist	Those to be ordained
S	30	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people

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 APRIL 2024

BAPTISM

21<sup>st</sup> April

Noah and Hugo Entwisle

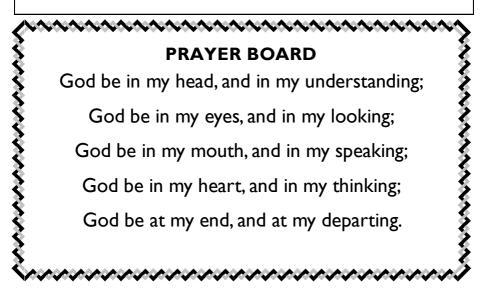
FUNERALS

5<sup>th</sup> April 30<sup>th</sup> April Lydia Prigmore Ann Kipps

## JUNE 2024 FLOWER ROTA

l <sup>st</sup> June	Sharon Saunders
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sharon Saunders
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Adele Houldsworth
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Adele Houldsworth
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sally Shearman

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. To contact Adele ring 020 8360



## St Justin, Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> June)

We especially remember Saint Justin each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. We remember him because he was an early Christian philosopher, because he recorded early Christian practice, which is strikingly familiar to us today, but most of all because he was a Martyr.

Justin was born in about the year 100 and was martyred in about 165. He was born to Roman parents in what is now Nablus, which is in the middle of the occupied West Bank. Justin's father was perhaps a Roman diplomat or some other official.

Justin was a philosopher in search of truth, and he did not rest until he found the truth in Christ. He tried all of the classical philosophies, but none brought him close to, or helped him to understand God. And then he had a long conversation with an old man he met on a journey, who talked to him about the Hebrew prophets who spoke 'through the divine spirit'. The old man concluded: 'you should pray above all that the gates of light may be opened to you, for these things are not intelligible and comprehensible unless God and his Christ give understanding to a man.' The old man then disappeared, never to be seen again by Justin. We hear echoes of the two Disciples' encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus.

So Justin came to realise that the Old Testament prophets were pointing to Jesus. He realised that Jesus was the *Logos*, or the Word, who already featured in classical philosophy, and who St John had explicitly and powerfully connected in his prologue to his gospel. He realised that Jesus had been in the world since before its creation, and that Jesus was the creator of everything.

Justin went on to teach the new philosophy of Christ, first in Ephesus, then in Rome. He never ceased to wear the professional philosopher's gown, the *pallium*, which marked him out a bit like a dog collar marks out a priest to us.

Justin clearly came to the attention of the authorities, and not in a good

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way. He was prosecuted for failing to honour the Roman gods. He wrote a long defence of his position and that of his fellow Christians, asking that they be judged by their actions rather than by the name of their faith and its founder. An *Apologia* (which we translate as Apology, and which is the root of our word) was a formal written defence of one's opinions or conduct. Justin's defence was addressed to the emperor of the time. In his *Apology* Justin explains how Christ was foreseen by the prophets and by other philosophies (as he had heard from that old man), and he insists that the Christians are loyal Roman citizens.

Justin also explained Christian practice – probably to debunk the suggestions of debauched and outrageous practice which were rife at the time. As a result, we have some of the earliest records of the celebration of the Eucharist. It is worth setting this out in full, as it is so fresh that it could almost be a record of our last Sunday Eucharist:

... On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits [that's our Bible reading and the Psalm]; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things [that's our sermon]. Then we all rise together and pray [that's our intercessions]. We salute one another with a kiss when we have ended the prayers [that's the Peace]. Then is brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of water and wine [that's what used to be the Offertory Procession]. And he takes them and offers up praise and glory to the Father of all things, through the name of his Son and of the Holy Ghost, and gives thanks at length that we are deemed worthy of these things at his hand. When he has completed the prayers and thanksgiving all the people present assent by saying 'Amen' ... When the president has given thanks and all the people have assented those who are called deacons with us give to those present a portion of the eucharistic bread and wine [those are our Chalice Assistants] ... and carry it away to those that are absent [which our clergy do

## when visiting the sick].

Justin's *Apology*, which he followed up with another, was sadly not successful. We have a verbatim record of the conclusion of his trial, together with that of a number of his pupils. It is extremely rare to have such a record, and it is so stark and powerful that it also merits being set out in full:

Rusticus the Prefect said, 'Let us then now come to the matter in hand, and which presses. Having come together, [now] offer sacrifice with one accord to the gods.' Justin said 'No right thinking person falls away from piety to impiety.' Rusticus said, 'Unless you obey, you shall be mercilessly punished.' Justin said, 'Through prayer we can be saved on account of our Lord Jesus Christ, even when we have been punished, because this shall become to us salvation and confidence at the more fearful and universal judgement-seat of our Lord and Saviour.' Thus also said the other martyrs: 'Do what you will, for we are Christians and do not sacrifice to idols.' Rusticus the Prefect pronounced sentence, saying 'Let those who have refused to sacrifice to the gods and to yield to the command of the emperor be scourged, and led away to suffer the punishment of decapitation, according to the laws.'

Justin's fellow Christians concluded the account as follows:

The holy martyrs having glorified God, and having gone forth to the accustomed place, were beheaded, and perfected their testimony in the confession of the Saviour. And some of the faithful having secretly removed their bodies, laid them in a suitable place, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ having wrought along with them, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

Let us conclude with the Collect for St Justin's day:

God our Redeemer, who through the cross taught your martyr Justin the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ: remove from us every kind of error that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith, and make your name known to all people; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark Ashworth

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2024**



St Paul's Church raised an amazing £1666 during Christian Aid week this year! This was made up of £316 from retiring cash collections after our services on Sundays  $12^{th}$  and  $19^{th}$  May, a CAF cheque for £500 donated anonymously, and £850 raised at the 'R' Voices concert on 16<sup>th</sup> May (see page 11). This, once again, highlights the amazing generosity of our local community!

The money raise will be used to support the work of Christian Aid throughout the world. This charity works to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people (regardless of gender, ethnicity, caste, religion, class, sexual orientation, disability or age) to claim the rights and services to which they are entitled.

By involving local partners and communities in their work, Christian Aid aims to develop inclusive programmes that fit local needs.

There are four 'pillars' that underpin Christian Aid's humanitarian and development work:

- + Challenge power imbalances
- + Meaningful access and participation
- + Safety, dignity and do no harm
- + Accountability

## THE CREED

During our services at St Paul's, members the congregation join together to say the words of the Creed as a way of affirming our shared Christian faith. (The origin of the word is from the Latin credo, "I believe".)

Half way through the adult Confirmation preparation course each year we ask the candidates to write a Creed outlining their understanding of our Christian faith. Many of us who have been worshipping here at St Paul's for years would find this task quite challenging, so you might be interested to read what this year's candidates wrote.

I believe that God the Father is the creator, our provider and protector. He loves all of us unconditionally.

He revealed himself to us through his son Jesus Christ.

I believe in God the Son who was sacrificed for our sins and showed us through his life and death the extent of God's love and forgiveness for all of us.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit. He is always with us and helps to guide us on the right path.

I believe as a Christian that the bible is the word of God. We follow God and his commandments.

We strive to be kind and loving to our neighbours.

We are part of the Christian community but we respect everyone's beliefs. We believe in life after death and that by being good and loving Christians we will be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

## HALL HIRE

The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties. £52.50 per hour. 3 hour minimum for a party booking Discounts available for regular use. For more information, contact our Facilities Manager, Ayse Eris, at facilities@spwh.org or 07946 852 110

## **CHARITY CONCERT**



On the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May a packed church hall was treated to a wonderful concert of joyous music which was performed by the 'R' Voices choir. It was such a popular event that all of the seats in the hall were full and many people were left standing at the back. The performance was so vibrant that for much of the time the audience was on its feet dancing to the music and, as a result, the well-stocked bar was busy

throughout the evening providing much needed refreshments. The evening raised an amazing  $\pounds 1,700$  which is to be shared between St Paul's church and our annual charity, Christian Aid.

## **ASCENSION DAY**

The congregation at the evening service on Ascension Day (May 9<sup>th</sup>) was amazed when, during the sermon, Fr Pete managed to created an artificial cloud in





a glass container to represent the cloud that surrounded Jesus as he ascended into heaven! Our Confirmation candidates were involved in the evening - members of the younger group read the intercessions during the service and members of the adult group served the refreshments afterwards at the back of church. 2 (f) NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION



Our former Vicar, David Nash, gave another in his series of talks on hymn writers on 16<sup>th</sup> May. As with his previous talks, David got the audience to read, and occasionally sing, the hymns before he talked about them. Some were well known to us and others less so.

It was interesting to learn how some of the hymns reflected what was going on at the time they were written. For example, in the middle of the 19th century schisms were appearing in the Church of England and this led Samuel John Stone to write the words of the hymn, 'The church' s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord' as a reminder that we all share the one faith. The third verse of this hymn addresses this matter very clearly.

We learnt about Henry William Baker, who was responsible for putting together the Ancient and Modern hymn book, a modern edition of which we use at St Paul's. He wanted to create a hymn book that was acceptable to all branches of the Church of England. David talked about Baker's well-known version of Psalm 23, 'The king of love my shepherd is'.

Another of the hymns we looked at was 'Abide with me', which is sung at every Cup Final. We learnt that Henry lost touch with his parents at an early age but was fortunate that his head teacher took an interest in his education during his early life. Even though an ordained priest, Henry acknowledged something about folk religion, believing that there was a faith within everyone. On hearing this it seemed quite fitting that this hymn is regularly sung on the secular occasion of the Cup Final.

We learnt from David that the hymn 'O Jesus I have promised', often the sung at Confirmation services, was actually written by John Ernest Bode for his own children's confirmation.

David talked about a number of other hymn writers and it was surprising how many of them had similar backgrounds - well educated (public school and Oxbridge) and many of them went on to an academic life rather than parish life. They were all very hard working and many of them died young.

As with all of David's talks on hymn writers, his listeners came away with a deeper understanding not only of the words of the hymns, but also the context in which they had been written.

## MOTHERS' UNION DIARY JUNE 2024

# THURSDAY 20TH JUNE OUTING TO KENWOOD HOUSE

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

## WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK 1.15PM AND SHARE CARS TO TRAVEL TO THE VENUE.

If you would like to come on this outing, please either email mothersunion@spwh.org or telephone Theresa on 0208 364 4043

OUR ANNUAL 'MEAL WITH FRIENDS' WILL BE ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT AMBROSIA. BOOKING NOW CLOSED.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## CHORAL EVENSONG

The next service in our termly series of Choral Evensongs at St Paul's will take place at 6pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This is always a beautiful service of psalms, canticles and scripture readings taken from the Book of Common Prayer with lovely music from our choir.

## AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE WORK OF THE MOTHERS' UNION CAN TRANSFORM LIVES



ESPERANCE'S STORY I was illiterate because I only went to primary one and two and my parents didn't have money so I had to drop out. I was in darkness because I could not read alright.

I got some money and started to

buy cocoa but didn't succeed because I did not know how to work out profit. The MU facilitator came and helped us learn. And through this training I'm living a great life.

I started a business making mandazi. I have been able to buy a plot of land through my business, because I can read and write.

I have two young boys and I am working hard to send them to school so they don't miss their education.

(Esperance lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo)

Everyday Mothers' Union programmes are making a tangible difference to countless lives around the corner and around the world and that is something to celebrate!



Esperance mentions that she now makes a living by running a business making 'mandazi' which is a type of sweet fried bread popular in Africa. They are sometimes referred to as 'African doughnuts' though they definitely have their own distinct elements.

Any articles, information or adverts for events for the July magazine should be sent to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> June. <u>magazine@spwh.org</u> or via Parish Office

# **Enfield Choral Society**

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## PARKINSON'S COFFEE MORNING



Our thanks to everybody who helped to make this such a happy morning. With sales of plants and cakes and donations, we raised £435 for research into Parkinson's Disease. With research, hopefully fewer people will suffer from this in the future.

My thanks also to Simon, at Sunshine Nursery, Bounds Green, for donating two large trays of plants. It is well worth a trip to this welcoming place – and it's café!

## AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Alison Stiles** 



The new Bishop of Edmonton The Rt Revd Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah will be visiting St Paul's Church for the first time on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. He will be presiding at the 10.30 Eucharist Service with Baptism and Confirmation.

Come along to meet our new Bishop and to support our candidates for Baptism and Confirmation. Southgate Symphony Orchestra Southgate Symphony Orchestra A farewell to Adrian Brown, with works chosen by our members

## Saturday 6 July 2024, 7.30pm

**Dvořák** Romance for Violin Soloist: **Kourosh Ahmadi** 

Schubert Symphony No. 3

Beethoven Coriolan Overture

Butterworth Banks of Green Willow

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On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 1.30and 6 pm the garden as 20 Hillcrest N21 IAT

will be open to visitors Adults £4 Children free Homemade teas will be available

(including herbal teas, non-dairy, vegan and gluten free options)

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- It is available at the back of church from the first Sunday of each month,
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- it can be sent by post to your home address. (There is a charge of  $\pounds 15$  per annum for this third option to cover the cost of the magazine, packing and postage.)

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