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Dear Friends

The assisted dying bill is very soon to be debated in Parliament. It is, naturally, a complex and emotive subject. People from both sides of the debate are well-intentioned. Everyone will be united in desiring the alleviation of suffering, while exploring how we can make sure people live well and die well.

Because it is a sensitive issue, I was approaching the writing of this month's letter with some trepidation. I was very glad, therefore, to read Bishop Sarah's letter to the clergy of the Diocese. In it, she expresses my own views on this issue with much more clarity and expertise than I could. I commend this letter to you. It is available on the diocesan website at www.london.anglican.org. If you are not online and would like to read it, please contact Emily in the Parish Office, who will arrange a hard copy for you.

This neatly brings me to another current debate: the reform of the House of Lords. The current proposals concern only hereditary peers, but there are many who argue that the presence of twenty-five of the Church of England's bishops is antiquated and undemocratic, particularly given the secularisation of society over recent decades.

I strongly believe that the bishops bring something unique to the Lords. They come to the table without party allegiance, and also without any ambition to be there. They have not fought an election campaign, nor have they expected to be there as a birth-right. They have no political axe to grind. No one, as far as I am aware, seeks ordination in the hope that they will find themselves one day on the House of Lords!

They are, by name, the Lords Spiritual. And, while the make-up of the Lords may not be perfect, the bishops provide a spiritual conscience to our parliamentary processes which comes not only from their deep Christian faith, but also from the Church of England's vocation to be a church not just for those who subscribe to the Christian faith, but for every single person in our nation. The bishops do not sit in the Lords to represent the Church's interests. Instead they are there, as the servants of the servants of God, to represent *all* the people of this land. If they are to have any bias it is to be God's bias for the poor, the vulnerable and the voiceless.

I thank God they are there. Please pray for Sarah our Bishop, for all the Lords Spiritual, and for all those who are currently debating important matters of life and death. May God's Holy Spirit guide them.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

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Services in November 2024



Morning Prayer is said publically at **9.10am** and Evening Prayer at **5pm** Monday-Thursday.

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

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
F	1	ALL SAINTS	12pm	Sung Mass at Holy	The communion of saints
				Trinity	
S	2	All Souls	12.30pm	Requiem Eucharist	The souls of the faithful
					departed
S	3	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		ADVENT	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			6pm	Sung Requiem	
				Eucharist	
М	4				Politicians
Т	5				Peace in the Middle East
W	6		12.30pm	Eucharist	Those who travel
Т	7	St Willibrord of York			Missionaries
F	8	Saints and Martyrs of England			The faith of our nation
S	9				The dying
S	10	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		ADVENT	9.15am	Joyful Noise	
		Remembrance Sunday	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with	
				Act of Remembrance	
Μ	11	St Martin of Tours			Those who have died in warfare
		Armistice Day			
Т	12		9am	Whole School Service	Peacemakers
W	13		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our churchwardens
Т	14				Racial justice
F	15				The judiciary
S	16	St Margaret of Scotland			Our friends and families
S	17	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		ADVENT	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			I2pm	Holy Baptism	
М	18	St Elizabeth of Hungary		· · ·	Christian rulers
Т	19	St Hilda of Whitby			Religious
W	20	St Edmund of East Anglia	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our children and young people
		-	2.30pm	St Paul's School	
				Reception Service	
Т	21				Prisoners
F	22				The environment
S	23	St Clement of Rome	10.30am	Quiet Day	Enfield Deanery
S	24	CHRIST THE KING	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
			9.15am	Joyful Noise	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			I2pm	Holy Baptism	
М	25				The Bishop of Edmonton
Т	26				Victims of human trafficking
W	27		12.30pm	Eucharist	Christian unity
Т	28				Marriage and family life
F	29				Local services
S	30	St Andrew the Apostle	12.30pm	Eucharist	The Bishop of London

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)

NOVEMBER 2024 FLOWER ROTA

2nd November Sharon Saunders 8th November Flower Group meet to prepare wreaths 16th November Sally Shearman 23rd November Sally Shearman 30th November Adele Houldsworth

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would welcome more people on the flower team, both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like a chance to develop their skills would be welcome. To contact Adele ring 8360 3676.



SEPTEMBER 2024

BAPTISMS

15th September Keyan & Karan Yaman

FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT

We continue to have our food collection point in the church porch throughout the year so that food is available for local people living in food poverty to help themselves to six items per visit. Any surplus food is shared between the North Enfield Foodbank and distribution schemes run by other local churches.

We are always very grateful for all donations, Some of the things that are currently needed are tinned foodstuffs (vegetarian meals, meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, tomatoes, pasta sauce, rice pudding and custard), long life milk, rice, noodles, coffee, hot chocolate, shampoo, toilet paper, nappies and washing powder.

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

For my second saint of the month, I have chosen another Catherine – this time Catherine of Alexandria. St Catherine was a Fourth Century martyr, and may have lived c290AD – c310AD. I say 'may have lived' as there is very little evidence for her actual existence, but her legend is a very famous one and so she has captured the imagination down through the ages.

Legend has it that Catherine was born to a wealthy family in Alexandria, Egypt. She was converted to Christianity around the age of fourteen after receiving a vision of the Virgin and child Jesus. She then denounced the Roman Emperor Maxentius for his persecution of Christians.

Maxentius sent fifty philosophers to reason with her, but they were confounded by arguments, many apparently converting to Christianity themselves. Maxentius had them executed, and then tried to bribe Catherine into silence with the offer of a royal marriage. She refused, stating that she was married to Christ (as Catherine of Siena was to do some 1000 years later). Maxentius therefore had her imprisoned. Catherine refused to remain silent and set about converting the imperial household, thus enraging Maxentius. He had all the converts executed and prepared a spiked wheel on which to execute Catherine. The wheel burst with bolts of lightning flying from it and Catherine was unharmed. She was subsequently killed by beheading.

All the traditions state that angels transported Catherine's body to Mount Sinai, and the emperor Justinian founded a monastery there in 527AD. It has been dedicated to St Catherine since the eighth or ninth century, and remains there today.



The legend of St Catherine flourished in the Middle Ages, and there are countless works of art and stained-glass windows dedicated to her, many of which feature the wheel on which she was martyred. In England, her legend is most associated with the common firework we see in this month of November – the Catherine wheel. Her feast day is commemorated in Common Worship on 25 November. Her association with learning and with apologetics makes her the patron saint for

philosophers, preachers and librarians, along with craftspeople that work with a wheel (potters, spinners etc.)



Article and photos by Sarah Elkins

Advent Sunday 1 December 2024



8am Said Eucharist

10am All-Together Eucharist

Combining our usual 9.15am and 10.30am services

6pm Advent Carol Service A journey from darkness into light

The Scout Christmas Fair follows the All-Together Eucharist.



PRAYER BOARD

We Pray

For all who suffer as a result of conflict. for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war. For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return. For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope,

now and for ever.

Amen.

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 <u>facilities@spwh.org</u> or 07946 852 110



POPPY APPEAL 2024

The poppy is a well-known and wellestablished symbol that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it. It is a symbol of both Remembrance and also hope for a peaceful future.

Poppies are available at the back of church until our Act of Remembrance during the 10.30 Eucharist on Sunday 10th November. There will be a collection box next to the poppies for donations towards the important work of the Royal British Legion, which supports exservice personnel and their families.

THE ORIGIN OF REMEMBRANCE DAY THE FIRST TWO MINUTE SILENCE IN LONDON ON 11TH NOVEMBER 1919

~~ Extract from Manchester Guardian, 12th November 1919.~~

The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect.

The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.

Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024

We had a full day of celebrations at our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 6th October.



The day began with an All-Together Service during which we thanked God for all his gifts, including the many donations of food and toiletries that were generously given for the North Enfield Foodbank.

The service was enlivened by Fr Pete's talk on finding God in the soil and by many younger church members leading the prayers and readings and playing in a band that accompanied the hymns.

We were delighted that the MP for Edmonton



and Winchmore Hill, Kate Osamor, could join us at the service.







After the service, the first 'Great Snail Racing Tournament' took place in the Vicarage garden. As can be seen in the photo, a large crowd of excited spectators enjoyed watching the (rather slow) progress of the snails.

After the service there was also a popular produce stall selling home made jam, marmalade, mince meat and lavender bags. Proceeds from the Snail Race and produce stall went to The Children's Society, our annual charity.

After the snail racing, a large cross-section on our church family sat down to a Harvest Roast organised by the Charity Committee. It was a traditional Sunday lunch with roast beef. Yorkshire puddings and all the trimmings, followed by fruit crumbles, custard and cookies. Our thanks go to Julian and his huge portable oven for, once again, cooking the meat to perfection.





The Harvest Roast, Snail Race and Produce Stall raised an amazing £738.46 for The Children's Society!





Tickets: Adults: £12 Children: £7 Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children): £35 Vegetarian option available Bring your own drinks



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The Trustees of St Paul's Trust are delighted to invite everyone to their AGM on

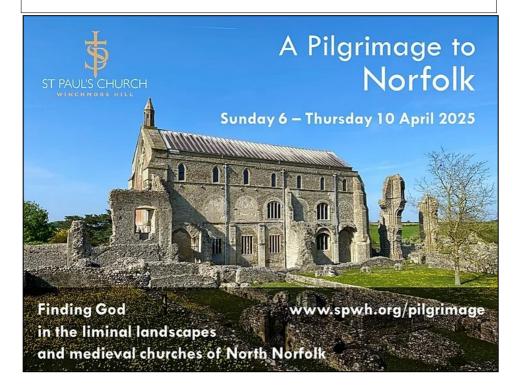
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024

This year the arrangements are:

- 4.30 pm Talk by our former curate, Marcus Walker
- 5.15 pm Afternoon tea will be served in the Church Hall
- 5.45 pm St Paul's Winchmore Hill Trust AGM

Everyone is invited to come along to hear Marcus talk about 'Life at St Bart's' and also to learn about the work of the Trust, which supports the work of our church, at its AGM.

Alan Davis (Chair of St Paul's Trust)



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() NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our Mothers' Union had a very interesting meeting on Thursday 24th October. Members were invited to bring along 'an object with the story'. Not knowing what to expect, we were delighted with the eclectic range of items that appeared on the day and the fascinating stories associated with them.

The objects included a portrait by the Irish artist Edith Oene Somerville, an embossed brass platter, a pack of playing cards enjoyed across generations, a 'Game for a Laugh' trophy with a very funny backstory, a 19th Century silver christening cup from Hong Kong, a teddy bear with a poignant story, a medieval leper's bell, an old Sharps toffee tin used by a member's mother to hold hair clips, a child's handwritten prayer written after his grandmother's death and a col-

lection of very old parish magazines (some over 40 years old and in which familiar names could be found).

After sharing their memories, members had a chance to have a closer look at all of the items that had been brought along. It was a truly memorable afternoon.



Other MU events in October included the commissioning of our next London Diocesan President, Pauline McCalla, on 5th October at St Andrew's by the Wardrobe by the Bishop of London. Our branch was represented by Chris Holder. Pauline will take over from Sue Johnson in January 2025.

IN NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION



Our vicar was the speaker at the Mothers' Union Prayer Hour in St Paul's Cathedral on 8th October. Fr Daniel took as his theme 'Praying with John Betjeman' and he spoke about Betjeman's journey of faith and his life long love of the Church of England, its traditions and liturgies. The talk was illustrated with verses from Betjeman's poems.

The MU Harvest Lunch took place on 14th October and was greatly enjoyed by all of the guests.

Our thanks go to the catering team that arranges these lunches four times a year.



MOTHERS' UNION DIARY NOVEMBER 2024

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THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT 2 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL
 Theresa Davis will lead a Christmas Craft Workshop. Come along and make a Christmas decoration to take home with you.
 We will also be packing Christmas gifts for our local community.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING KITS 2024

See information on page 16

LONDON DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION AGM

Saturday 16th November at St Andrews by the Wardrobe, Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 5DE from 11am-3pm Please bring your own lunch.

Afternoon Speaker – The Chaplain from Wormwood Scrubs will be talking about families.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS' UNION ACTIVITIES

Each kit costs £12

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Kits include all dry ingredients needed to make a delicious Christmas Pudding at home with your family, plus a pudding bowl. You will just need to add 2 eggs and some brandy or sherry.

Order your kits by Sunday 17th November using an order form available at the back of church or via mothersunion@spwh.org<u>.</u> Collect kits after the main services on 24th November Stir Up Sunday, (the traditional day for making Christmas Puddings).

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