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Ayse Eris facilities@spwh.org 07946 852 110 Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this at the end of June the sun has just started to shine and the weather has finally become a bit more summery, praise God! The summer is always a good time to socialise and spend quality time with our family and friends and hopefully to enjoy the beauty of God's creation whether that be in the UK or further afield. I wonder what the content of those conversations will be.

In our time together on Sundays we will be continuing through Mark's Gospel and considering Jesus as he launches his mission. He sends out the twelve to preach the good news of the kingdom, feeds the hungry, heals the sick and walks on the water. Jesus's mission that began in those days, those events that we read about in the Gospels, still continues today, but in the place of the twelve disciples we are now the ones who are sent out.

So I wonder in the conversations that you have this month if you will get the chance to join Jesus in his mission. It's often as simple as opening up about your life and telling your story; the story of what Jesus has done in your life in a way that encourages those around you. We live in difficult times and so many are in need of hope but when we share our story that can be a light that shines in dark places and God can use our words to do more than we anticipate.

Jesus says in Mark chapter 4 that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, a tiny seed that produces a huge plant, so big that the birds can find shelter in its branches. When you share your story it might seem like something small and insignificant but let's pray this month that God would use our words to bring a huge blessing to those around us.

'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21)

With my love and prayers,

Services in July 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
M	1				Those who work in sport
Т	2		9 am	School Eucharist	Local schools
W	3	St Thomas the Apostle	12.30pm	Eucharist	Ecumenism
Т	4	•	•		Baptism and confirmation
					candidates
F	5				Victims of addiction
S	6				Peace in the Holy Land
S	7	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			I2pm	Holy Baptism	
Μ	8				Those who travel
Т	9				Our parish musicians
W	10		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our Toddler Group
Т	11	St Benedict			Religious
F	12				Those who work in education
S	13				The sick
S	14	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist with	
				Baptism and	
				Confirmation	
М	15	St Swithun			Meteorologists
Т	16				Christian Aid
W	17		12.30pm	Eucharist	Volunteers
Т	18		6pm	St Paul's School	Those preparing to leave school
				Leavers' Service	or college
F	19	St Gregory of Nyssa			Theologians
S	20				The faithful departed
S	21	THE EIGHTTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			12pm	Holy Baptism	
Μ	22	St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Eucharist	Proclaiming the Resurrection
Т	23				ALMA
W	24		12.30pm	Eucharist	Local charities
Т	25	St James the Apostle	12.30pm	Eucharist	Pilgrims
F	26	St Anne and St Joachim			Grandparents
S	27				Children in poverty
S	28	THE NINTH SUNDAY	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		AFTER TRINITY	9.15am	Joyful Noise	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			I2pm	Holy Baptism	
Μ	29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus			Our friends
Т	30				Politicians
W	31		12.30pm	Eucharist	Hospitals

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)

FR DANIEL'S RETURN

This month we look forward to welcoming back Fr Daniel after his three month sabbatical 'Walking Norfolk's Churches'.

FROM THE REGISTERS MAY 2024

BAPTISM

26th May Calum Wetton

JULY 2024 FLOWER ROTA

- 6th July Sally Shearman
- 13th July Adele Houldsworth
- 20th July Adele Houldsworth
- 27th July Sharon Saunders

We would like to thank Elaine Bunce, who has recently decided it is time to stand down as one of our flower arrangers, for her many, many years of loyal service to our church.

In the light of this, 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. This is a good opportunity to thank our flower arrangers for the contribution their beautiful arrangements make towards enhancing the ambience of St Paul's Church and revealing the wonder of God's creation.

To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

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 **MINISTRY TEAM SERIES: SAINT OF THE MONTH**

ST SWITHUN (15TH JULY)



Born sometime around the year 800 AD St. Swithun was Bishop of Winchester from his consecration on 30th October 852 until his death on 2nd July 863.

He is scarcely mentioned in any document of his own time, but his death is entered in the Canterbury manuscript of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle under the year 861. He is also recorded as a witness to nine charters, the earliest of which is dated 854 AD.

More than a hundred years later, when Bishop Æthelwold of Winchester was working on his reforms, Swithun was adopted as patron of the restored church at Winchester, formerly dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. His body was transferred from its almost forgotten grave to Æthelwold's new basilica on 15th July 971; according to contemporary writers, numerous miracles preceded and followed the move.

According to various legends written about St Swithun around the year 1000, he was known for his piety and his zeal in building new churches and also restoring old ones. It was said that at his request King Æthelwulf gave a tenth of his royal lands to the Church. He was also remembered for his humility; Swithun made his diocesan journeys on foot and when he gave a banquet he invited the poor and not the rich just as Jesus encouraged his followers to do (Luke 14:13).

There are also some interesting legends associated with the shrine of St Swithun in Winchester, which was supposedly a site of numerous miracles in the Middle Ages. At one time Bishop Æthelwold of Winchester ordered that all monks were to stop whatever they were doing and head to the church to praise God every time that a miracle happened. A story exists that at one point the monks got so fed up with this, because they sometimes had to go to the church three or four times each night, that they decided to stop going. St. Swithun then appeared in a dream to someone and warned them that if they stopped going to the church, then miracles would cease. This person then warned the monks about the dream they had, and the story goes that the monks then gave in and decided to start going to the church each time a miracle happened once again.

The name of Swithun is also well known for a British weather lore proverb, which says that if it rains on St. Swithun's day, the 15th July, then it will rain for forty days.

St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain St. Swithun's day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain nae mare

Another variation goes:

If on St. Swithun's day it really pours You're better off to stay indoors

Swithun was initially buried out of doors, rather than in his cathedral, apparently at his own request. William of Malmesbury recorded that the bishop left instructions that his body should be buried outside the church, where it might be 'subject to the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high' which may well be the root of the proverb.

There is a scientific basis to the weather patterns behind the legend of St. Swithun's day. Around the middle of July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which, in the majority of years, holds reasonably steady until the end of August. When the jet stream lies north of the British Isles then continental high pressure and sunny weather is able to move in; when it lies across or south of the British Isles, Arctic air and rainy Atlantic weather systems predominate. In summary the life of St Swithun and the stories associated with him encourage us to have faith that God can do anything including bringing the rain when we need it most. Swithun is also an example to us to live simply, showing charity and solidarity to those who need it most. Clearly Swithun internalised and lived out the words of the prophet Micah who wrote:



SHRINE OF ST SWITHUN WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8).

Fr Pete

14TH JULY - AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



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 14th July. He will be presiding at the 10.30 Eucharist Service with Baptism and Confirmation. Do come along to meet our new Bishop and to support our candidates for Baptism and Confirmation.

Any articles and information about upcoming events for the August magazine should be sent to the editor by the 15th July. <u>magazine@spwh.org</u> or via Parish Office

HILARY CROCKER

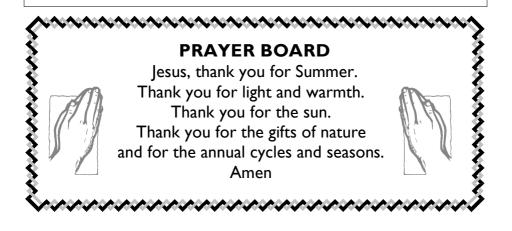
Thirteen years ago, in August 2011, Hilary Crocker became our Parish Administrator (a post more recently re-titled Office Manager and Vicar's PA). During this time, Hilary has worked with two Vicars, four Curates, seven Churchwardens and numerous committees and church organisations. She has always been amazingly efficient, not only looking after the regular day-to-day administrative needs of the parish, but also being proactive in ensuring things were in place for major events in the



church calendar. Service booklets were always updated and prepared well in advance and refreshments organised, including a team of volunteers to serve them after our special events.

Unnoticed by many, Hilary has often worked well after her contracted hours to ensure everything was completed and up-to-date. However busy she was, Hilary always greeted visitors with her warm, friendly smile so that they felt welcomed. There will have been many times when Hilary's workload has been intense but she still carried on calmly to complete it to her usual high standards - reminiscent of the metaphorical swan that floats serenely across the surface of a lake while its legs are madly paddling away under the water and unseen by any onlooker.

Thank you Hilary for ensuring the smooth running of our parish for the last thirteen years. We wish you a very happy retirement.



10 NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

June 2024 was a very busy month for our branch of the Mothers' Union.

On Thursday 6th June, our annual 'Evening Meal with Friends' was held at Ambrosia in Station Road and a delicious meal was enjoyed by a large group of our members and friends.





We then looked at the other paintings and artefacts housed at Kenwood before enjoying tea and cakes together in the café and then headed home.

The following week on 12th June some of our members attended the Annual Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the work of our charity in this country and around the world. This year our branch had the honour of carrying the Enfield Deanery Banner as well as our own banner in the recessional procession.

Just over a week later on 20th June, a beautifully sunny afternoon, we had our annual outing. This year we went to Kenwood House in Hampstead and members enjoyed a fascinating talk about one to the paintings in the house, 'Hawking in the olden time' by Edwin Landseer.





IN CHURCH 10[™] JULY AT 9.30AM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ A PRAYER IN THE SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THERESA DAVIS (0208 364 4043).

The short service will be followed by coffee on The Green.

THURSDAY 18TH JULY - SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

AT 46 CRANLEIGH GARDENS N21 IDS AT 2 PM. ALL WELCOME SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY AFTERNOON TEA, GOOD COMPANY AND QUIZZES (FOR THOSE WHO LIKE THEM). BRING & BUY TABLE - PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH WORK OF THE MU.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR MU MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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REVD. TOM SMITH



St Paul's and now St Andrew's Vicar) had organised when they served together at St Paul's in the past.

The following Saturday, June 8th, members of St Paul's Church and St Andrew's Church met together once again, this time to witness



Before training for the priesthood, Tom Smith was a Licensed Lay Minister here at St Paul's and since ordination he has been the curate at St Andrews Church Southgate. More recently, Tom became the Vicar at St Peter's Church, London Colney.

Many of Tom's friends from St Paul's were at St Andrew's Church on the evening of Sunday 2nd June to take part in Tom's final service as a Curate. It was a 'Prayer and Praise' service reminiscence of the many similar services that Tom and Edd Turner (former Curate of



the collation, induction and installation of Tom as the Vicar of St Peter's Church, London Colney in the Diocese of St Alban.

For those of us who had witnessed Tom's journey of faith since he first joined St Paul's Church over two decades ago, it was a very joyful occasion. 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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