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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Reader

Thank you to everyone who's sent us some interesting and varied articles this month. Good luck to Paul Armitage as he begins his work as our Parish Pioneer (p.10).

Coffee & Chat will move to St Paul's Church during July and August due to the art exhibition in the Parish Rooms. See p.41 for details.

If you would like to join in on the St Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 19th October, the deadline is 20th July. See p.13 for information.

Grub Club - volunteers required! Grub Club is a new initiative in Wokingham that aims to provide families with a nutritious lunch and children's activities throughout the summer holidays. It is aimed primarily to benefit those who would normally receive free school meals in term time and will be by referral only. The sessions will run from **12pm to 2pm** on **Tuesdays and Fridays** throughout the summer holidays at **Norreys Church**. If you can volunteer for even one session, we'd love to hear from you! Types of help required range from helping to set up and close down, making tea, chatting to people and creating a warm and friendly environment, providing Christian themed craft/creative activities, and possibly some cooking. If you'd like to help or to find out more please contact Anna or Claire at thegrubclubwokingham@gmail.com. They will be so pleased to hear from you.

A note about **Mother Julie's Licencing** at St Michael's and All Angels, Lambourn, Monday 29th July. The coach has now been booked and is full. **We will be leaving the Parish Rooms Car Park at 5.15 pm.** Arrival back at the Parish Rooms should be around 11.00 pm. The cost is **£10.00 per person** and Rhoda will be collecting the money from now onwards in church, or in the parish rooms after the Sunday morning service, or after Evensong services. Alternatively, please drop your money in to the parish office in an envelope addressed to Rhoda and marked Mother Julie's Licencing. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible, please, but no later than Sunday 21st July, as the coach has to be paid for in advance. If you need to contact Rhoda, telephone 0118 978 2407 or email rhoda43@virginmedia.com. Thank you.

Lastly, just to let you know that, due to annual leave, the August edition will be published on 4th August and not the last Sunday in July as is our normal practice.

With blessings to you all,

Ann Grice & Jane Clark | The Editors

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BEING CALLED TO DO THE WORK OF JESUS

Mthr Julie's sermon on John 16:12-15, Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 at St Paul's Church, on Trinity Sunday, 16th June 2019.

Words we use so often - words of blessing . . . so appropriate this Trinity Sunday as we honour the triune nature of the one true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday - when we risk becoming lost in the worst sort of theological abstractions. While there is no *doctrine* of the Trinity of God in the Bible (that is a later development), the *reality* of God the Father, God the son and God the Spirit permeates the New Testament and is pre-figured in the Old Testament, as we heard in one of my favourite readings from Proverbs.



Revd Julie Mintern

Today, I'm focussing on our Trinity Sunday gospel reflecting upon how it relates to us gathered here as disciples of Christ.

These four verses (12-15) reflect the way in which John's gospel generally speaks of the revelation of Christ's teachings to the *community* more often than *individuals*. At this point, it's not so much about the Spirit enhancing the relationship of an *individual* with Jesus – rather it's to the *community* as a whole that will be led into all truth.

To put the gospel in context, it's towards the end of Jesus's farewell discourse to his disciples after the Last Supper – it began back in chapter 14 and ends in chapter 16 – do read it in its entirety.

We hear Jesus continuing his work of trying to convince the disciples that his imminent departure is positive both for them and for the entire community. "I have much more to say to you," Jesus told his disciples. (v12)

And here He is saying it for the fifth time - conscious of the pain, the anguish that the disciples are feeling at his impending departure.

Though Jesus has to repeat these teachings over and over, the connections that he makes between Himself and the Spirit, birthed from their testimony of life together, must have offered comfort for the disciples gathered there, just as He offers comfort to us when we feel it's all too much.

And what about ourselves – do we help one another remember what God has already done for us? How does that give us hope for things to come?

Jesus speaks of the Spirit as a sage-like presence that will care for and guide the entire community after He departs, offering exactly what these disciples needed in

moments of great anxiety – just as he is present with each one of us in our deep sadness and in our joy.

Just as every Christian community since then *and* here and now in *this* place, that same Spirit longs to lead us into all truth, to follow Jesus - the way, the truth and the life.

As Christians in this place, we are called to do the work of Jesus . . . Jesus who continually reveals the Father.

Jesus reveals *who God is*, a God of goodness, compassion and forgiveness . . .

God who gives life in abundance, who loves His creation, who longs for us to join in with His work in creation. God who longs for his disciples to be in relationship with Him and to lead others into a relationship with Him, the Father through Jesus and to share the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The same Spirit (in Hebrew) the 'ruach', the breath of God, she who breathed creation into being, the same Spirit of Wisdom, she whom we heard about in our reading from Proverbs – she who reminds us that we are divinely created for community, designed to delight in our Creator with joy and wonder.

The Spirit – the revelation of God . . . who says with tenderness I love you, I love you just as you are . . . You are precious, valued, I am with you . . . I long for you to become the whole person, the whole community God would have you be . . .

The work of the disciples *then*, as it is now is to lead people into a relationship with God through Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit – to be in community, to be one that cares about the things Jesus cares about, to see where God is at work, to join in with the work of the Spirit - to be the presence of God – building relationships of respect, love and trust.

Verse 13 of our Gospel assures us that a community can face the future confidently because the Spirit will 'declare the things that are to come' . . .

Thankfully, we see many fruits of the Spirit around us in this Parish. I wonder what the Spirit will *further* reveal to us here in this Parish of St Paul? And of course, in the Lambourn Valley Benefice to which Keith and I will soon be moving?

These verses seem to be encouraging us to be open to fresh encounters of the Spirit, to be a community that is receptive to the guidance of the Spirit – not that there'll be any new 'truth' beyond the word made flesh truth, rather the message of Jesus needs ongoing interpretation. . . for certain He will guide us into all truth. As a family we are called to be Jesus in the world, see people with his eyes, treat people the way he does.

We must simply 'live love', re-enact the story of salvation, our story in which the poor and voiceless are heard, the story in which your age, the colour of your skin, your sexual identity doesn't matter, the story in which it doesn't matter where you come from or where you've been.

Shortly we will come to the rail, to be fed, to be nurtured, to be shaped by God in the Eucharist . . . so that at the end of our service we will be able to go out to live and work to His praise and glory. To live lives which reflect Jesus, lives that reflect his selfless, generous, outpoured love which is Christ in us.

God bless you. Amen

Mthr Julie

CHURCH VOCATIONAL STATEMENTS

St Paul's

"Shaped by God in the Eucharist, we are called to make the richness of his love known to everyone in the community."

St Nicholas'

"Exploring through relationship and worship how God's love is creating and sustaining communities in Emmbrook."

Woosehill

"Sharing God's love for the community."

JOTTINGS

I read this and it reminded me of my youth when we did just this.

'No bought potpourri is so pleasant as that made from one's own garden. For the petals of the flowers gathered hold the sunshine and memories of summer and of past summers, only the sunny days should be remembered.'

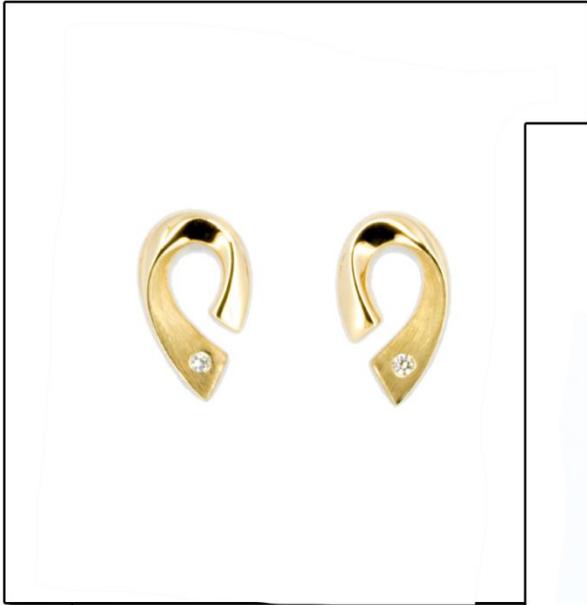
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COMMISSIONING OF PAUL ARMITAGE AS PARISH PIONEER

Pentecost Sunday 2019

Introduction

As you know, Paul stood down as Pro-Warden at St Nicholas' in April to take up a new role in the parish which he is in the process of defining. Part of it is to weave everything we learnt in PMC (Partnership in Missional Church) into the life of the parish, to make sure that we are still committed to joining in with what God is doing in the world around us and through us.



Paul is commissioned by Fr Richard.
Image: Peter Wells.

Part of it is to make connections between the Mission Committee and the things of PMC: and part of it is to encourage us all to make strong and clear connections between what we believe and sing here in church and what we do every day, in our daily lives, in our places of work and community.

Paul is building on all of the excellent work which has been done and is happening, working alongside those who are already responding to God's call in these vital areas of church life. Paul is on a really exciting journey, and we are going to commission him now to do this work on behalf of the parish as "parish pioneer".

Questions to Paul

- Paul, will you strive to listen with the whole of your heart and the whole of your life to the voice of God? ***With the help of God, I will.***
- Will you seek to become a better disciple of Jesus, and, in doing so, call each of us to join you in obedience and joy? ***With the help of God, I will.***
- Will you make the needs and possibilities of the community heard in the life of the Church, while expressing the constant love of God in the world? ***With the help of God, I will.***

To the parish:

- Will you support Paul through your prayers, through your listening and through your commitment to walk with him as we explore together the road that God is calling us to? ***With the help of God, we will.***

The Commissioning

- Paul, on behalf of the parish and on behalf of the people of Wokingham and Emmbrook, I thank you for your wholehearted response to the call of God.
- May God bless you as you respond to his call to be a witness in the world and in the workplace.
- May God inspire you with a vision of the Kingdom coming up from the soil like spring flowers, around and within.
- May God make you impatient with all that is safe and comfortable: and may God make you gentle with all that needs to be nurtured and brought into the light.
- On this thrilling day of Pentecost, may you be filled afresh with the Spirit of prophecy and the Spirit of encouragement.
- And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and inspire you, today and always. **Amen.**

Fr Richard Lamey

PCC MEMBERS FEELING ENCOURAGED

At the last meeting of the PCC we all wrote down the things we were feeling most encouraged by about St Paul's and St Nick's at the moment - here are some of the answers:

- New people turning up at Church and coming back
- People filling in tithings forms because they want to be part of the Church family
- Children being baptised during the morning service at 9.30am
- Working with the payback team and starting to get to know them a bit
- An 8-year-old suddenly singing the Gloria on a Thursday morning at First Steps
- 20 people signing up for the coach to Lambourn on the first day
- New people at Church saying how very welcome they have been made, which is why they've kept coming

Fr Richard

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

Easter to Pentecost 2019

8pm to 9.30pm, Woosehill Church

Transforming Poverty (Follow on from Dangerous Stories)		
Week 4	2 July	James 1:27-2:8 Our calling for one another and our local community – At the foodbank and at the supermarket.
Week 5	9 July	Matthew 5:3-12 Growing beyond our church's walls as we walk with people – CVs, a bookcase and vulnerability.
Week 6	16 July	Amos 4:1-5 Always upholding God's heart for the poor – Outside the Jobcentre and at the end.
Summer Holiday	22 July to 3 Sep	
Week 1	10 Sep	King David?

Everyone is welcome!

Fr Patrick Mukholi

‘Rest is not idleness and to lie on the grass on a summer's day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.’

John Lubbock



**Saturday
19 October 2019**

We're delighted to invite you to take part in our inaugural St Frideswide Pilgrimage. People have always gone on journeys to enrich their spiritual lives. Pilgrimage can be a way of nurturing and sustaining our inner life – and helping us to become a more 'Contemplative' Church.

+Steven, Bishop of Oxford
Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean

Christ Church Cathedral

2 - 4pm Prayer stations in the Cathedral

3pm Tea in the Great Hall, Christ Church

4pm St Frideswide Pilgrimage Service

We are hoping to get together two groups from our Parish to join the diocesan pilgrimage. Both walks are guided with prayerful activities to make the walk a pilgrimage as well as a social and fun walk.

Option 1:

11am Thames Path from South Abingdon to the Cathedral (8 miles)

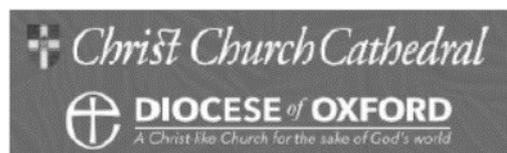
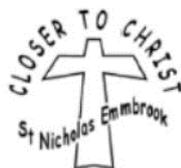
Option 2: access route and pilgrimage guide suited to children

2.15pm Iffley Lock to the Cathedral (1.5 miles)

Please let Becca know by 20th July if you would like to join the parish group.

We need to book places if we want to join in the tea in Oxford.

0118 327 9116 or beccalamey@btinternet.com



THE CHURCHYARD & MEMORIALS: AN EXPLANATION

There are fairly clear and fairly strict rules on what is and is not permitted in a Churchyard in terms of headstones and markers.



In principle only the Diocesan Registrar can authorise things to be erected in a Churchyard but because that is clearly impractical, the Registrar authorises the parish priest to allow headstones and markers as long as they conform to set rules.

The rules are tighter than at Easthampstead Park cemetery, for example, because Churches are generally historic buildings with a long history of burials and the stones which are put in now need to fit with the architecture and the neighbouring headstones.

They also need to recognise the fact that the graveyard is much more than a place of burial - it is also a place of nature and in the heart of the community and the backdrop and context in which a whole range of vital moments are expressed like weddings and baptisms, and Christmas and Easter.

It's really important that the parish priest approve the design for the headstone before it is made.

The Regulations are available on the parish website and from the Parish Office and they are well-known to every local stonemason. The Regulations cover what stone

should be used, how big it is and what words are used. They also cover what flowers can be left in a Churchyard (real or silk yes, plastic no, with some slight flexibility at Remembrance Day and Christmas), and for how long teddies and toys can be left.

Also included are things like whether stone edging can be used (no, because it makes churchyard maintenance so much harder). Markers where ashes have been buried need to be flat to the ground and no bigger than 18 inches by 18 inches. Black stone and polished stone are not allowed, neither are photo frames or portraits. Individual designs are welcomed: any statues have to be approved by the Registrar.

It all sounds a bit more complex than it is, because everyone involved in making the stone knows the rules already - and the whole process is designed so that the beauty and appropriateness of the Churchyard are maintained as a community resource and a place of pilgrimage in which all are honoured and no one is allowed to dominate.



None of this is now but it can be helpful to explain things from time to time. If you have any questions at all, do please speak to a member of the Clergy or the Parish Office. The basic advice is to speak to a stonemason as soon as you can and then be guided by them, and then by the clergy.

Fr Richard

PRAYERS FOR MARY GRICE – THANK YOU

Thank you to so many of you who have remembered my daughter Mary Grice in your prayers. It has been a great comfort to me.

The good news is that her 4th major back operation has been a success and she is on the way to recovery, although it will take time before her injured nerves in her back and leg will be completely healed.

Thank you all, and I will not have to keep on flying out. I think BA should give me an upgrade next time because I have had to fly out so often!

Ann Grice

MTHR JULIE & KEITH'S FAREWELL PARTY AT THE PARISH BBQ



Fr Richard presenting parting gifts to Mthr Julie & Keith



Don, Yvonne, & Ron cooking the BBQ.



The multitude tuck in!



Past and present parish administrators.
L-R: Becca Lamey, Val Clifford, Louise Cole



Waiting in a disorderly line. L-R: Dawn Hardiman,
Penny Wallace, Kay Piggott, Jane Clark

We all had a wonderful day on Julie and Keith's last Sunday in the parish. Many thanks to everyone who made it such a special and joyful day both at the service and the after-party, particularly the Social Committee. Images: Fr Richard and Peter Wells.



Final outing for the Curate's 'shirt protector'. Mthr Julie and Mary Cassidy share the joke.



Oh, look who's won the raffle! It must be fixed. ;-)



Lesley & David Ruddock enjoying the moment



Chris Cassidy with Julie & Keith



Preparing the toast.
L-R: Chris Merchant, Lesley Ruddock, Pippa & John Sutton
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A POSTCARD FROM LAMBOURN



The Church of St Michael & All Angels Lambourn, from the hill. Image: Keith Mintern

Dear Friends

Keith and I simply wish to thank you all for your generosity of spirit, your kindness and your companionship as disciples of Christ over the last three years. You welcomed us into your midst as strangers - we now leave as friends. It's been an honour to serve the Parish of St Paul as Assistant Curate and Assistant Curate's husband.

Thank you very much indeed for a wonderful final Sunday in the Parish, the Mass, the music, your generous gifts and cards, not to mention the delicious meal, farewell cake and flowers. Thank you for making it such a special, spirit filled memorable day.

We look forward to welcoming you to Julie's service (July 29th, 7pm) as she begins her ministry in Lambourn.

Please pray for us, as we will pray for you,

Love and God bless, Julie and Keith

SPIRE ADVERTISING

After many years' service, John Griffin is stepping down as the person responsible for the Spire Magazine advertising. This is an important role in ensuring that the parish magazine, together with subscriptions, remains self-funding.

We are now looking for someone else to take on this role. Could that be you?

Outlined below, is the current schedule John uses to manage this aspect of the Spire production process. Do please contact me or John if you wish to talk things through or know more.

Fr Richard

Current Schedule for Spire Advertising

September

Send letters to current advertisers asking them if they wish to advertise again in following year (2020). The letter should contain the cost of and size of an advertisement. There are currently three sizes and types:

- **full page colour @ £240 for 12 editions or black and white @ £120**
- **half-page colour @ £120 for 12 editions or black and white @ £65**
- **quarter-page colour @ £60 for 12 editions or black and white @ £32.50**

I include an invoice with the letter, asking the advertisers to return it to me with the appropriate payment if they wish to advertise. Payment may be by cheque or BACS payable to the PCC. As soon as I have received confirmation of intent and the payment, I inform the editors and treasurer.

October onwards

Responses come in slowly and a number of phone calls are made, and emails sent. After 6 years I found that I could anticipate the response of individual companies or persons, and you get to know your clientele well. Inevitably some regular clients stop advertising, and others join us. I am always on the lookout for new clients in case of withdrawals, and I aim to set a target of £1500 as revenue.

Payments can be delayed, and it is necessary to make a judgement about a prospective advertiser in time for the advertisement to be included in the January edition (December deadline).

Requests for the inclusion of one-off or even several months' insertions are received throughout the year.

- **single one-off monthly advertisement pro rata**

Records must be kept of income and the names and addresses of advertisers need to be recorded in order to maintain contact, and to ensure they receive a copy of each edition. The magazine editors and PCC treasurer need to be kept informed throughout the process and a final account of income will need to be sent to the Treasurer before the AGM.

Finally, it would be helpful if the identity of the advertising manager was recorded in the magazine.

John Griffin

SOUTH BERKSHIRE SINGERS CHARITY CONCERT

Sat 13 July, 7.30pm

Caudwell Theatre, Holme Grange School, Wokingham RG40 3AL

Tickets: £10

On Saturday, 13th July 2019, South Berkshire Singers and special guests, Reading Central Salvation Army Band, will be hosting an evening of music that has entertained millions throughout the ages.

Under the direction of Musical Director Karen Phillips, the choir will commence the programme by singing well known pieces by Handel and Verdi including the Hallelujah Chorus and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves. In contrast, the second half of the programme will include some more contemporary music including songs from "The Greatest Showman" and medleys of popular music by Simon and Garfunkel and Queen.

Tickets are available in advance from Wokingham Town Hall Information Centre, Wokingham Library or by calling Chris Edney on 01344 779979. Tickets will also be available on the door.

All proceeds will be shared between the Ollie Young Foundation (a local charity funding paediatric brain tumour research) and Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Kenya.

For more details, please visit: www.southberkshiresingers.com

Christine Edney – Concert Secretary

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

Gloucester Cathedral is sometimes where I go, for glorious music and quiet prayer at Choral Evensong.

I happened to be there on Thursday 13th June when a special commemoration for D-Day was the focus.

The prayers were dedicated to all the fallen 75 years ago, and the youth choir were singing, many of them 17/18years old.

At the end of a moving service the organ scholar was playing 'Nimrod' by Elgar. I turned to my neighbours and asked quietly, "Are you visiting Gloucester?"

The reply came back equally quietly, "Yes we are from Germany".

Instinctively, I put out my hand and shook them both as warmly as possible. Tears came to all our eyes as the organ continued to roll out that magnificent music.

Apparently, there is no recognition of the date in Germany. No special commemoration, so for those visitors it was an incredible moment.

Christine Field



Gloucester Cathedral

Cathedral Church of St Peter & the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
Image: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucester_Cathedral

A POEM TO ENCOURAGE DENTAL CARE

Healthy teeth is nice to have,
they fills you with content.
And if you does know it now,
you will when they has went.

Jim Bell



READING INTERFAITH WOMEN'S GROUP

I started looking to join an interfaith group last year, wanting to explore the common ground that exists between us, at a time when so often we focus on the differences. Sadly, the Wokingham group is dormant, but I have recently joined the Reading group and am really enjoying meeting up with women of different faiths. We meet once a month on a Saturday for coffee and discussion of a topic.



In May, just before the start of Ramadan, we discussed fasting, what this means to Moslem women, alongside the prayer, charity and great sense of community that is such a vital part of Ramadan. As a Christian, without the discipline of fasting, this was challenging.

In June, we learned about Food4Families, a local charity which encourages people to grow vegetables in a network of community gardens across Reading, and then planted vegetables to take home. We discussed nature in relation to our faith, sharing the Sikh and Christian views of the divine in all created things.

If you are interested in learning more do chat to me or go to:
www.readinginterfaith.org.uk .

Susannah Riley

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

The Wokingham Art Society Summer Exhibition will be held in St Paul's Parish Rooms from Saturday July 20th until August 3rd from 10am -5.00pm.

Do come and see all the arts and crafts, and enjoy a cup of tea in the garden or indoors if it is raining!

Members of St Paul's and St Nicholas and their friends have, in the past, served coffee, tea and cakes in aid of church funds. We would like to continue the tradition and hope that many of you are able to help this year. It is a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours and if you come with a friend you will have time to view the paintings and other exhibits.

The rota for helping is in the back of Church or at St Nicholas or ring Jenny Ellerbeck. 9783470.

Jenny Ellerbeck

PENTECOST VIGIL 2019



**Keep on being
filled with the
Spirit.**

On Pentecost Eve 2019 we gathered at Woosehill Church for the Pentecost Vigil for prayer, song, and meditation as we waited to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit the following day.

As you know a vigil is a period of purposeful watchfulness, an occasion for devotional watching, in preparation for a major festival.

In Methodist and other circles vigils are known as ‘watches’ (It’s not what you put on your hand!). It is a time of openness, deep reflection and introspection.

Easter and Pentecost were the first two and only feasts of the original Church Year from apostolic times. During the **Vigil**, the focus is on praying for the Holy Spirit to come to us as we open up to Him. On **Pentecost Day**, the focus is on celebrating the Holy Spirit who has already come.

Such liturgical vigils or wakes usually consist of psalms, prayers and hymns, possibly a sermon or readings, and periods of silent meditation. The purpose of the ancient Vigil of Pentecost therefore would have been a waiting/preparation for/rehearsing of the great themes of the Day of Pentecost.

Traditionally vigils would have been days of fasting and in some cases the wake would last through the night. Ours lasted an hour and a bit. We were adequately prepared for the events of the following day, hungry and ready to be filled again by His power to be witnesses of Christ

As Paul says, “Don’t drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him”. (Eph 5:18 MSG)

Revd Patrick Mukholi Pentecost 3, 2019.



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A MESSAGE FROM REVD DEBBIE DAVISON



Moving to a post in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway is exciting and also daunting. My earliest times in Scotland were as a teenager, when the family spent summer locum holidays in Loch Awe, and on Skye. My brothers and I would swim across Loch Awe and make dampers over a hot fire on the islands. The water supply to the house came straight from the burn above the Parsonage. My brothers, fascinated to see what would happen with the flow of water, once built a small dam with predictable results, including furious parents. There have been other adventures since, but this will be the first that involves working there.

The Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC), a province of the worldwide Anglican Communion, has a very distinct history from the Church of England, and sprang up in its own unique way, the Scottish Reformation dating from 1560.

History is vital, in how it may determine the future, and places us in the present. English are often not good at this, and we know from biblical readings how crucial context is to understanding. I was grateful for a couple of essays from a priest already living and serving in the Diocese. As the essay ran to more than 90 pages, it soon became apparent it would take more than a couple of train journeys to assimilate historical and ecclesial context! A key feature of the SEC is that it

operates separately from the State. Bishops are elected, not appointed; and Anglicans – as mostly in the world, are non-conformists. They (we) are also outnumbered by Presbyterians (Church of Scotland) and Roman Catholics about ten times in each case.

As I left after a couple of days meeting members of both Vestries (sort of equivalent to English Parochial Church Councils), one of them, Joyce, pressed an article in my hand. I thanked her, tucked it into my bag, and read it on the long train journey south. It frankly, made me laugh, and cry. Saying precisely why is difficult. There was a sense of genuine respect where so-called difference is concerned. There was a matter-of-factness that sometimes gets lost when church and state are interwoven, and civic duties prevail. It was unexpectedly moving to read ‘...all our Bishops ordain men and women. We don’t have any resolutions suggesting that some priests are not really priests’ (the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of St Mary’s Cathedral Glasgow).

I am very intrigued and drawn to discover more and work with the people it was so inspiring to meet at interview. For me there is everything to discover and learn. But I may well keep my brother away from the water supply...

Mthr Debbie



 Wokingham Choral Society 

Open Rehearsal- 

Haydn's "The Creation"

We are holding an open rehearsal for prospective new members to try the WCS experience on Thursday 12th September 2019, at 7.30pm
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A SERMON FOR PENTECOST

Sunday 9th June, 2019

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost: the day when the Christian church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Pentecost was a feast of celebration for the Jews.

It was also known as the Feast of Weeks and was observed on the 50th day after the offering of the Barley Sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread as part of the Passover Celebration.

It was in Jerusalem, as the people gathered to celebrate this Feast of Weeks, that the early Christians experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is described so vividly in this morning's reading.

Next week we will be thinking about the Holy Trinity, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We can accept the concept of God the Father; the creator who made heaven and earth who loves his creation with an everlasting love; we can see and experience his creation in all its ordered beauty and wonder and because of that we can find it possible to believe that, an all-powerful, all-seeing, all-knowing presence exists.

We can relate to God the Son because he became like us when he took our humanity and lived on earth. Through him we can understand a little of what the Father is like.

But the Holy Spirit is more difficult to understand. The name, "The Spirit" seems to conjure up ghostly, ethereal images of something completely indescribable.

So, what is the Holy Spirit?

I think that is a very difficult question to answer but in the simplest of terms The Holy Spirit is the means by which God is active in the world today and every day. Through the Holy Spirit Christ's presence can be with us at all times.

Possibly because the Holy Spirit is so intangible the church down the ages has used many symbols and visual images to help Christians understand what the third person of the Trinity is like.

The passage in Acts speaks of the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire resting on the disciples.



Revd Jane Kraft

In John's Gospel the spirit is described at Jesus Baptism as descending like a dove.

In Judaism God was associated with the element of wind.

In the Old Testament God promised the Israelites food and the wind brought quails to feed them in the wilderness.

The book of Exodus tells us that the east wind from God parted the Red Sea.

Looking back to the creation narrative we read that the wind from God swept over the face of the waters,

and when it came to the creation of humanity God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

Fire was another element in the Old Testament associated with God's presence and power.

Elijah called down fire when he challenged the prophets of Baal. Moses met with God at the burning bush.

Fire, was then, and is still today both welcomed and feared. It gives warmth and generates energy; it gives light and wards off danger. It refines metals and fires the soft clay into useful pots. Remember the line in the old hymn which speaks of the Holy Spirit "The dross to consume and The Gold to refine" or perhaps the chorus from the Messiah "He is like a refiner's fire"

But fire, if out of control, can destroy and consume. The images of the Grenfell Tower disaster which, even two years on, are still etched on our memories, bear witness to this.

In the account in Acts the Spirit kindles and sets ablaze the feelings and reactions of Jesus followers and empowers them to draw others to the fire of God's love.

A strong wind which is powerful enough can sweep away buildings and rip off roofs. But it can also power and enable a yacht or larger sailing ship to swiftly cover great distances and bring it safely to harbour. Similarly, The Spirit is powerful Breathing life, supporting and sustaining those who commit their lives to Christ.

And what of the dove?

If you watch a pair of doves together they often appear to express affection; they mate for life and share the nesting and parenting duties. They are gentle creatures that never resist attack or retaliate against their enemies. The dove's innocent and gentle nature has set it apart as a symbol of peace, love, and forgiveness.

As we celebrate the first Pentecost it is important to remember that, through, and in the Spirit, the absent Christ is made present in us today empowering, sustaining and guiding.

I have just completed a two-year course in Spiritual Direction

I have to say that I don't find the title 'Spiritual Director' particularly helpful as a description. I prefer some of the other names such as Soul Friend, companion on the way, spiritual accompanier or metaphors such as a bridge or my favourite, a campfire in the wilderness. A place where someone can come, find welcome rest and peace and be warmed and refreshed to continue the journey. The campfire imagery also reminds me that if I am to draw people closer to the fire of God's love I need to allow God's Spirit to keep my own fire burning.

Many years ago I helped to make a Pentecost Banner. The design was based on the Alternative Collect for Pentecost in the ASB which was in use at the time.

The background was red (of course) in the centre were flames and round the flames were five people made from different coloured felt black, yellow, pink, brown and white, representing the five continents; these people were walking towards the fire. Round all of this was a big black circle over sewn in gold representing the sinful divided world redeemed by Christ.

The words of the Collect said this:

'Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples with wind from heaven and tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel.

Send us out in the power of the same spirit to witness to your truth and to draw all people to the fire of your love.'

Revd Jane Kraft

THY KINGDOM COME - THE 2019 SERMON SERIES

As part of Choral Evensong @ 6.15 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

July 21st: Special Summer Celebration Evensong

September 15th: the Rev'd Vusi Mabuza
@ Woollahill Church

Vusi came on placement to St Paul's in 2017. He served, until recently, in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa. He now lives in Warfield and works at Windsor Castle while trying to work out how the Church of England functions!

ST PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION MEETING



The Mothers' Union met on the first Monday in June (owing to the Bank Holiday falling the week before) when they had a most interesting talk from Ruth Gibbs, a representative from Oxfam.

Not everyone was aware that the charity had been around for such a long time; it began by sending food parcels to Germany at the end of WWII and started with one shop set up in Oxford to raise money to relieve famine overseas – hence OxFam. Their work still principally evolves around aid in a crisis and there are many centres overseas which can distribute quickly to stricken areas.

Ruth brought long some very interesting 'props', one of which was a container which magically converted dirty water to clean, potable water through a pumped filter and could be used about a hundred times. This also raised an ecological discussion on the disposal of plastic life-saving equipment. All in all, a very thought-provoking evening.

Teri Austen

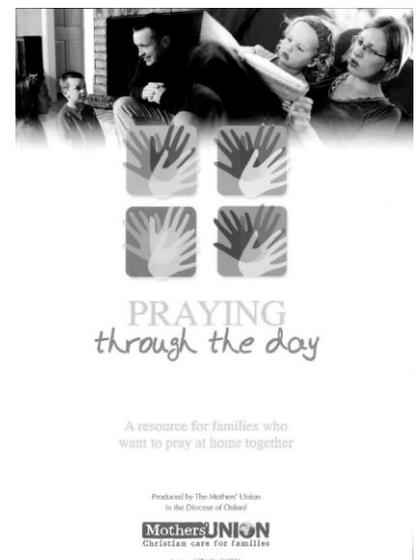
PRAYING THROUGH THE DAY

On the Mothers' Union Oxford website: -

www.muoxford.org.uk/index.php/category/resources/prayer/prayingthroughtheday, there's a very useful printable resource called Praying Through the Day aimed at families.

There are lots of useful ideas of how to engage children and the pages are very colourful. There's a prayer cube template for you to make with children which might help as well. It's a good resource to dip into for different ages and at different times, so I hope you will find parts that will help with family prayers.

Jean Vaughan





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- On the 1st Wednesday of each month 16:30-19:30 in the Carpenter Room, upstairs in St Paul's Parish Rooms.

- We also meet on the 3rd Friday of each month during Coffee and Chat 14:00-16:00 in the main hall of St Paul's Parish Rooms.

Come along to sew by hand or machine, to knit, crochet and share skills!



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FIRST STEPS – JUNE



This was Mthr Julie's final *First Steps* before the move to Lambourne. She told the story of Pentecost and how the wind and flames descended on the disciples but not one was harmed. Jesus' promised special helper had arrived, the Holy Spirit. We heard about the gifts of language the disciples were given and we learnt how to say "Hello" in several languages including Japanese, German and Scouse.

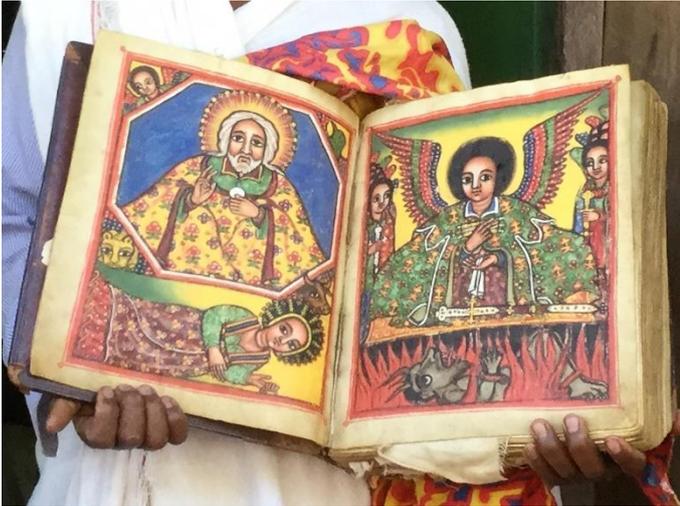
The children enjoyed making their flame headbands and singing songs about the love of Jesus. One such song was a new one, inspired by 2-year-old Freddie, singing '*Daisy Daisy!*'

Mthr Julie was given a First Steps card to remember the children by. Thank you to her for her enthusiasm and storytelling over the last three years. We wish her and Keith every blessing on the 'next step'.

We next meet on July 11th, 9.15am in the Children's Chapel in St Paul's church.

Text & image: Liz Gallagher

THE WELCOME CLUB – TUESDAY 11th JUNE



Original hand painted manuscript in Aksum Monestery.



Priest holding the ornate cross he used to bless the pilgrims.



Part of the Timket Festival celebrations in Lalibela.



Top of the cruciform church hewn out of the rock in Lalibela. It was a long climb down and up again!

Keith Mintern, ably assisted by Mthr Julie, gave us a glimpse into their pilgrimage to Ethiopia with Bishop Andrew. We were treated to a small sample of the photos Keith had taken and learnt a little of what life is like in Ethiopia. It was certainly an amazing 'once in a lifetime' trip and we thoroughly enjoyed Keith's photos and talk. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed tea and cake. Keith certainly earned his!

Liz Gallagher

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WOKINGHAM ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS JULY 1919

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Sat 26th July

ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS

"On Saturday, Wokingham duly celebrated the peace. The proceedings commenced at 7 a.m., when peals were rung on the church bells. At 10 a.m. the town band commenced to play in the Market Place. The officers and men who had been invited to send in their names and had received a card of invitation from the Mayor, assembled in Rectory Road and at 11.30 commenced a triumphal march through the principal streets of the town under command of Admiral J.B. Eustace, assisted by Colour-Sergeant H. Harvey, 4th Royal Berks Retired, the only man who wore the old red volunteer uniform, and acted as chief marshal. Headed by the Wokingham Military Band the procession proceeded through Broad Street, which had been extensively decorated, the trees and lamp posts being bedecked with national colours, evergreens etc. A large wreath in the centre of the street, "Our bold and brave heroes, 1914-18," was saluted by the column.

A triumphal arch had been erected by the corporation from the London and County Bank to Mr. T.M. Welch's premises, bearing the words "We thank you." Rose Street was also very gaily hung with flags and streamers, with the motto "Welcome Home" suspended across the street. As the procession emerged from Rose Street against All Saints' Church the bells rung a peal of welcome. Marching up Peach Street, the procession entered the Market Place through an arch similar to that in Broad Street, but bearing the words "Well done boys." The Church Lads' Brigade bugle band were in the centre of the procession and took turns with the military band in providing music.

The wounded and disabled, who were accommodated in two wagons immediately behind the leading band, everywhere were most heartily greeted.

Upon a draped and coloured dais in the Market Place, facing Denmark Street stood the Mayor in his robes attended by the Town Clerk, the mace bearer (Sergeant Sparkes), the town crier (Mr. J. Taylor) and the four honorary constables. There were also upon the platform the Mayoress, the Rev. B. Long, the Rev. H. M. Walter, the Rev. A.P. Carr and Rev. J. Conolly, Aldermen Hughes and Sale. Councillors Hammond, Martin, Blake, Whaley, Priest, Brant, Bodle and Headington. Mr. C.W. Marks (surveyor), Colonel Walker, Mayor Hanbury O.B.E., Mrs. Murdoch, Mr and Mrs. W. Howard Palmer, Mrs. H. Walter, Mrs. Eustace, Mrs. Hanbury, Miss Hanbury, Mrs. T.W. Heelas, Miss Sturges, Miss Gregorie, Mr. A Rasey and Mr. William Palmer.



The cadet band KRR sounded the Royal salute. The Mayor (Alderman Mylne) announced that he had received from H.M. the King, a message to all magistrates and lord lieutenants of counties. The National Anthem was then sung, led by the band, Mr. Yould conducting.

The Mayor then said, "Officers and men from the Navy, Army and the Air Force, it is my privilege as Mayor and speaking for all the people of Wokingham to bid you all welcome here today and to render to you our unstinted thanks for all you have done, all you have suffered and all you have gone through in these last few years. We rejoice that it is at last possible for us to meet so many of you after all the hardships you have gone through, since that day in which each one of you took his part in the magnificent response which you made to your country's call in its hour of need.

Some of you have been in the navy or army since the beginning of the war. Some of you were in that first army that went to Belgium—an army which I have heard has been called 'a contemptible little army': small it certainly was, but there is not a man in the world today, least of all in Germany, who would venture to call it contemptible.

Others of you who took part, leaving all in that mighty rush of men which changed the British Army from being reckoned in thousands to being reckoned in by millions. You, who have been through it, know what the sacrifices have been. You know even how thin a line, once and again, there was that there was all there was left to withstand the German onrush. You know, too, how indispensable it was that H M Navy should keep a ceaseless and sleepless watch throughout all the time.

What would our position have been today if that thin line had given way or that ceaseless watch failed for one hour? What sort of peace should we have had today? What would have been our condition? Some of you have been in France and Belgium and you know and can answer that question. But that ceaseless watch was maintained till the last hour and that this line never broke, and when today we are celebrating peace, it is that great and glorious victory, brought about in the providence of God through the valour of the sailors, soldiers and airmen of the British Empire. But in the midst of our rejoicings let us not forget the sacrifices that

have been made. Let us not forget that there are some hearts in the Empire today because of those, who, to gain that victory and to win this peace laid down their lives and their names live for ever more. And when we have celebrated this peace today, which we hope will soon spread the world over, let us all stand united as we have done in those dreadful days of war in the last five years, and each in his own part, do whatsoever in him lies, to promote the common good and to bring back with peace prosperity to our native land build up a greater, more honourable and a more powerful Britain than the world had ever known before so that the victories of peace will be no less worthy of celebration than the victories of war. And now we ask you to accept our hospitality and entertainment and we hope that for you and to all of us it may be a happy and a memorable day.” (applause).

“Land of Hope and Glory” was then sung, the sole being taken in unison by some 20 choirboys, the assembly led by the band joining in the chorus. Miss Edna Martin presented a lovely bouquet to the Mayoress. The Rev. B Long called for “three cheers for the boys,” which were heartily given, and also, “three more for their wives.””

Thank you to Jim Bell for sharing this extract from the Reading Mercury with us.

THE PARISH PRAYER

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MUSIC FOR JULY 2019

7th – Trinity 3

9.30 am Parish Mass

Hymns: 238, 378, 294, 461
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*
Gradual: Celtic Alleluia
Anthem: The secret of Christ, *R Shephard*

6.15pm Solemn Evensong

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 65
Hymns: 241
Canticles: Fauxbourdons, *I Ord-Hume*
Anthem: Ave Maria, *T L de Victoria*

14th – Trinity 4

9.30am Parish Mass

Hymns: 468, 485, 357, 343
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*
Gradual: Celtic Alleluia
Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you, *J Rutter*

21st– Trinity 5

9.30am Parish Mass

Hymns: 393, 401, 384, 437
Gradual: Celtic Alleluia
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*
Anthem: Ave Maria, *T L de Victoria*

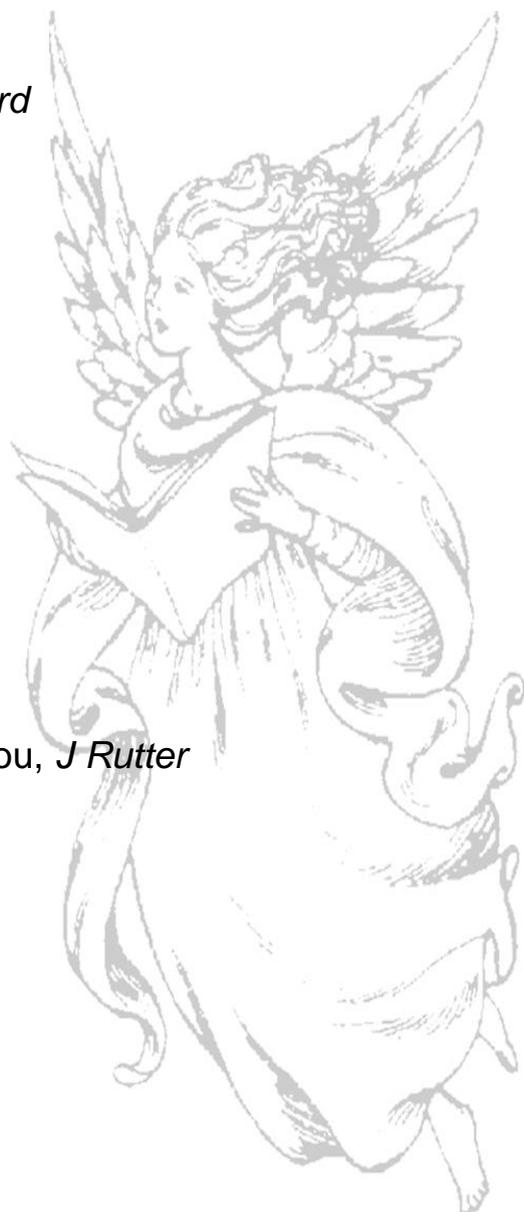
6.15pm Choral Evensong

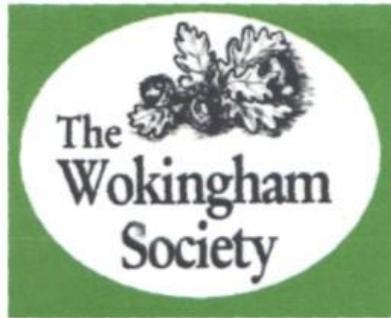
Responses: Reading
Psalm: 81 vv 1-10
Hymns: 252, 475
Canticles: The Collegium Regale service, *H Howells*
Anthem: I was glad, *C H H Parry*

28th – Trinity 6

9.30am Parish Mass

Hymns: 391, 407, 427, 366
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*





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Friday 19th July

Friday 26th July

Friday 2nd August

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RECIPE – STRAWBERRY LABNEH

Ingredients

400grms strawberries
400grms fat free Greek yoghurt
1 1/2 tsp caster sugar
3tbsp honey
Pinch salt
Chopped nuts or chocolate
Fresh mint leaves for garnish

Method

- Halve and marinate strawberries with sugar
- Strain yoghurt of excess fluid and pop in fridge for an hour
- Liquidise half strawberries
- Add honey to cold yoghurt
- Add pinch of salt to yoghurt
- Mix yoghurt and strawberry puree together



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£25	No. 45	Liz Williams
£15	No. 16	Brian & Jenny Perris
£10	No. 56	Michael Dyer

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Tony Roberts

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 19 May: Sebastian Weait

Sunday 26 May: Kira Baron

Sunday 23 June: Nèstor Addis

*“I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit”*



MORNING PRAYER

Starting the day in prayer is an ancient Christian tradition which people have always found to be a firm foundation for the day. It roots us in God and strengthens us for all that lies ahead. In the parish, we share Morning Prayer at 8.30am (at St Paul's on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at Woosehill, on a Wednesday). The service lasts about 20 minutes and includes readings, prayer, and canticles. If you'd like to find out more then please speak to a member of the clergy, or to one of the congregation who already come. Or why not just turn up and join in?

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Day	Time	Service
Monday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Woosehill Church
	10.30am	House Mass (see weekly Pews News for details)
Thursday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer, with Mass at 9.30am
Friday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
Saturday	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Rosary Prayers
	9.30am	Low Mass

READERS & INTERCESSORS

Date	Festival	Reader	Intercessor
7 Jul	Trinity 3	Lesley Ruddock	Jenny Ellerbeck
14 Jul	Trinity 4	Gordon Lupton	David Ruddock
21 Jul	Trinity 5	Vince Pearson	Dawn Hardiman
28 Jul	Trinity 6	Michael Johnstone	Peter Wells

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 2 July	12.30pm	St Paul's Taverners, Broad Street Tavern
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm – 9.30pm	Bible Study: Transforming Poverty, Woosehill Church
Wed 3 July	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Fri 5 July	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat
Sat 6 July	9.30am – 3.30pm	Churchyard Working Party
Sun 7 July	6.15pm	Solemn Evensong, St Paul's Church
Mon 8 July	8pm	PCC Meeting
Tue 9 July	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm – 9.30pm	Bible Study: Transforming Poverty, Woosehill Church
Wed 10 July	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thu 11 July	9.15am	First Steps
Fri 12 July	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat
Tue 16 July	12.30pm	St Paul's Taverners, Broad Street Tavern
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8pm – 9.30pm	Bible Study: Transforming Poverty, Woosehill Church
Sat 20 July	9.30am – 3.30pm	Churchyard Working Party
Sun 21 July	6.15pm	'I Was Glad' – Summer Celebration Choral Evensong, St Paul's Church
Mon 22 July	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting, Parish Rooms
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Fri 26 July	2pm – 4pm	Coffee & Chat
Tue 10 Sep	8pm – 9.30pm	Bible Study Resumes, Woosehill Church
Sat 14 Sep	10am – 4pm	Ride + Stride



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“I Was Glad”

Come and Sing Evensong

6.15pm Sunday 21 July

Come and join our friendly choir of all ages for a summer celebration evensong.

Music to include: Howells “Collegium Regale”,
Parry “I was glad” and Reading Responses

Timings on the day:

3.30 Rehearsal

5.00 Tea and cake!

6.15 Evensong followed by refreshments

Come to the rehearsal at 3.30

if you know the repertoire

or if you are a proficient music reader

and join in all the singing of the service.

Otherwise do join us in the congregation

for the evensong and refreshments

afterwards.

