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## EDITORIAL

We can't believe we are halfway through May, where does the time go? Thankfully April was a warm dry month with lots of sunshine so that families were able to enjoy the Easter break.

Easter at St. Peter's was lovely, the services during Holy Week were well attended. The Easter cross covered in Spring flowers was amazing thanks to Maggie Keeling's hard work.

William and Maggie Holden were invited to St George's Chapel at Windsor on Maundy Thursday where William received the Maundy money from Prince Charles - what an honour. More on this inside Keynotes.

We now look forward to the Summer Fair on the 18 June and Zanita has been busy organising the various stalls and raffle. I believe there will be a special visitor to the fair! Let's hope the weather is good to us so that we can be outside. Please come along and support this event which raises much needed funds for our church.

Also the lunchtime concerts are proving very popular, with Hangleton Brass Ensemble having played in May. The next one is on Friday 17 June, featuring Michele Scopes playing her violin and Abigail Wilsher on piano. She is a pupil of Rita French who is the leader of Sussex Camerata who provided a very enjoyable concert in March.

The monthly Friday coffee mornings are good for getting to know people and enjoy some refreshments, these take place on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am. Look forward to seeing you there.

Editorial Committee

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of the age.'  
Matthew 28.20**

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## **RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May we welcomed children and adults into the church building for our first ever 'Come fly with us' Paper-aeroplane competition. It was great fun seeing young and old alike designing their flying machines, then decorating them, before launching them to their long-distance target on our special 'runway'. A huge amount of thanks must go to Kate Osborne and her team of co-pilots for a fabulous event!

Although manned flight came many hundreds of years after the words of the Bible were written down, the theme of flying is still found within the Holy Scriptures.

*They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* (Isaiah 40:31b)

The prophet Isaiah is encouraging his readers, that despite the pains they face, God will lift them high above their problems. In their case, the problem of the oncoming exile by their enemies to Babylon.

I wonder what problems you have in your life that weigh you down? We all have them, either things we've done or have had done to us, shame and guilt weigh us down.

But God wants to restore us so that we can fly high with Him!

But who are these people that God promises to lift high?  
The previous verse makes clear: .. *those who hope in the Lord!*

God energises those who trust in Him when they get tired. We all get tired by things in our life, the prophet Isaiah is saying that even young people tire and drop out. But, there is something different about those who wait upon God, they get fresh strength. God makes it so they can spread their wings and soar like eagles!

Rev Tim Gage

## **WOMEN'S SOCIAL**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April a group of us met at Hassocks Garden Centre where we enjoyed lunch and a stroll around the shop and garden centre. Some purchases were, I'm sure, made! It was a very enjoyable excursion.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> April 18 of us met in Carol's home where we enjoyed delicious treats and lively conversation. We were delighted to welcome Wendy Young from Off the Fence, the charity we have supported for the last two years. Wendy told us the story of how she and her husband Paul founded the charity and how its work continues today. There were many questions and Wendy happily answered them all. We were pleased to present Wendy with our cheque for £1,400 which she assured us will be put to very good use. Thank you to Carol and Pam Miles for your hospitality.

In May we will enjoy a Coffee Morning at Jean's home on the 12<sup>th</sup> and lunch and skittles at The Bull, Henfield on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Members celebrating birthdays in May are Suzanne (5<sup>th</sup>), Janet (18<sup>th</sup>), and Clare (28<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to you all.

Maggie Keeling

### **Don't fool me**

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."



## **Our Charity for June**

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God." These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to "pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life." Paul urges us to pray for all in authority, "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:2).





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## **Prayer List Requests**

Each Sunday we pray for people in any kind of need.

These may be the names of people on the prayer list which is printed in the pew Sheet each week. The names are not read out individually during Sunday Intercessions, but are prayed for individually at the monthly Wednesday Prayer Service.

This is a lovely, peaceful, prayerful time in The Old Church. Please join us.

The date of the next Wednesday Prayer Together Service will be on the Pew Sheet.

### **St Peter's Pastoral Care Group**

**Our Pastoral Care Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter.**

**Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home?**

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## **APCM Reports**

Please find below the Chairman's, Treasurer's and Churchwardens' report from our Annual Parochial Church Meeting for those that were unable to attend.

### **Chairman's Review 2022 – Rev'd Tim Gage**

I'd like to start with celebrating some of the things that have been achieved in the last 12 months.

#### **Prayer + Ukraine**

At our last APCM I announced we would be starting a monthly prayer group. This started and each month we meet to pray for the names listed on our service sheet and for upcoming events, concerns and local and world issues. In particular we opened this up recently to include time for prayer for the conflict in Ukraine.

#### **MAP**

Last year we met as a PCC to form a new Mission Action Plan. A big thank you to William and Elliot for guiding us through that process. This culminated with the creation of the 4 mores. More open, more converted, more generous and more engaged.

#### **Jan**

In June we were delighted to welcome Jan, Jenny, Adam and Hannah. They have been a great blessing and Jan's and Jenny's support, prayers and servant leadership has already left a profound mark on us as a church.

#### **Services, inc. online**

We have seen our services continue to grow in size and quality. In particular our st. peter's @4 service. Alongside our continued online services which remain with between 20-40 people joining us online each week.

#### **Schools: Aldrington and Kings.**

We continue to work closely with our two church schools. We welcomed key stage one to their first assembly here this week for 3 years. We have governors on both school boards and look to grow more in our support of these communities.

### Bible study groups and Lent course

Our Bible study groups have continued to be a source of growth for those who attend them. In the last year we've been reading through the book of Exodus and Hebrews. With the exception that during Lent we met here for our Lent course journey through the Bible. Which is also available to view on our YouTube page.

### Starting Tea and Tots

A big thank you to my wife Clare and to Sophie Weal on behalf of the preschool on starting a new toddler group, Tea and Tots on a Friday morning, in the meeting room. They've been meeting new people and seeing it grow with valuable volunteer support.

### Events –

We've enjoyed all sorts of different events from quizzes to bike rides, to gardening days, to music and all sorts of socialising. These are important for helping us as a church to grow together.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all of you but I feel that specific thanks are due to these people:

David and Maggie. Jonathan and Patty

Jan and Jenny

Mandy

Paula

William. – work with deanery and diocese

All the PCC

Zanita - great fayres

Gill and Michael.

Sunday servers: sidespeople, flowers, cleaning.

Maria great work with our bookings!

Sadie – cleaning.

Everyone who has been generous with time, energy and money!

Look to the future.

We will be using our MAP to guide us.

Excited about growing youth work.

Growing VLS (video live streaming)

These can only happen if we have people who are willing to join in with us.

## **Treasurer's Report - Mandy Gander**

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect our Church last year and some activities could not take place as planned. We therefore finished the year with a £17,068 deficit. Which to be honest, I am not too disappointed with.

Our planned giving was £34,022 last year which was just over £2,000 more than in 2020 so we are seeing our regular giving increase which is wonderful news and everything seems to be moving in the right direction. Thank you to all those that have now signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme. Your regular support is very much appreciated.

Our fundraising income totalled an amazing £9,652. Thank you to everyone involved. The funds raised came from our Summer and Christmas Fair and my special thanks must go to Zanita and her merry band of helpers for making them so successful. We all particularly enjoyed the Summer Fair being outside in the Churchyard for a change because of the Covid restrictions. We also had 2 quizzes, one online run by David & Maggie Keeling and were finally allowed to hold one in person ran by Rev Jan and his son Adam. Both fabulous evenings. We also had a Bingo & Beetle Drive evening, a Table Top sale, a sponsored bike ride around Hove Park and a film night. We also had the always very popular Christmas Tree Festival which brought lots of new visitors to our Church, raised a very nice sum of money, from which donations were made to the Martlets and Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank. A thoroughly brilliant, if not very tiring few days for everyone. Thank you Team St Peter's, you are all amazing.

Our Community Centre continued to be rented by St Anthony's the pre school nursery throughout the year, but other social events were restricted somewhat which reduced our income to £10,858 for the year. A special thank you goes out to Maria Williams our Community Centre bookings Manager for her great organisational skills.

Claiming Gift Aid added an additional £8,760 to our income. We can claim gift aid on any donation if you are a tax payer and the small donation gift aid on any cash donations £30 or under.

The contactless giving machine and the online fund raising page as well as a QR donation code have been successful in promoting income for our Church.

The Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising schemes remain popular and give us some quarterly income, albeit it small.

We received no legacies last year. If you love being part of St Peter's, please consider leaving something to the Church in your will so that St Peter's is here for future generations to enjoy.

We received £11500 from Hove Trinity Trust which was from a fund that was being used by Hove Deanery for loans. The funds were equally shared between each Church in the Parish when it was decided that the cost of running the scheme was too high.

Our main expense for 2021 was £69,265 on Parish Ministry costs which covers Clergy stipend, national insurance, pension and housing as well as training, Parish support and central Church administration.

Our investment with CBF was valued at £273,615 on the 31st December 2021. We had to use £25k of these funds to help with the ongoing costs of running the Church. This continues to be a nice cushion for us but we cannot rely on it alone to fund the Church outgoings. Also the Charity Commission says that funds have to be spent! We have plans for a new visual and sound system in the pipeline, so watch this space!

The Church Bank account is held with CAF and is continuing to work well with an £8 monthly fee. We now also pay a charge for cash and cheques paid in as well as cheques issued. It makes it even more important for us all to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme.

Our wages costs were greatly reduced as our Choir Master Denes Bulla left for pastures new in early 2021, also our cleaner Sadie & myself as Parish Administrator did not receive pay rises last year. We are very lucky that Gill Evans agreed to stand in for Denes whilst we looked for a new Choir Master. There have been no applications so far, despite the job being advertised several times. We are extremely grateful to Gill for standing in and for the musical gifts she brings to St Peter's.



Printing costs increased last year mainly due to the fact that during Covid we were not allowed to share the printed service sheets and therefore had to print individual ones each week. However, we are now back to using them and only print pew sheets now which should reduce our costs going forward. Michael Evans also printed the Goldstone Valley Residents Association newsletters on our photocopier for a small fee which also increased the usage somewhat. A new photocopier arrived in September last year as our 3 year contract had come to an end. The quarterly rental fee has reduced by £69 as well as the cost of each copy being less than it was with the previous machine. This will help with reduced costs this year.

Most other expenses shown in the accounts have reduced or are similar to the previous year. The only exception is the total sent to charities which was £1400 more than in 2020. This is because we, as a Church, try to double the amount raised by Parishioners, when possible, to send onto the charities. ( During Covid when the Church was closed, no funds were collected for the Charities. ) It also includes the funds that were sent to the Foodbank and The Martlets from the Christmas Tree Festival profits.

Thank you to all those involved in putting together our activity booklet which shows what an active Church community we are. My thanks also go to Jonathan Cooke for his help in putting together the review in our annual accounts and to Michael Evans who audited them.

## **Churchwardens Report**

David Keeling and Jonathan Cooke were once again re-elected as churchwardens at the APCM on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, which was chaired for the first time by our Rector, the Rev Tim Gage. We remain hopeful that, with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we will soon be able to hold a celebration to mark Rev Tim's arrival in the parish.

We were delighted that worship in the church building was able to take place without interruption throughout 2021, albeit still in a somewhat restricted form, with a degree of social distancing to conform to remaining Covid-19 restrictions. Again, this was, and continues to be, supplemented by the provision of services online for those unable to attend public worship, thanks to the imagination,

technical expertise and hard work of Rev Tim. Use of online facilities has also enabled PCC and other meetings to take place so that the church's administration has continued uninterrupted.

We are hoping that, at some point during the coming year, we will be able to carry out a major improvement to our audio/visual facilities, to include the introduction of internet within the building to enable live streaming of services.

Notwithstanding the restrictions, the church building, community centre and grounds still had to be maintained and minor repairs continued to be carried out as appropriate. No major work was found to be necessary. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our gardening volunteers who managed to keep the churchyard immaculate throughout the year.

Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop and are responsible, among other things, for the following:

- The maintenance and security of the fabric and structure of the church building and the furnishings and ornaments within it;
- The administration associated with the running of the parish, including making sure that all legal requirements are complied with, e.g. health and safety, fire and planning regulations;
- Keeping order in the church during services and evicting anyone who causes a nuisance;
- Ensuring that there is someone available to take services if the rector is absent, or even taking a (non-eucharistic) service if at the last minute the priest is unable to perform;
- Acting as a guide and sounding-board for the rector and taking concern for his general welfare;
- Listening to the views and concerns of members of the parish.

Jonathan Cooke and David Keeling

**Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**

**John 20.21**

## **The Royal Maundy at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The story begins back at the end of February when I picked up the post lying in the porch and saw an envelope with 'Buckingham Palace' on the outside. Many thoughts flashed through my mind as I held the envelope in my hand; a scam? Mistake? Standing in the hall with Maggie, my wife next to me I tore it open – an invitation to go to St George's Chapel Windsor to receive the Royal Maundy money. Apparently, I had been nominated by my Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Martin! There was a form to complete and return which I duly did.

As the weeks went by there was an air of unreality about it but preparations needed to be made, new clothes? find and book hotel, how to get there. In the fullness of time we left by car about 2pm on the Wednesday via a busy M25 to arrive at the Sir Christopher Wren Hotel about 4pm to settle in for the evening.

Thursday morning dawned misty but clearing and we made sure we were ready in good time. Just a short walk, so we thought, to the King Henry VIII Gate where we were to report. We had not allowed for the hill! It was much steeper than we expected, but fortunately we were in good time so pauses on the way were the order of the day. We had to report between 9.30 and 10.15am. The queue was short, and we produced all the right documents to prove who we were and entered the gate. There was still a hill to climb up to the chapel and we got a lift on a vehicle taking a person in a wheelchair. We arrived at the entrance on the North side and were ushered across the Nave to be near the West end of the South Isle. Maggie sat behind me. All the seats in the Nave were placed in twos for the participants and their supporters.

This was about 10am and the organ was already playing. Gradually the seats filled, and people started talking to those nearby. One lady was nominated by Carlisle Diocese and the lady the other side was from Chelmsford Diocese and beyond her a man from Guildford.



At 10.30 we were addressed by the Lord High Almoner. The Right Revd John Inge, Bishop of Worcester who explained what we had to do and say. Then, soon afterwards the processions began. How these are all redolent with history! First, the Yeomen of the Guard, followed by the College of St George (the Military Knights and the St George's Chapel Choir and Canons of the



Chapel) and the Chapel Royal Choir. Finally almost on 11am the Royal Almonry Procession, timed so that the Dean of Windsor, the Right Revd David Connor and the Lord High Almoner could greet Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.

The Service commenced with the hymn, "Praise to the holiest in the height" and following some prayers and another hymn came the first lesson. At this I felt the tension rise as following the lesson the first distribution would take place and this would be us!

It began with all of us in the South Isle with the choir singing three anthems during the distribution. The excitement grew as the Prince moved closer to me. Would I remember what I should say? Would I be able to say it? Soon I would know. It was a special moment when he handed over the two purses "on behalf of the Queen" and he shook my hand and I responded with, "thank you, your Royal Highness". That was the first ninety-six finished.

The Second Lesson was read, and we all stood for the distribution of the remaining ninety-six. During this I was thinking about all the groups and people with whom I have been involved who would have contributed to my being there. Then, as the music moved into the introduction to the third anthem, Handel's Zadok the Priest, I felt the emotion growing and tension mounted as it built up into the entry of the choir with, 'Zadok the Priest', I felt shivers down my spine. When it came to the final, Amen, Hallelujahs it was all I could do not to join in.

The service was completed by some more prayers and hymns and following the blessing and all the groups processing out we departed by coach up to the reception in Windsor Castle.

What a great day - one not to forget. So much history behind the various groups; the Military Knights go back to King /Edward III in 1348 and the Chapel Royal Choir sang at the Battle of Agincourt in 1414 and at the Field of the Cloth of Gold in 1520. And then there is the grandeur of the prayer and praise-soaked St George's Chapel!

William Holden

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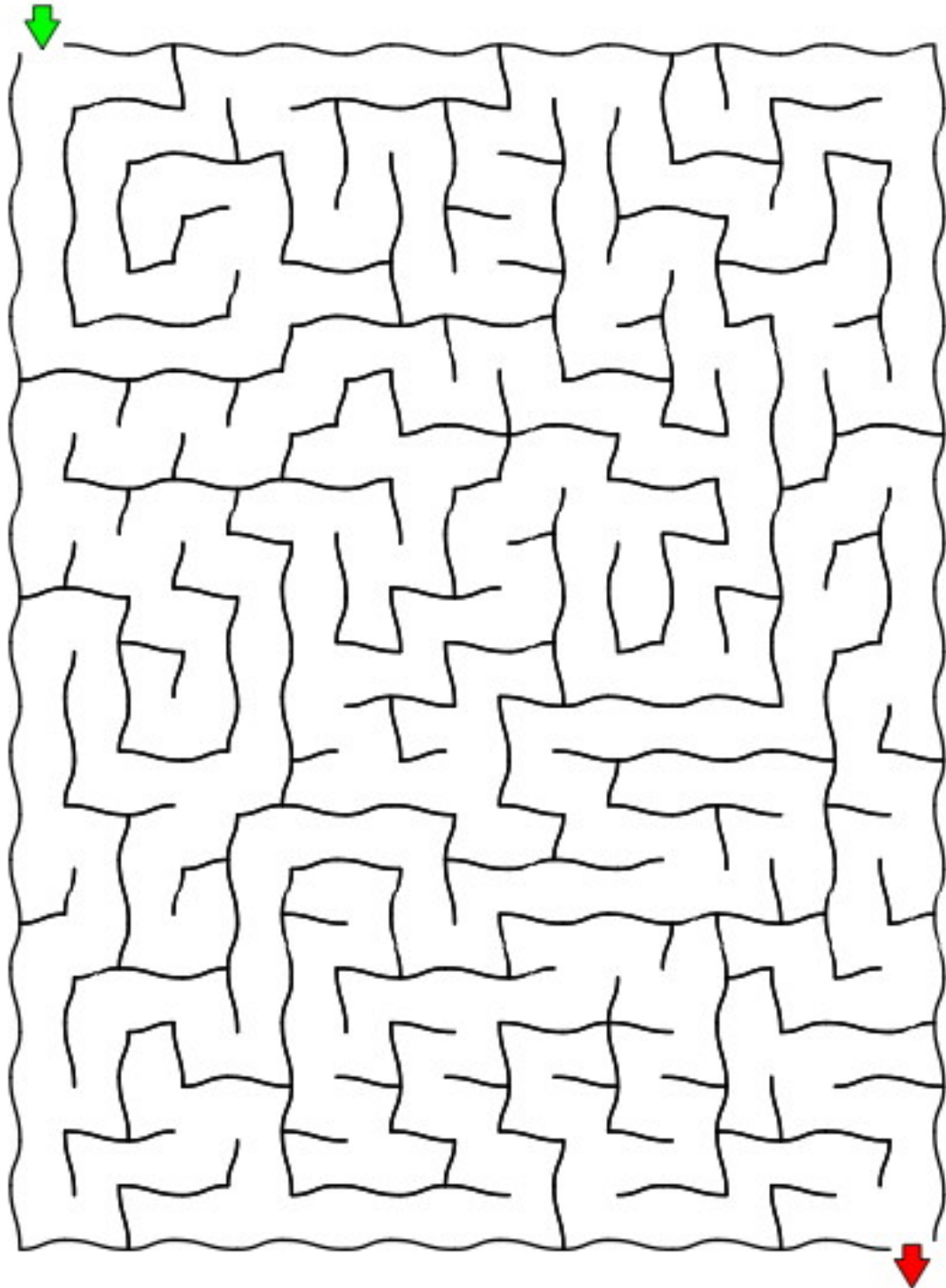
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# Maze





## **Ghost Moth** by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

A few years ago, as the sun set over the South Downs, I was wandering through a wood on a twilight hike. Through the trees I noticed about a dozen figures decked out in brilliant white gathering in a small clearing. I hit the floor and, buried amongst the bracken, watched as other white figures joined them. Each individual slowly started swaying, swinging hypnotically like a pendulum suspended on an invisible wire. The whole silent scene felt eerie, otherworldly, ancient. I was spellbound and barely breathing, scared I would be discovered and this mesmerising performance would end. As some of the figures swung fixed to their stations, others oscillated wildly, whirling and crashing into each other. The light was fading fast and as my surroundings dissolved into shadow the swaying white figures seemed luminous against the gloom. Then, as the full moon rose and illuminated the glade, the action slowed, the figures retreated and I was left alone in the gloaming.

The ritual I had witnessed was the dance of the Ghost Moths: elaborate courtship behaviour performed by the males on warm summer evenings across Sussex. That moonlit glade had been temporarily transformed into a miniature moth disco where these incredible insects pirouetted, pranced, swaggered and strutted in an attempt to attract a female. More 'Saturday Night Fever' than 'The Wicker Man'.



And, like tiny Travoltas, the male Ghost Moths know that to stand out on a crowded dancefloor you need a flashy white suit. Their wings are whiter than white and look as though they have been hand-painted with Tipp-Ex. The female Ghost Moth has a more subdued wardrobe and wears pale yellow wings with elegant orange swirls. Males also have another trick up their sleeve (or in this case their trouser legs). Their hind legs contain furry scent-brushes, which release pheromones into the air like an overpowering aphrodisiac. Once the ladies are lured, it's the individual moth's dancing which seals the deal. It can be murder on the dancefloor and scuffles start as the males try to assert their positions. It's a behaviour known as lekking and the dominant dancers will lead a lucky lady of the lek into the surrounding shadows.

In days gone by the moth's mysterious, ethereal waltz was interpreted as something supernatural and it has been suggested that the dance of the Ghost Moth gave rise to local legends of fairies and Will-O'The-Wisps. If anything, the reality is just as magical and spellbinding to watch.



### **Techie trouble**

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he muttered: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

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*Heather looked radiant in white, the details  
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## People and Places of the Bible

This month we return to Hebrews which is the subject of our Bible Study.

### **The High Priest**

The High Priest was considered the highest religious position of all those who served at the temple. Aaron, the brother of Moses, was appointed as the first one by God. The High Priest was the head of the twenty-four courses that rotated serving in Jerusalem's temple. The division into courses occurred during the reign of King David. This office, filled by the descendants of Aaron from the tribe of Levy, represented the people before God.

For many years after the time of Moses, the office of high priest was held based on heredity and was a lifelong position. The Great Sanhedrin alone had the right to appoint or confirm a priest.

Later, however, civil authorities appropriated the right of appointment and filled the position based on their own religious and political considerations. Herod the Great appointed at least six, a frequent turnover that the New Testament hints at (John 11:51). "He did not say that on his own, but as High Priest that year."

There were other qualifications for becoming High Priest other than heredity. Although the age of eligibility is not fixed in the Bible, according to rabbinical tradition it was twenty years old or more as indicated in 2 Chronicles 31:17.

The man considered for this office had to be married, and his wife an Israelite maiden (Leviticus 21:13 - 14). He was expected to be superior to all others in physique, wisdom, dignity, and material wealth. If the High Priest was poor it was the duty of others who served in the temple to contribute enough money to make him rich!

Those holding this office were considered to be the presiding officer of the Sanhedrin (supreme council of the Jews who met in Jerusalem). He was also the only one allowed to enter the Holy of Holies inside Jerusalem's temple. This was once a year, on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur - Leviticus 16). He was not permitted to come in contact with the bodies of the dead, not even of his own parents, nor to leave his hair dishevelled, to expose it, or to rend his garments as a sign of mourning (see Leviticus 21, etc.).

## **The Second Temple at the Time of Jesus**

The Second Temple was not only awe inspiring because of its religious significance, but also for its physical dimensions, grandeur and beauty.

Unfortunately, our impressions of the Temple are at best incomplete. Since its destruction by the Romans in 70 CE, the only available sources of information about the Temple have had some religious or political bias. The New Testament, the Mishna [the rabbinical exegesis of the Old Testament], and the works of the Judeo-Roman historian Josephus provide the bulk of our knowledge of the Temple. These in association with archeological evidence at the site all point to a building so wondrous that even today its construction remains a mystery.

Jerusalem was under Roman rule but remained the capital of Judea and the international centre of Judaism. Normally a city of 100,000 to 200,000 people, three times a year on the pilgrim festivals of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, Jerusalem's population swelled to 1 million. On these occasions this small ancient city had to cope not only with the throng of people but also their sacrificial animals and offerings, necessitating temporary increases in food supplies, accommodation, ritual bathing facilities, and all aspects of commerce. It was Herod, installed by the Romans as governor of Jerusalem, who faced these logistical problems, and who set about renovating the city and the Temple to accommodate this massive periodic influx.

To meet the enormous increase in capacity the Temple required for these festivals and to comply with the limitations placed on its dimensions by Jewish law, Herod built a great plaza around the Temple. To construct this platform, Herod built a box around Mount Moriah and filled it in. The plaza covered this box and expanded the available land at the peak of the mountain covering approximately 480 x 300m (about the size of six football pitches). The retaining walls of this box were themselves cause for wonder and the "Kotel" or Western Wall (the holiest site in modern Judaism) is one part of the western retaining wall (but not actually a wall of the Temple proper). The walls are 5m thick and made up of enormous stones weighing between 2 and 100 tons (there is even one that weighs 400 tons) with an average stone being about 10 tons. There is no mortar between them, and they sit so closely together that not even a piece of paper can fit between them. Such fine handling of the stones is

incomprehensible given that even today's modern machinery cannot move such heavy stones.

The overall appearance of the walls which were about the height of a 20 storey building is remarkable. Normally, standing at the base of such a building an illusion is created in which the building appears to be falling down on top of the viewer, but standing at the base of the Temple's retaining walls this did not happen. It was prevented by the fact that the margins carved around the edge of the stones differed, being slightly wider on the bottom than on the top. In addition, each level was staggered with successive courses of stones indented 3 cm relative to the course below. The precision with which stones weighing over 100 tons were placed 2000 years ago is astounding and mystifying. Furthermore, these stones were merely part of the retaining walls that supported the plaza on which the Temple stood and thus only a prelude to the even more incredible sight of the Temple itself.

Before work began on the Temple, Herod spent eight years stockpiling materials for its construction. Then, a workforce of over 10,000 men began its construction including a contingent of 1,500 specially trained priests who were the only ones permitted to work on the innermost and holiest parts of the Temple. Building continued for a further twenty years, though the Temple was in a sufficiently ready state within three and a half years of its commencement to be dedicated.

A pilgrim would probably first go to the bank to change money as the coins of the realm, engraved with the head of Caesar were unacceptable for use in the Temple. The central "bank" in Jerusalem and some of the Law courts could be found on the Temple mount platform in a building called the royal portico or stoa. To reach this building (from which there was no direct access to the rest of the plaza) one climbed the stairs to an overpass that crossed over the main road and the markets that ran by the western wall. This overpass was another unique feat of engineering being the width of a four lane highway and possessing an arch made with stones having a combined weight of over 1,000 tons. In order to build this, the workers had to literally build a hill, construct the overpass on it, and then remove the hill leaving the overpass standing.

After changing money and before entering the Temple, the people were required to immerse themselves in a ritual bath. Despite the arid climate and meager natural water sources there were many such

baths in the city, filled using a series of aqueducts and pipes that stretched over 50 miles, 80km. After ritual immersion the Temple was then accessed via the southern or Hulda gates which led to tunnels built under the plaza that then emerged on to the plaza itself. The walls of these tunnels were lined with candles and the ceilings were carved and painted with intricate geometric designs simulating a Persian carpet.

Undoubtedly the centrepiece of this majestic complex was the Temple itself, a building of shining white marble and gold, with bronze entrance doors. The attention to detail in its construction is exemplified by the placing of gold spikes on the roof line of the building to prevent birds sitting on the Temple and soiling it.

On their arrival pilgrims could hear the sounds of the Levites who sang and played musical instruments at the entrance. The pilgrims would circle around the Temple seven times and then watch the various rituals, sit under the columned porticos that surrounded the plaza and listen or talk to the rabbis. The Temple area was divided into various areas for study, sacrifices, libation etc. and further divided according to a social hierarchy for gentiles, women, Israelites, Levites and Priests. Finally, in the centre of the Temple was the holy of holies, the innermost chamber of the Temple where the ark of the Law was kept. The High Priest alone was allowed to enter this inner sanctum, and then only once a year, on the Day of Atonement. The High Priest had to wear a belt around his waist so that in case of his unexpected death he could be pulled out without anyone else entering.

In the construction of the Temple nothing was overlooked. For example, to stop the inevitable crowding at the gates that would follow the conclusion of a service, the exiting stairs were designed to encourage people to spread out over a larger area. This attention to detail and the extraordinary feats of engineering were mirrored in the planning of the remainder of the city and its unique surrounds. The roads were made of paving stones weighing up to 19 tons, so stable that they hardly moved even when the massive stones from the walls above fell on them during the Temple's destruction. Beneath these pavements was a complex sewerage and water system that enabled collection of the run off water and conserved a resource whose scarcity and value was accentuated by its requirement for ritual bathing and the performing of sacrifices.

William Holden - Drawn from various sources



## Small Donations Scheme

We have reintroduced the above scheme, or SDS, which ran very successfully up to several years ago. The idea is to give people the opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of items which are one-off purchases or materials which we use. These donations are not regular but are on an “as and when able” basis which may be of something which they are interested in.

The next edition of Keynotes will then contain a “thank you” notice for the gift which can be anonymous or include the sponsor’s name.

Mandy has produced a list of items which may appeal to the congregation and any discussion can be held in confidence with her. This list includes the following;

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Easter Paschal Candle	£ 33.58
Music Licence	£149.15
Altar Breads for communion	£ 10.94

## Happens

Stress makes you believe everything has to happen immediately.

Faith reassures you that everything happens in God’s timing.

## **REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School (except for the first Sunday of the month)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00 pm - St Peter's @ 4 family service

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## **PARISH EVENTS DIARY**

**The following events taking place in June and July as notified are:**

**Friday 17th June- Free lunchtime concert - 1.10pm  
Michele Scopes - Violin and Abigail Wilsher - Piano**

**Saturday 18th June - Summer Fair - 11.30am until 2.30pm**

**Saturday 9th July - Tim's hymns and Pimms - 6.30pm**

**Saturday 16th July - Free lunchtime concert - 1.10pm  
Freddie Hand - Piano**

**Please continue to keep me informed of events that you have planned or know about by sending a message to our email address which is *stpetersadmin@zoho.com***

**The deadline for the July/August issue is  
9th June**

### **FRIDAYS AT ST PETER'S St Peter's 'Open Church' drop-in**

**The First Friday of each month  
10.30am – 12noon**

**For coffee, conversation and companionship.**

**We are open between 10.30am and 12 noon for you to 'drop-in' for a coffee, piece of cake and a chat. A very warm welcome awaits you, so please do 'drop-in' we'd love to see you.**



## THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOUR

With the dry spring I am concerned about the potential quality of the fruit this season as I have not been able to water the fruit garden. The month of June, with the long summer evenings, is a good time to walk round the garden to see what needs to be done. Keep weeds in check and when clear mulch with grass cuttings. This should restrain further growth. Check fruit trees and bushes for broken branches and tidy these up. Also, ensure that growth is not crowding out and that canes of blackberries and loganberries are tied back.

Where fruit is vulnerable to birds or squirrels protect it by netting. This is a step I will need to do with my fan shaped plum which is growing against the fence that is a highway for squirrels.

Cut out any suckers sprouting up a foot or two away from raspberry canes but not the new growth coming from the base of the old cane.

Pinch out the shoots on the grape vines to encourage the formation of healthy bunches of grapes.

Remove any rotten apples immediately.

Fruiting bushes and trees will need to be watered regularly in dry spells. A little and often is better than a once-a-week soaking.

Given the right mixture of sunshine and rain, particularly the latter at the time of writing, we could have a reasonably fruitful season.

The Fruit Farmer



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR GARDEN?**

- 1) Check plants daily and water them if the soil is dry.
- 2) Harden off any remaining half-hardy bedding plants ready for planting out.
- 3) Keep on top of weeding.
- 4) Harden off and move hanging baskets and containers growing on in the greenhouse into their final positions.
- 5) Continue to thin out drifts of hardy annual plants if they are overcrowded.
- 6) Lift and divide clumps of Snowdrops and Bluebells once the leaves start to yellow.
- 7) Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of flower bulbs and tubers. Wait for bulb foliage to die down naturally before cutting back.
- 8) Pinch out tips of Fuschias to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers.
- 9) Dead head your Roses if they are repeat flowering.
- 10) Stake tall perennial plants to prevent wind damage.
- 11) As new shoots grow, use soft ties to train climbing plants such as Honeysuckle and Clematis to their supports.
- 12) Towards the end of June, if your hardy Geraniums have finished flowering, cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers.
- 13) Start to feed containers with a balanced liquid fertiliser every 2 to 4 weeks.
- 14) Turn the compost in your bins every month to keep it well aerated.
- 15) If there has not been much rain, raise your lawn mower blades to reduce stress on the grass.
- 16) Warm weather encourages rapid weed growth - apply specific lawn weed killer.
- 17) Feed your lawn with special lawn fertiliser to encourage healthy green growth.



## COME INTO MY KITCHEN.....

I think most of us have frozen peas in our freezer, they are such a quick addition to any meal. But here they take more of a starring role!

### **PEA AND MINT SOUP WITH RICOTTA AND LEMON CROSTINI**

SERVES 4

2tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus a drizzle  
6 chopped spring onions  
2 cloves of garlic, 1 sliced, 1 halved  
750ml vegetable stock  
700g frozen peas  
small bunch of mint, leaves picked and shredded  
100ml single cream, plus a drizzle  
4-8 slices ciabatta  
150g ricotta  
1 lemon, zested and a squeeze of juice  
a handful of pea shoots

Heat 2tbsp of oil in a pan over a medium-high heat and fry the spring onions a sliced garlic for a few minutes until fragrant.

Add the stock and peas and bring to a simmer. Cook for 5-8 minutes or until the peas are bright green and tender. Add most of the mint and whizz with a stick blender until smooth. Pour in the cream and blend again until creamy. Strain if you want a really smooth soup and add a splash more stock if you prefer a thinner soup. Reheat to serve.

Toast the ciabatta, then rub with the halved garlic clove. Whip the ricotta in a bowl with the lemon zest, a squeeze of juice and some



seasoning. Spoon over the crostini. Divide the soup between bowls, drizzle with a little more cream and olive oil and scatter with pea shoots.

Serve with the crostini.

## **SEARED SALMON WITH PEA PUREE**

SERVES 2

1tbsp salted butter  
1 long shallot, finely chopped  
500g frozen peas  
100ml vegetable stock  
½ lemon, juiced, plus wedges to serve  
2 fillets skin-on salmon  
olive oil to drizzle  
a pinch of dried chilli flakes  
a pinch sumac  
50g feta, crumbled (optional)  
a small handful of micro herbs, pea shoots, watercress or rocket, to serve

Melt the butter in a small pan and fry the shallot for a few minutes until softened. Add the peas and stock and simmer for 5-10 minutes or until the peas are bright green and tender, and most of the liquid has evaporated. Use a stick blender or liquidiser to whizz to a smooth puree. Season well and add the lemon juice to taste. Add a splash of water if you prefer a looser puree.

Season the salmon on both sides then rub all over with oil. Heat a non-stick frying pan over high heat and sear, skin-side down, for 3-4 minutes or until the skin is crisp. Flip and cook for 2-3 minutes or until cooked to your liking.

Spoon the puree into two shallow bowls and top with the salmon, skin-side up. Scatter with the feta, if using, sumac and chilli flakes.

Top with the salad and a drizzle more of oil.

And finally, a barbecue treat!

## **BANANA SPLIT S'MORES**

SERVES 4

4 ripe bananas  
50g dark chocolate chips  
25g mini marshmallows  
4 digestive biscuits, crushed  
mixed nuts, chopped  
whipped cream or ice cream to serve

Cut the bananas along one side, through the peel so you start to cut into the flesh, but don't go all the way through. Gently open out along the cut to make a small pocket for the fillings. Stuff the bananas with the chocolate chips and marshmallows. Double wrap in foil, leaving a small gap where the fillings are to allow the marshmallows to expand.

Put the banana parcels into a cooler part of the coals of a barbecue or in the oven at 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Cook for 15-20 minutes or until the parcels are soft when pressed gently.

Open the foil parcels to reveal the blackened bananas, then top with the crushed biscuits, nuts and whipped cream or ice cream.

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## **FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES**

**Our afternoon concert series continues with**

**Michele Scopes - Violin  
Abigail Wilsher - Piano**

**1.10 p.m. on Friday 17th June**

**The Recital is for approximately 40 minutes**

**Refreshments provided.**

**There is no admission charge, but donations in support  
of our choir fund will be gratefully accepted.**

**All welcome!**

## **JUNE FESTIVALS AND SAINTS.**

### **5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

Pentecost is the Greek name for the Feast of the Weeks, with the name deriving from being fifty days after the Passover. This was the feast when the first fruits of the corn harvest were presented. Deut 16.9. In the Christian Church this is the feast of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and is ranked second to Easter in importance.

### **12<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday**

This is the central dogma of Christian theology, that one God exists in Three Persons and One Substance. This doctrine is held to be a mystery in the strict sense, in that it can neither be known by unaided human reason apart from revelation, nor cogently demonstrated by reason after it has been revealed. Although the mystery is above reason it is not contrary to reason. Although not explicit in the Bible there are many passages in St John's Gospel where Jesus refers to he and the Father being one and the Holy Spirit. John 14.11, 16 and 26. In St Matthew we have the baptismal formula of Matt. 28.19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

Here is part of the Athanasian Creed stating the belief in more detail.

And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal. As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty. And yet they are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

## **16<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi**

Today is appointed in the calendar as a Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. Added to that description are the Latin words by which the Thursday after Trinity Sunday is more commonly known among those who celebrate it — *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ. The festival day has been overlaid with all sorts of rite and ceremonial that emphasise an aspect of some beliefs, namely that the elements of bread and wine, after the priestly prayer of consecration really are the body and blood of Christ, and therefore are to be adored in the same way that we might adore Christ or a relic of Christ.

The history of this day is that it commemorates the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday also commemorates the Supper but coming in Holy Week and beginning the great Three Days of the paschal feast, there are other things that rightly take priority. So, with the three paschal days complete, and the fifty days of Eastertide complete, and the old week (or *octave*) of Pentecost complete, this is the first Thursday available for the commemoration. Having a separate festival of the Eucharist allows the celebration not to be muted by sadness.

After the Reformation, the feast ceased to be celebrated in the Church of England. When the Oxford Movement gathered momentum in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century many Anglo-Catholic parishes restored Reservation of the Sacrament and introduced Corpus Christi processions and adoration. Our Eucharistic joy compels us to go out unto the world and share that joy by helping to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and free the oppressed.

## **29th June - Feast of St Peter (Our Patron Saint)**

Saint Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. Jesus told Peter that he would be the rock on which his

Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. (This is depicted on the window in our Chapel.)

Peter played a big part in the early Church. He is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost, and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle that carries his name was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly doorkeeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible and one with whom it is easy to identify because of his human frailties.

In England, there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially

Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to Saints Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

Compiled by William Holden from various sources.

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Gracious God, we give You thanks  
for the reign of Your servant Elizabeth our Queen,  
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Fundraising	£	30
Keynotes subs/adverts	£	160
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>5139</b>

### Payments

Parish Contribution	£	6042
Salaries	£	717
Utilities and Insurance	£	392
Rectory/Rector's expenses	£	452
PCC reimbursement of expenses	£	262
Community Centre running costs	£	102
Upkeep of services	£	106
Printing costs	£	256
Funds sent to charity	£	387
Bank & Sum Up fees	£	8
Church running costs	£	210
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>8934</b>

**Year to date deficit £12,336**

### Thank you for your sponsorship

Our grateful thanks go to the person, wishing to remain anonymous, who very kindly donated £80 towards the cost of a new small lawnmower for the graveyard.

If you would like to make a donation to help with the funding of some of the items of expenditure in and around our Church then please contact Mandy Gander, our Treasurer.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reading, Commemorations &amp; Intentions</b> Calendar for June (Year C)
<b>WEDS</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<i>Justin, martyr, c165</i> <i>All people suffering persecution</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<i>Aldrington School</i>
<b>FRI</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<i>Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977</i> <i>All teachers</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Petroc, abbot, 6<sup>th</sup> Century</i> <i>All youth workers</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost also known as Whit Sunday</b> <b>Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8. 14-17 John 14.8-17, 25-27</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Ini Kapuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945</i> <i>Doctors, Nurses and Health care professionals</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711</i> <i>All Church musicians</i>
<b>THURS</b> <b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597. Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, hymn writer, teacher of the faith, 373</i> <i>Hove Deanery Synod</i>
<b>FRI</b> <b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our Choir</i>
<b>SAT</b> <b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Our Suffragan Bishops, Ruth and Will</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31 Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council</i>
<b>TUES</b> <b>14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691</i> <i>Local Businesses</i>
<b>WEDS</b> <b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941</i> <i>Our prayer life</i>

	<b>Reading, Commemorations &amp; Intentions</b> Calendar for June (Year C)
<b>THURS 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. (Corpus Christi) All Clergy</b>
<b>FRI 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Samuel and Henrietta Bearnett, Social Reformers, 1913 &amp; 1936 Our Foodbank</i>
<b>SAT 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Bernard Mezeki, Martyr, 1896 Social Justice</i>
<b>SUN 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Trinity 1 Kings 19.1-4 Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39</b>
<b>MON 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>All involved in the distribution of food</i>
<b>TUES 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<i>All Farmers</i>
<b>WEDS 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<i>Alban, first Martyr of Britain The Bishop's Council</i>
<b>THURS 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<i>Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely, c678 All food manufacturers</i>
<b>FRI 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Birth of John the Baptist, Courage to proclaim the Gospel</i>
<b>SAT 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>All cleaning services</i>
<b>SUN 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>St Peter Our Patronal Festival Acts 12.1-11 1 Peter 2.19-25 Matthew 16.13-19</b>
<b>MON 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Cyril, Bishop, Teacher of the faith, 444 Bishop Martin</i>
<b>TUES 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>Irenaeus, bishop, Teacher of the Faith, c200 Peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East</i>
<b>WEDS 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul (St Peter transferred to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June) Spread of the Gospel</b>
<b>THURS 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>All hospital chaplains</i>

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Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence – and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day – and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching







