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Dear Friends

One thing which often intrigues me is how many churches, with Victorian stained glass, have a depiction of the Ascension of Jesus in the main east window. What was it about those responsible for the construction, restoration or beautification of our churches in the late nineteenth century that made them choose the Ascension of Jesus, rather than his birth, death or resurrection? Of course, lots of churches do have the birth, death or resurrection (or all three) as their fenestration focus, but there is definitely a larger-than-one-would expect number of churches with the Ascension as the centrepiece.

St Paul's, as you will know, is one such church. In fact, we don't have any stained glass or paintings or imagery portraying the other significant moments of his birth, life, death and resurrection.

I suspect one reason would have been the wishes of those whose generosity caused such windows to be made. The brass plaque on the north wall of the sanctuary tells us that our east window was given in 1892 in memory of 'Lewis and Jane Phillips, late of Beaulieu in this parish... by their family'. There's a wonderful sense here of Christian hope. The window depicts Jesus ascending to heaven. Presumably this was the hope that Lewis and Jane had, and the hope that their affectionate family had for them when they made such a generous donation to this church. The window is in itself a confident prayer that Lewis and Jane – and all of us – would share in the glory of Jesus, the wonder of heaven.

Later this month we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension, the fortieth day of Easter, with a Sung Eucharist in church. I always look forward to this celebration, and it's always a good service to preach at, with such an obvious visual aid to hand. May we this Ascension Day rejoice in the glory of Jesus, risen, ascended and glorified. As we hope — with *Christian* hope —that those who have gone before us may share in his glory, so we pray that our own pilgrimage on earth may end in the joy of heaven.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in May 2022



Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said publically Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm

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

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	_	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
			9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
М	2	St Philip and St James		_	Rob, Bishop of Edmonton
T	3				Peace in Ukraine
W	4	English Saints and Martyrs of	12.30pm	Eucharist	Ecumenism
		the Reformation Era			
T	5				Local elections
F	6				The environment
S	7			Pilgrimage to St Peter's	Missionaries
				Chapel	
S	8	FOURTH SUNDAY OF	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		EASTER	9.15am	Joyful Noise	l
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			12noon	St Paul's School Service	
М	9				Those preparing for ordination
T	10		2.30pm	St Paul's School Service	St Paul's School
W	Ш		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our churchwardens
T	12				The terminally ill
F	13				Racial equality
S	14	St Matthias	9am	Eucharist	Our committees
S	15	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
3		THE THOUSANDAN ON EASTER	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	our pursur uno la people
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			12noon	Holy Baptism	
М	16		12.30pm	Memorial Service	Victims of crime
T	17		12.50	T TETTOT ME SET TIES	Our children and young people
w	18		12.30pm	Eucharist	The elderly
ï	19	St Dunstan	9am	St Paul's School Service	Sarah, Bishop of London
Ė	20	St Alcuin	/aiii	SC FAULS SCHOOL SELVICE	Academics
s	21	Je Alculii			Prisoners of war
S	22	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
3	22	SIATITI SUNDAT OF EASTER	9.15am	loyful Noise	our parish and its people
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
			12noon	Annual Meetings	
М	23		12110011	Annual Fleerings	Local hospitals
T	24				Our Ministry Team
w	25	The Venerable Bede	12.30pm	Eucharist	,
**	26	ASCENSION DAY			Those sitting exams
-		ASCENSION DAT	8pm	Sung Eucharist	Seeking the glory of God
F	27				The renewal of the Church
S	28	SEVENTEL SUBJECT OF		0.15 1	Those who work in sport
S	29	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF	8am	Said Eucharist	Our parish and its people
		EASTER	9.15am	Joyful Noise Eucharist	l
			10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
M	30				Refugees
T	31	The Visit of the BVM	I	l	Devotion to the BVM

Services times are subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)



FROM THE REGISTERS MARCH 2022

BAPTISMS

13th March Theodora Papasavva

27th March Annie Hine

FLOWER ROTA MAY 2022

7th May Adele Houldsworth

14th May Sharon Saunders

21th May Sally Shearman

28th May Elaine Bunce

We would like to thank Adele, our Flower Arranging Organizer, and her team for the beautiful Easter flowers arrangements at St Paul's.

Adele would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the flower arranging team.

You can contact Adele on 020 8360 3676.



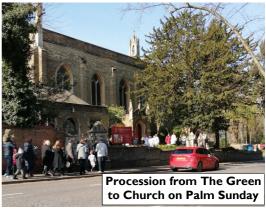
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Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.

Amen

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S



















LUMINARIES: TWENTY LIVES THAT ILLUMINATE THE CHRISTIAN WAY BY ROWAN WILLIAMS



SERGEI BULGAKOV

(1871 - 1944)

This Russian Orthodox theologian and spiritual director is probably unknown to most of us. However, it seems fitting at the moment to think about this man and his faith, considering the period of time in which he lived. Williams starts his chapter on Bulgakov with the comment that the twentieth century was a nightmare era for most of continental Europe in a way that we perhaps do not understand living in Britain and from the distance created by the passage of time.

It seems that in these days we are witnessing something of just what that time was like for millions of people across Eastern Europe as we struggle to come to terms with the fact that once again there is a war on European soil.

This history however helps to make 'the beginnings of Christianity more intelligible', Williams suggests, as Jesus's preaching and the witness of the early church 'took place in a world where the end of all things was expected'. Indeed, Williams points out that 'a great deal of what Jesus taught was about how to live through the end of the world, when all that you consider to be familiar, controllable and reliable disappears.'

This certainly helps to explain the life of Bulgakov, who was born into a priest's family in rural Russia in 1871. He drifted away from his faith during his teens, studied economics and became a radical Marxist. He worked at the University of Kiev, but as he continued to research and publish on Marxist economics, it became clear that he had decided that Marxism was not enough for him and he found his way back to his Christian faith. He offered himself for ordination in 1917 on the eve of the Russian Revolution. He continued to work in the university, now in the Crimea, but when the Bolsheviks captured the region in 1920 he was removed from his post and in 1922 he was exiled to Paris, along with a great many other intellectuals. In Paris he formed the very famous Russian theological college of St Serge, and remained exiled there for the rest of his life.

His life is influential in that even early in the twentieth century, he could see the fatal weaknesses in the Marxist approach to humanity – an essay of his from 1903 was secretly copied and passed around in 1980's Soviet Union, rightly being seen as prophetic about the collapse of the system. This is why Williams includes him as a luminary, as Bulgakov was a theologian who tried to make sense of the world and humanity within it. He saw through some of the great temptations and seductions of the age and tried to find a way of living that held everything together 'in thought and prayer and action'.

Bulgakov has a great reputation as a spiritual director, and those who visited him in the last days of his life, talked about the light they saw in his face — more than simply a reflection, but a light emanating from him, just like the glowing of the face of Moses when he returned from being in the presence of God. Bulgakov is such a light, showing that God is the ultimate guide who makes sense of all things. Here is a quote from Bulgakov himself,

'The power of God triumphs by means of itself, not by means of the power of this world. For the world, there is no power of God. The world does not see and does not know the power of God: it laughs at the power of God. But Christians know that the sign of God is powerlessness in the world — the Infant in the manger.'

Sarah Elkins

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Our food collection point in the church porch is available for anyone to use - no questions asked and no referral needed. Anyone in need is invited to take up to 6 cans per household per visit. Surplus cans are shared with local parishes for similar purposes and with the North Enfield Foodbank.

Donations of non-perishable packeted and tinned food are always very welcome.







ST PAUL'S CHURCH MAY FAIR

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!



Saturday 14th May 11am-2pm

If you can donate any of the following goods for the Fair, please bring them to the back of church any time!

If donating cakes, please bring these on Friday May 13th or before 10am on Saturday May 14th

Books Bottles CDs DVDs Cakes
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Toys Tombola Prizes Games

Jam jars Complete jigsaws Bags of sweets



We need volunteers to:

- Set up on the Friday
- Help out on Saturday

Please contact Susie if interested: susie.godwin87@hotmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS ALISON!



On Sunday 3rd April, I ran the Manchester Marathon to raise money for CALM, a charity very close to my heart following the death of my nephew Lewis on 2nd April last year.

Following 3 months of serious training, I woke on 3rd April feeling ready for the challenge.

I ran alongside the $4\frac{1}{2}$ hour pacer for the first 20 miles but then lost them at a water station and did not have the energy to catch them up again.

In the end I got round the 26.2 mile course in 4 hours 50 minutes, which was around 40 minutes quicker than I ran the London Marathon I4 years ago. Quite an achievement I think!

I was absolutely overwhelmed by the support and am delighted to have raised just under £3,000 for CALM.



Alison Perera



Many congratulations Alison on this amazing achievement.

Not only did you raise an incredible amount of money for CALM, you ran the marathon in a remarkable time and still managed to look incredibly relaxed at the end of the race!

Ed.

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY MAY 2022

MU Cake Stall at the May Fair on 14th May

Calling all cooks - small and large cakes needed to stock our stall.

Cakes can be dropped off at the Hall on the previous evening or before 10am on the day of the Fair.

Enrolment of MU Members on Sunday 15th May

Some MU members will be enrolled during the 10.30 service. Please come along to support those being enrolled.



Thursday 19th May at 2 pm

Theresa Davis will give a talk on Dorset Buttons A little known, ancient craft This meeting will be held in the church.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OUR MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS



I am sure everyone at St. Paul's will be very pleased and proud to learn that Sue Chambers was chosen to be a recipient of Maundy money, this year presented by the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. At the Royal Maundy Thursday Service, which commemorates Jesus washing the apostles feet at the Last Supper, Maundy money is presented to those who have done exceptional work in their church community. The amount is equal to the number of years the queen has lived, this year 96 specially minted Platinum jubilee pence were given to 96 men and 96 women.



For many years Sue has served our church tirelessly in many roles, many of which she continues to do. She has been Church warden, now a Sideman, helps to lead confirmation classes, edits our Parish magazine and is Leader of our Mothers' Union branch (the largest in London), together with lots more behind the scenes and most importantly a friend and support to many. She richly deserves this honour.

Sue, who attended the service with her daughter Christine, said it was a most enjoyable, memorable day, in beautiful sunshine. Congratulations Sue.

Cheryl Humphreys

ROYAL MAUNDY MONEY



Each recipient was given two small leather purses, one red and one white.

The first contained a small amount of ordinary coinage which symbolised the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. This year the coins (a £5 coin and a 50p coin) were specially created to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

The second purse contained Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age. The coins (4p, 3p, 2p and 1p coins to the value of 96p) are legal tender but, unsurprisingly, are usually retained as a

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