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Dear Friends

I am very glad that, from 5th September, we will be introducing a new – and hopefully – permanent Sunday service pattern. From a cursory glance you'd be forgiven for thinking that this is simply a reversion to the *old*, pre-pandemic pattern. This isn't entirely the case, so I thought I'd use this month's clergy letter to outline how Sundays will work from now on.

Back in 2019, the PCC accepted some recommendations made by a Working Group chaired by Tom Smith regarding the relationship between and development of our Sunday services. This new service is pattern is the (rather delayed) implementation of these recommendations. At the heart of our plans is to see *all* of our services and congregations grow and flourish, with a particular emphasis on making the Eucharist at 10.30am more inclusive of families.

So, from September, a normal Sunday at St Paul's will look like this:

8am Said Eucharist

9.15am Joyful Noise (Eucharist on 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays of the month)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

So, what's changing?

Names of services. The names we've been using for services up to now has been quite inconsistent, and some words, such as 'Family' and 'Parish' implied things we didn't really mean. For example, by calling the service at 9.15am a 'Family Service', it made it sound as though families weren't welcome at the service at 10.30am. Which couldn't be further from the case!

9.15am Joyful Noise. Adults and children will continue to worship in church together, and this service will be more intentionally aimed at families with pre-school children. We're conscious that, in the past, this service hasn't always been as well-resourced as it could be, so, over the next six months or so, we'll be making some changes to develop the worship and music and to encourage more lay participation, from both adults and children.

10.30am Sung Eucharist. The principal development at this service will be to enhance and develop children's activities and participation. From September we're launching re-branded children's activities for children in Key Stages 1, 2 and 3, and hope, in time, to provide a crèche for small children and babies. These groups will meet in the hall for part of the service, as before, but one significant change is that the children's groups will take it in turns to be present for the entirety of this service, taking an active role in the liturgy. The Sung Eucharist will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

Choral Evensong. Evensong is one of the jewels in the crown of Anglican liturgy and worship, but, pre-pandemic, numbers at this service were unsustainably low. From September, rather than having Evensong once a month, we will hold a higher-profile, termly Evensong. Each Evensong will have a theme, and will include a guest preacher, and will be preceded and/or followed by either an educational or social event. The first of these Evensongs will be on Sunday 10 October at 6pm.

All-Together Eucharist. In 2019 we trialled five All-Together Eucharists, at 10am, replacing the services at 9.15am and 10.30am. This will now become a permanent arrangement, with All-Together Eucharists for Harvest Festival, Advent Sunday, Patronal Festival, Palm Sunday (with procession from the Green), and a Sunday in early summer, normally coinciding with the Vicarage garden party. These services will incorporate and celebrate elements of both Joyful Noise and the Sung Eucharist. We've decided to have just five a year, so that they don't disrupt the regular service pattern, and don't happen so often that they cease to feel special. The first will be for Harvest Festival on Sunday 3 October, and, to avoid a potentially very crowded church building, we'll hold this in the car park. For more details about how all this will work, including FAQs and information about Covid-19 restrictions, please visit our website: www.spwh.org

Sunday is the most important day of our week: it's the Lord's Day, when his people gather to offer one sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to celebrate the mystery of our redemption. I'm really excited by our plans to develop and grow our worship and ministry on Sundays, and can't wait to see God working through it.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist

A simple celebration of Holy Communion in traditional language.

9.15am Joyful Noise

A service aimed at very young children and their families. Eucharist (Holy Communion) on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month.

10.30am Sung Eucharist

A sung celebration of Holy Communion, suitable for all ages, with age-appropriate groups for children and young people.

For weekday and special services see notices.



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

11 am	Wednesday 8 th September	Birth of the Virgin Mary
9 am	Tuesday 14 th September	Holy Cross Day
11 am	Wednesday 15 th September	St Cyprian
9 am	Tuesday 21 st September	St Matthew
11 am	Wednesday 29 th September	St Michael and All Angels

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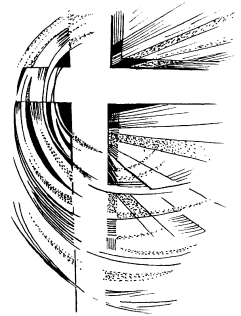
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Collect for the Festival of St Michael and All Angels (29th September)

SEPTEMBER 2021 FLOWER ROTA

4th September Adele Houldsworth
11th September Elaine Bunce
18th September Sharon Saunders
25th September Sally Shearman

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the team. Both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like to develop their skills would be very welcome. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

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

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THOMAS CRANMER 1489 TO 1556



Why are some people remembered for hundreds of years? In some cases because they have left something tangible which is still valued. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer is chiefly remembered for the Book of Common Prayer, the first edition published in 1549 followed by a second in 1552. Today we still use the 1662 edition, although today Common Worship is probably more widely used. The beauty of the language is undeniable, although at one time it was criticised as repetitive and that even after leading the worshipper into praise and thanksgiving it returns to penitence. Rowan Williams in his book of Luminaries wrote, 'God is always in

excess of what can be said' and 'just as the insistent reversion to penitence in the Communion Order is not neurotic uncertainty but the sober expression of the truth that we never move on from being saved sinners, and amazement at God's free forgiveness has to be spoken out again and again.'

Cranmer never expected he would ever hold public office or come to the attention of Henry VIII, but a suggestion he made in a private conversation was reported to the King. This led to ambassadorial work which in turn led to his meeting a number of Lutheran Diviners and in particular he met pastor Dr Andreas Osiander, whose niece he married. Although Cranmer was a priest he never dreamt what a handicap marriage would prove to be so soon afterwards when he was recalled by Henry to be Archbishop of Canterbury. The King worked hard to make sure that there would be no delay in the issue of the papal bulls permitting Cranmer's consecration.

Henry had fallen in love with Anne Boleyn and secretly married her because she was pregnant. Cranmer on his return to England must have realised Henry intended him to decide the matrimonial issue, even if it involved a rupture with Rome. Cranmer, by now a convinced reformer, could not in conscience make the oath of allegiance to the Pope knowing it would almost certainly be broken, so before his consecration he read a protestation in the presence of five ecclesiastical lawyers that his oaths to the Pope were only taken so far as they were consistent with his duty of obedience to the King. When Cranmer

took the oath during the service he added words for his conscience sake.

Cranmer was consecrated on 30th March 1533. In May, Cranmer opened his court at Dunstable Priory having summoned Queen Katherine to attend, but she did not answer his summons. For 13 days Stokesley and two other Bishops examined the evidence. At the end Cranmer gave his formal sentence that the marriage of Henry and Katherine was null and void and five days later he pronounced Henry and Anne's marriage valid.

In 1536 Katherine died and the 10 articles, the first articles of faith, were issued by the Church of England and adopted by convocation at Henry's desire. In 1537 these were superseded by the Bishops' Book, and in 1543 by a revision known as the King's Book. These expounded the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Ave Maria and various disputes between Rome and the Church of England. Henry also required people to be taught in English and a Bible in English in every church. Cranmer was partly responsible for the ten articles and the dissemination of the Bible in the vernacular.

In 1547 Edward VI came to the throne and during his reign delegated authority to the Privy Council. They issued various injunctions and the church was moved in a more Calvinistic direction - in 1547 ordered sermons to be preached against the Pope's authority, in 1548 recognition of clerical marriage, 1549 and 1552 imposed the first and second editions of the Book of Common Prayer, in 1550 a new Ordinal and in 1553 the 1552 forty two articles, a collection of Anglican formulas. Cranmer was largely responsible for the abolition of old church ceremonies, the destruction of images and the 42 Articles, but most importantly for the book of Common Prayer. At the end of his reign, Edward VI signed a document instructing that his cousin Jane Grey should succeed him. Cranmer was the last to sign, torn between his loyalty to the deceased Henry and his dying son.

On the accession of Mary, Cranmer was condemned to death for treason but pardoned. After an uprising in 1554 Mary decided to rule more sternly and Cranmer was accused of heresy. He was tried twice in 1554 but the first trial was regarded as void because papal authority had not been restored. At his second trial that year in Oxford he was found guilty and publicly stripped of all symbols of office. In the 5 weeks before his death he was still pressed to recant. On the morning of his execution he was induced to sign a seventh submission. When the time came for Cranmer to proclaim his recovered faith he began by reading a poem and a prayer he had written, then he said the Apostles Creed. He then spoke as if he was about to read his latest recantation but instead he said he had written what he did not believe to be true because of his

fear of death but now he would put the hand which had written these things into the flames first. When he reached the pyre he knelt in prayer before stripping himself of his shirt and baring his head and feet. He shook the hands of some bystanders and went to the stake. A bystander of the old faith testified to Cranmer's courage in the flames and that he did indeed put his hand in to be burnt first.

Commenting on letters Cranmer sent to Henry in unhopeful defence of Anne Boleyn and Thomas Cromwell, Rowan Williams wrote that they show a man constitutionally timid and that 'what both letters in effect say is: I thought I saw the truth about this person; if I was wrong, I was more deceived than I could have thought possible. How in this world can even the King of England know the truth of his servants' hearts? I see both what I always saw and the possibility that it has all been a lie. Is this a world where we can have certainty enough to kill each other? And in his last days, this was Cranmer's curse. If there was no easy certainty enough to kill for, was their certainty enough to die for?'

Cranmer found his courage once he recognised 'the word of God is not bound' and he could only follow his conscience and trust in God's love and mercy.

Rowan Williams concludes 'when we say that the word of God is not bound, we say that death itself can be the living speech of God, as the Word was uttered once and for all in the silence at the end of Good Friday.'

Christine Morton

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY SEPTEMBER 2021

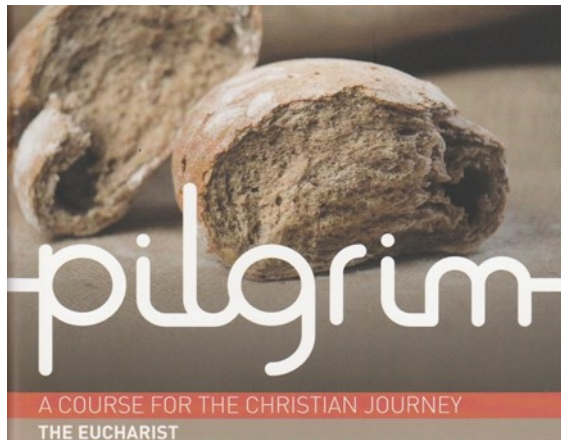
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SUE JOHNSON, OUR DIOCESAN PRESIDENT, WILL LEAD THIS MEETING DURING WHICH WE WILL BE DISCUSSING IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE MOTHERS' UNION.

OUR IDEAS WILL HELP TO INFORM FURTHER NATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON REVISIONING THE MU.

It would be good if we could support this meeting and join in the discussions.

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We were treated to a wonderfully entertaining evening of light music in church on 30th July. Cecelia Cadman, who was brought up in Booton and now lives and works in Vienna, sang for us accompanied on the piano by Calum Zuckert. We heard songs ranging from Schubert to Sondheim, and Debussy's solo for piano 'Deux Arabesques'. The large audience was delighted when the evening ended with an unexpected encore, a particularly enter-



taining rendition of Robert Burn's 'Charlie is my darling'. A huge thank you goes to Cecelia and Calum for such an entertaining evening. It lifted the spirits of everyone who attended and was such a tonic after months of lockdown. Our thanks also go to the Social Committee for serving Pimms beforehand and during the interval. The perfect drink for a summer evening. The concert raised over £300.



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3RD OCTOBER 2021

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- + 8 am - Said Eucharist
- + 10 am - All-Together Eucharist
in car park.



All of the Harvest Festival gifts that are donated on Sunday 3rd October will be taken to the North Enfield Foodbank. This is one of the Trussell Trust's network of 425 Foodbanks that provide emergency food and support for people in crisis. This is a greatly needed service as 1 in 5 of the UK population lives below the poverty line.



The North Enfield Foodbank was founded by the Jubilee Church in 2012 and it is supported by local churches and community groups. These organisations work together towards stopping hunger in our local area. Individuals or families are referred by local organisations and care professionals in order to

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The Foodbank welcomes all donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries and babies' nappies.

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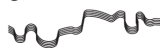
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