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PARISH LETTER

Dear Friends

At the end of September the church celebrates the feast of St Michael and All Angels (29th September). It's always been a feast close to my heart. I grew up – and learnt the faith – in a parish dedicated to St Michael. Then, as a young adult, I spent a year working in a parish in Brighton with the same dedication to test my vocation to the priesthood. And, a few years ago, I am quite certain that I came face-to-face with an angel. But that's a story for another time.

It's a feast which has, traditionally, had an important place in our national calendar. It is one of the historic 'quarter days', and many universities and schools – including my own almae matres – refer to this as the Michaelmas Term. Familiar, purple-flowered perennials which flower at the end of this month are Michaelmas daisies.

And it's an important feast because it is an annual reminder of the existence and ministry of the angels. The collect for this day captures this beautifully:

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels alway do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Michael and All Angels is one of three 'red letter days' which occur on weekdays in September. (So-called because they are written in red ink in calendars.) We nearly always celebrate these days with a said Eucharist in church, and, this month, we're experimenting with having these at 12.30pm, so the same time as our usual Wednesday Eucharist. So come to church on 29th September, as we join our voices with the angels and archangels in their joyful hymn of praise.

With love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in September 2023



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 |
|-----|------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| F | ı | | | | Teachers |
| S | 2 | | | | The homeless |
| S | 3 | The THIRTEENTH SUNDAY | 8am | Said Eucharist | Our parish and its people |
| | | after TRINITY | 9.15am | Joyful Noise Eucharist | |
| | | | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist | |
| М | 4 | | | | Those starting school |
| T | 5 | | | | Refugees |
| W | 6 | | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Our MP |
| Т | 7 | | | | HM Armed Forces |
| F | 8 | The Birth of the BV Mary | | | Devotion to Mary |
| S | 9 | | | | The faithful departed |
| S | 10 | The FOURTEENTH | 8am | Said Eucharist | Our parish and its people |
| | | SUNDAY after TRINITY | 9.15am | Joyful Noise | , , |
| | | | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist | |
| М | 11 | | | | Those who live in poverty |
| Т | 12 | | | | Victims of human trafficking |
| W | 13 | St John Chrysostom | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Preachers |
| Т | 14 | Holy Cross | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Devotion to the Cross of Christ |
| F | 15 | St Cyprian | | | The persecuted Church |
| S | 16 | St Ninian | | | Missionaries |
| S | 17 | The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY | 8am | Said Eucharist | Our parish and its people |
| | | after TRINITY | 9.15am | Joyful Noise Eucharist | |
| | | | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist | |
| М | 18 | | | | Local businesses |
| T | 19 | | 9am | Whole School Service | St Paul's School |
| W | 20 | | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Peace in Ukraine |
| T | 21 | St Matthew | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Sarah, our Bishop |
| F | 22 | | | | The environment |
| S | 23 | | | | Our volunteers |
| S | 24 | The SIXTEENTH SUNDAY | 8am | Said Eucharist | Our parish and its people |
| | | after TRINITY | 9.15am | Joyful Noise | |
| | | | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist | |
| | | | 12noon | Holy Baptism | 1 |
| М | 25 | | | | Our local councillors |
| T | 26 | | | | North London Hospice |
| W | 27 | St Vincent de Paul | 12.30pm | Eucharist | Those who minister to the poor |
| T | 28 | | | | Our friends and families |
| F | 29 | St Michael and All Angels | 12.30pm | Eucharist | St Michael & AA, Negage |
| S | 30 | | | | Farming and agriculture |

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)

SEPTEMBER 2023 FLOWER ROTA

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9th September Adele Houldsworth

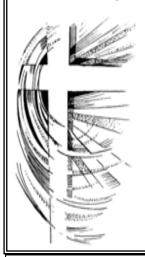
16th September Sally Shearman
 23rd September Sharon Saunders

30th September Group meeting to decorate the

church for Harvest Festival

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

FROM THE REGISTERS JULY 2023



BAPTISMS

9th July Eve Gaskell 23rd July Zoe Rowley 30th July Maia Shewring

FUNERAL

13th July Rex Burwood

WEDDING

22nd July Carla Aylott and Steffan Wennekes

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2. HYMNS, OR SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 117

Father Daniel ended his introduction to our series on the Psalms with a verse from Psalm 117. This is the shortest psalm in the psalter (the name given to the collection of psalms). Psalm 117 is also one of the category of psalms called hymns, or songs of praise. Whilst on one level all psalms are hymns, this category groups together the psalms which praise God.

The hymn psalms typically follow this pattern or structure:

- I. Introducing the call to praise. The Hebrew word "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord".
- 2. The main part of the psalm with the reason for the praise, which is often introduced by the word "for"
- 3. Concluding repetition of the call to praise.

We can see that Psalm 117 follows this exact structure. The repetition of the call to praise at the end gives the sense of an unending cycle of praise. We can think of our praise echoing throughout our day, and being taken up on the lips and hearts of countless other Jews and Christians all the day long. And some believe that this psalm was likely "the hymn" which St Matthew says was sung at the end of the Last Supper.

There are 36 or so hymn psalms (it is difficult to categorise some psalms, hence the approximation). These include variations on the same theme. So some hymns call on us to bless the Lord, or rejoice in the Lord as alternatives to praising the Lord.

The hymn psalms are mostly in the second half of the 150 psalms in the

psalter. The last six psalms are all hymn psalms. This means that we also end the book on a note and theme of praise. The last words of the last psalm are "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!". And most of the hymn psalms are thought to have been written after the Jews had been forced into exile.

The psalms don't just call on the Jewish people to praise God – in some psalms all nations are called on to join in the praise, and in others the exhortation is extended to the whole of creation, as well as the angels.

The psalms give various reasons for wanting to praise God. Typically these relate to God's greatness, as creator of the world and his relationship with the Jewish people, but most of all for me it is the natural response of the person who is loved to the person who loves them. Time and again we hear of God's steadfast love or loving kindness towards his creation. These expressions are translations of a single Hebrew word: hesed, and it refers to a love which goes beyond ordinary love, and a kindness which goes beyond ordinary kindness. How wonderful to have a single word with such potent meaning. We can delight in the appearance of the word each time we come across it in the psalms. It is a word for a relationship to which praise is the natural response. We do not praise God because he demands or expects it, or because we will suffer some consequence if we don't, but because it is our natural response – we instinctively want, and need to. The psalms sing to that want and need.

The psalms have and continue to inspire more recent hymns. These are just some of the hymns in our hymn book which are inspired by the hymns in the Jewish hymn book of psalms: Angle voices ever singing; Come ye faithful, raise the anthem; Glorious things of thee are spoken; God is working his purpose out; Great is thy faithfulness; Jesus shall reign where'er the sun; Mine eyes have seen the glory; O Lord my God; O praise thee the Lord; O worship the King; Praise my soul the King of heaven; and Rejoice, the Lord is King. So often when we sing, we are singing the psalms. Indeed, two of my most favourite hymns are in this list.

I will end with one of the best known hymn psalms, psalm 100, the inspiration for another hymn: All people that on earth do dwell (which will sing to the tune "The Old Hundredth" referring to the psalm number) and we can see that it follows the same typical pattern of the hymns psalms, and there is that word hesed is there again:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

And we end by giving our thanks for God's steadfast love and loving kindness to us all. Hallelujah!

Mark Ashworth

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Bless all who worship thee, From the rising of the sun Unto the going down of the same.

Of thy goodness, give us; By thy spirit, guide us; By thy power, protect us; In thy mercy, receive us, Now and always.



"At the Waters of Silence"

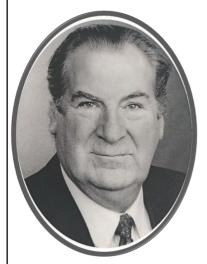


A Deanery Quiet Day Led by Bishop John Ford

Sometime Bishop of Plymouth and of the Murray, Australia

Saturday 30th September 2023
S. Luke's Church, Clay Hill.
10.00am – 4.00pm
All Welcome

Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided.



Peter was born in Tottenham in 1932, the youngest of the six children in his family. He was particularly close to his brother John, who was 15 months older than him, and during the Second World War the two of them were evacuated to Suffolk. He was only 15 years old when his mother died and he was deeply affected by her loss. Years later, when he met his future wife, Muriel, he adored her mother, and she him. He considered her his second mother.

Peter left school when he was 14, worked hard and eventually joined the law firm Simmons and Simmons and became a legal executive, dealing with conveyancing.

Peter met Muriel on a blind date and they married in June 1952 at St Gabriel's Church Bounds Green. They began married life in Firs Lane and later moved to Hoodcote Gardens, near to their good friends Doris and Terry Ricketts.

Being Christians, they quickly became involved in the life of St Paul's Church. Peter was our Sacristan and one of our team of servers for many years and he bought great dignity and seriousness to this role. Peter and Terry, who was also a server, even managed to maintain their dignity and poise on one occasion when, while clearing the altar after the Eucharist, Terry's sleeve caught fire on one of the altar candles and Peter found himself beating out the flames as they both exited into the vestry to sort themselves out before returning to the chancel a few moments later as if nothing had happened. (For many of us in the congregation at that service it was only because our organist, David Jeffrey's, started to improvise on the theme of 'London's Burning' that we noticed what was happening!)

It was Peter who suggested the idea of having a votive candle stand at St Paul's, but there was resistance for some time as it was felt to be too Catholic for our church. However, he persisted in making this

request to the PCC, and eventually it was agreed. Peter donated the votive candle stand that is still so well used in our church.

Peter loved babies and young children so it was a great delight for him when, in 1982, he became a grandfather for the first time. Being a father, grandfather and great grandfather brought him great joy.

When he retired at the age of 63, Peter had more time to enjoy his garden. He also became an active member of the Enfield Probus Club enjoying the meetings, outings and meals and making many new friends. Brian Chapman, already a close friend from St Paul's Church, was also a member of the Probus Club and when Brian became its President, Peter was the Vice President. He also joined the Grovelands Bowls Club with Brian and became quite a good player.

Many people rightly remember Peter as a very kind and thoughtful gentleman. As well as being such an active member of our church for so many years, he was always ready to help others, for example with lifts to hospital appointments. He had a presence and, even in recent years when holding on to his walker, he could still dominate a room. This was recently witnessed when Peter came to the Mothers' Union Fellowship Lunch in June this year. He made sure that he talked with all of his old friends who were there that day and there was much reminiscing and smiling. Peter's very dry sense of humour made him

very good company and his wit and sarcasm was enjoyed by all of his friends.

Peter missed Muriel very much and, although he was getting along with his new life in Blake Court, there was no doubt that there was a big hole in his world.

Peter is now reunited with his beloved Muriel. May they rest in peace together.





WELCOME COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10.30 TO 12 NOON

IN THE PAULIN ROOM (BACK HALL)

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The next of our popular coffee meetups is especially for you if you've started coming to St Paul's in the last year – but ALL are welcome to come along to the Paulin Room and garden for a chat over a cuppa. Children can get stuck into some craft activities, and there will be croissants!



SOME MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

On **Friday 15**th **September, at 7pm.** Fr Simon Morris will be inducted as the new Vicar of Holy Trinity, Winchmore Hill. Everyone is very welcome to attend this service, especially as there is a historic link between the parishes of St Paul's and Holy Trinity. The Vicar of St Paul's is the patron of Holy Trinity and responsible for presenting a new priest to the Bishop. Please pray for Fr Simon and for the parish.

On Saturday 23rd September, the Church St Peter and St Paul,

Enfield Lock, has organised a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and all are welcome! Travel will be by coach and the day includes a full pilgrimage programme in Walsingham. The cost of the pilgrimage is £30 for adults and £15 for under 18s. For more details contact Mark at mrd6264@gmail.com.

On **Saturday 30** th **September** there will be an Enfield Deanery Quiet Day at St Luke's, Clay Hill. More details on page 11.





Wednesday 1:30 to 3pm St Paul's Church on Church Hill

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At our Harvest Festival services on Sunday, Ist October, we will once again be collecting gifts for the North Enfield Foodbank. This is one of the Trussell Trust's national network of 428 Foodbanks that provide emergency food and support for people in crisis.



This is a greatly needed service as 22% of people living in the UK are currently living below the poverty line.

The North Enfield Foodbank was founded by the Jubilee Church in 2012 and it is supported by local churches, including our church, and community groups. The latest figures available for the North Enfield Foodbank show that in the last six months of 2022, 6,686 emergency food parcels were handed out - a 19% increase on the same period in 2021.

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NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

Many people think that the MU is just an opportunity for members of our congregation to get together, listen to a talk and then enjoy refreshments together - but it is much more than that!. It is an international charity supporting families in need in the UK and around the world, and our branch is active in assisting in this work. Here is just one example to how, even though there was no meeting last month, we were not idle. One of our members heard that friends wanted to get rid of two sewing machines and realised that they could be used to create an income source for two families. Our Diocesan President was able to put us in touch with the MU in Devon, which distributes sewing machines around the world. We sent the unwanted machines to Totnes and they are now en route to the Solomon Islands where two families will use them to earn money to support their families.

Our next meeting will be on
IN CHURCH ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER AT 2PM
FR. DANIEL WILL GIVE A TALK ON HYMN TUNES

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OUR MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS AND EVENTS

LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING SALE St. Stephen's Church Hall Ipm on Saturday I 4th October

Our next 'Little Bit of Everything' Sale is to be held on Saturday, 14th October in St. Stephen's Church Hall, Bush Hill. Doors open at 1pm.

This year we are hoping to be able to fund a computer for a long term patient at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. This will help them to keep in touch with friends and also keep them up to date with their lessons - very important for their morale. Please come along, support the sale and help with this project.

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