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Dear Friends

The Israel-Palestinian conflict has dominated the news – and, no doubt, our minds and prayers – over the past weeks. I write this letter a few days after the strike on the Anglican-run hospital, Al Ahli, and on the day of our Prime Minister's visit to Israel. Already we have seen unthinkable and lamentable violence, over which the world has wept. I fear for what may take place before you read this letter.

The peace of this region has, for decades, been extremely fragile. I visited the Holy Land in 2010, and experienced first-hand the deep mistrust which exists between Israeli and Palestinian, and the complexity of the tensions in this region. Our tour guide was a Palestinian Christian, so we had a week of pro-Palestinian rhetoric. On the flight back to London I was set next to an elderly Israeli woman, so heard five hours of the other side of the argument.

In a place where people's positions are so intractable the escalation of violence has a sad inevitability about it, and reconciliation can seem impossible. But impossible is not in the vocabulary of God. In that very land, over two-thousand years ago, an angel told a young woman that 'nothing is impossible with God'. Her son was the Prince of Peace, and preached a message of love, mercy and justice. In his name we must pray earnestly for an end to this conflict, praying that the hearts of Israeli and Palestinian may know that the only winner in war is the victory of peace.

With love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in November 2023



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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
W	1	ALL SAINTS	12.30pm	Eucharist	The joy of the redeemed
T	2	All Souls	12.30pm	Requiem Eucharist	The faithful departed
F	3				Peace in Israel and Gaza
S	4		3pm	Parish Concert	Our friends and families
S	5	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Sung Requiem Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	6				Peace in Ukraine
T	7	St Willibrord of York	9am	Whole School Service	Missionaries
W	8	Saints and Martyrs of England	12.30pm	Eucharist	The faith of our nation
T	9				Political leaders
F	10	St Leo the Great			Pope Francis
S	11	St Martin of Tours Armistice Day			Charities
S	12	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Remembrance Sunday	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	Our parish and its people
M	13				General Synod
T	14		9am	Eucharist (at St Paul's School)	St Paul's School
W	15		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our parish and its people
T	16	St Margaret of Scotland			The people of Scotland
F	17	St Hugh of Lincoln			Our churchwardens
S	18	St Elizabeth of Hungary			Victims of abuse
S	19	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Safeguarding Sunday	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	20	St Edmund			The Royal Family
T	21				The NHS
W	22	St Cecilia	12.30pm	Eucharist	Church musicians
T	23	St Clement			Victims of persecution
F	24				Enfield Deanery
S	25		10am	Quiet Day	The United Nations
S	26	CHRIST THE KING	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	27				The sick
T	28				Churches Together
W	29		12.30pm	Eucharist	The environment
T	30	St Andrew	12.30pm	Eucharist	The Bishop of London

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)



Many, many congratulations to Fr Pete and Ingdi on the arrival of their baby son, Noah William, on Tuesday, 10th October.

NOVEMBER 2023 FLOWER ROTA

4 th November	Sally Shearman
11 th November	Group meeting for Remembrance Sunday
18 th November	Sharon Saunders
25 th November	Elaine Bunce

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 a chance to develop their skills. To contact Adele ring 020 8360

FROM THE REGISTERS SEPTEMBER 2023

BAPTISMS

3 rd September	Zara Golding Deliha Wilson
10 th September	Alexandra Callaghan
24 th September	Eva Godfrey Victoria Walton

FUNERALS

20 th September	George Casey
25 th September	Stanley Jones



Poppies will be available at the back of church on the Sundays leading up to, and on, Remembrance Sunday. Donations for the Royal British Legion can be left in the collection box by the Poppies.

Our Act of Remembrance will take place during the 10.30 Eucharist on Sunday 12th November.

Commemoration of
ALL SOULS



Sunday 5 November 2023, 6pm
Requiem Eucharist

During this service we remember those who have died. To add the name of your own departed loved one please use the list in church, or contact the Parish Office at office@spwh.org or 020 8886 4290.



**COMMUNITY
CONCERT
ST PAUL'S
CHURCH**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, N21
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH AT 2PM**

There will be refreshments during the concert and a retiring collection after the concert



Harvest Festival on 1st October was celebrated with an ‘All Together’ Eucharist service, during which donated food for our local Foodbank was on display in the chancel.

During coffee after the service there was what proved to be a popular produce stall selling homemade jams and pickles.

At midday there was a traditional ‘Harvest Roast’ lunch when eighty guests enjoyed roast beef and Yorkshire puddings

followed by fruit crumbles - cooked on-site by the Charity Group and friends.

The stall and the lunch raised £450 for our annual charity, Christian Aid.

The North Enfield Foodbank collected our food donations a few days later.



PRAYER BOARD

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.



Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

4. ROYAL PSALMS

‘Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.’

Psalm 72 above was used in the coronation of King Charles III this year and it is one example of a Royal Psalm. These Psalms have a variety of styles but all contain one distinguishing feature; the relationship between God and the king. There are eleven Royal Psalms* and all make reference to kings and kingship, while covering a range of situations and royal occasions. For example, Psalms 2 and 110 are considered to be coronation psalms, containing divine oracles addressed to the king – Psalm 2:7 ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you’ and Psalm 110:1 ‘The Lord says to my lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.’ Old Testament coronations had two parts; the anointing of the king in a sacred space and his enthronement in the palace. Both of these Psalms relate to the enthronement of the king, and these promises would have been used for each king in the line of succession of the dynasty of King David.

Not all the Royal Psalms are for a coronation; some have more of a battle context. This is not surprising as the king was the commander-in-chief of the army. Psalm 20 and Psalm 144 are prayers asking for God’s help in a forthcoming battle, ‘Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call’ (Ps 20:9). Psalm 18, on the other hand, appears to be the king making thanksgiving for victory in battle. Psalm 45 is different again and was written for a royal wedding describing both the groom (v2-9) and the bride (v10-15).

Although relatively few in number the position of the Royal Psalms within the different books of the Psalter is considered to have a key editorial effect. Psalm 2 begins Book 1 of the Psalter (Psalm 1 being

considered the introduction to the whole Psalter), while Psalms 72 and 89 end Books 2 and 3 respectively. This suggests the Davidic covenant, and its subsequent failure, as a theme of these books. In contrast there are very few Royal Psalms in Books 4 and 5 and, where they occur, they speak of kingship in relation to the overarching kingship of God himself. This positioning of each of the Royal Psalms is important when we consider the use of the Psalter in Jewish worship. Israel was a nation who had, from a proud line of Davidic kings, fallen into desolation and exile. Eventually they returned to their homeland, and were looking to God for restoration of their nationhood and for the perfect king to represent God's rule on earth. The ordering of the Royal Psalms in the five books follows the pattern of this history.

The ideology of kingship in the psalms was the origin of Jewish and also later Christian messianism. The hope grew that one day there would be a king who would live up to the ideal of God's servant, upholding the law and ruling with justice. The Royal Psalms present the king as having a unique relationship with God, expressed as being God's servant, son or firstborn. This messianic hope is clearly seen when we consider the quotations in the New Testament that come from the Psalter and from the Royal Psalms in particular. Psalm 2:7 (quoted above) is applied directly to Jesus by the apostle Paul in his sermon in the synagogue in Antioch (Acts 13:33) and along with Psalm 110:1 is used in the letter to the Hebrews as evidence of Jesus as the Messiah.

The quotation of the psalms in the New Testament (approximately one third of quotations in the New Testament come from the Psalms) is reassuring to us Christians in the 21st century. While we cannot and should not escape the Jewishness of these poems and songs from the Old Testament, we are able, as with all scripture, to use them in our worship and to allow God to bring meaning to us today. We can join the prayer of Psalm 72 for King Charles to reign with righteousness, and we can pray for the time when God's kingdom is established in fullness when Jesus shall bring in a kingdom where righteousness shall flourish, and there is an abundance of peace.

Royal Psalms: 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, 144

Sarah Elkins



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23RD NOVEMBER

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On Thursday 19th October Michael Laurie gave an extremely interesting, illustrated talk about his life in the Merchant Navy, which began in 1962 and ended, fifteen years later, in 1977.

Michael began his talk by explaining why he had joined the Merchant Navy. Both his parents and grandparents had been great travellers and, as a young child, he was taken on voyages to Egypt and Malta. He developed a great love of the sea and ships

and, because of his obvious interest in everything nautical, in 1958 his parents sent him to the Naval College Pangbourne where he stayed until 1962.

At Pangbourne students wore Royal Naval cadet uniforms and were taught navigation and Seaman ship as well as the usual school subjects and there were plenty of sporting activities to enjoy.

On leaving Pangbourne, Michael joined the British Merchant Navy which offered a wide variety of possible careers. At that time there were around 100 British companies with different types of ships carrying passengers, cargo, vehicles, oil, and they travelled many different geographical routes.

Michael's first ship was P&O MV Salsette, where he began his training as a Navigation Officer. He was the junior of the four cadets on board, the accommodation was basic but the food was excellent and his pay was just £10 a month. By 1970, Michael had obtained his Master's FG Certificate and he became Senior Second Officer and Navigator aboard P&O SS Arcadia. He also joined the Royal Naval reserve around this time - something encouraged by P&O.

Michael described his 15-year career in the Merchant Navy, the many ships he had served on, both passenger and cargo, and the many places he had visited around the world, from Alaska in the north to Australia in the south, and from Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean to Hong Kong in the South China Sea.

Whenever they reached land, Michael and his fellow crew members took advantage of the chance to go ashore to sightsee, and we were shown photos of the many amazing places he had visited.

The length of the voyages ranged from a 4 months to 18 months, the longer ones building up more leave entitlement. During the trips communication was difficult and slow, so keeping in touch with family and friends was difficult.

Although most of his experiences at sea had been good ones, there were a few more challenging occasions, for example dealing with an act of piracy, being frisked for firearms when entering a cinema in Manila then later getting into a taxi with a row of bullet holes in the door, and dealing with two 'man overboard' situations.

Michael met his future wife, Susan, when they were working on the same P&O ship and, despite the difficulties in communicating after that first meeting because they were then allocated to different ships, they did stay in touch and they were married in St Paul's Church on New Year's day 1977. It was later that year that, because of the difficulty in being assigned to the same ship, Michael and Susan reluctantly decided to end their lives at sea and come ashore. P&O's loss was our gain as since that time Michael and Susan have been very active members of our church.

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