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Dear Friends

One of the joys of living in the Vicarage is the biodiversity afforded by being so close to Grovelands Park. A delight this summer – for the first time in the eight summers we’ve been here – has been the sound of tawny owls at night. Tawnies alone make the ‘twit-twoo’ noise incorrectly associated with all owls. Fun fact of the day: it’s the female which makes the ‘twit’ sound, and the male owl which replies ‘twoo’!

I wonder if their presence most nights in the last fortnight (at the time of writing) has something to do with the way in which more and more gardens, parks and green areas are being re-wilded. We are re-wilding small sections of the Vicarage garden. I have noticed that Enfield Council is now mowing verges less often (presumably driven as much by economic pressures as environmental), and the churchyard at St Paul’s has remained unmown this year. Such habitats provide a home for small mammals and rodents, such as mice, which in turn provide prey for owls.

If my theory is correct, the ‘twit-twoo’ we can hear from the Vicarage is an encouraging sign that the small efforts of a large number of people really can make a difference. For us as Christians, this is part of our calling. If we are privileged to own a garden then we have a duty to steward the part of God’s good earth entrusted to us, not simply for our own enjoyment and benefit, but for the good of the species with which we share this corner of the world. Part of living in harmony with God, is living in harmony with nature.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

## Services in August 2025



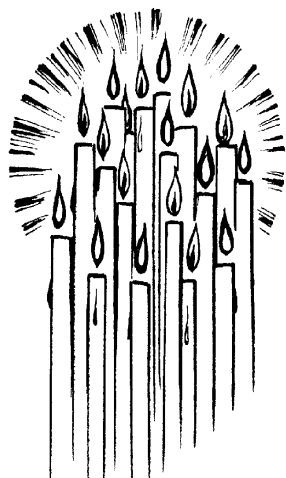
Morning Prayer is said publicly at 9.10am and Evening Prayer at 5pm Monday-Thursday. **ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
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The church is open for visitors and private prayer every day from 9am to 5pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
F	1				Children in poverty
S	2				The faithful departed
S	3	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	4	St Jean-Baptiste Vianney	11.30am	Burial of Ashes	Parish clergy
T	5	St Oswald			Leaders of the nations
W	6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our participation in the glory of Christ
T	7				Peace in the Middle East
F	8	St Dominic			Preachers
S	9				Refugees and asylum seekers
S	10	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	11				Carers
T	12				Racial justice
W	13		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Michael, Negage
T	14				The environment
F	15	The Blessed Virgin Mary	12pm	Eucharist at Holy Trinity	Devotion to Our Lady
S	16				Places of pilgrimage
S	17	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	18				Those on holiday
T	19				Prisoners
W	20	St Bernard	12.30pm	Eucharist	Local businesses
T	21				Our friends and families
F	22				The elderly
S	23				Farming and agriculture
S	24	ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	25				HM Government
T	26				Our churchwardens
W	27	St Monica	12.30pm	Eucharist	Mothers
T	28	St Augustine of Hippo			Theologians
F	29	The Beheading of St John the Baptist			Victims of injustice
S	30				The media
S	31	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people

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 JUNE 2025



### BAPTISMS

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Astrid Foran Tillie Stocking
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Lucas Spurgeon Emilia Okwechime
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sienna-Rei Lynne
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Kya Barrand

### FUNERALS

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inagh Payne
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Alan Davis

### AUGUST 2025 FLOWER ROTA

2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Sally Shearman
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Adele Houldsworth
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Sharon Saunders
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Sharon Saunders
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Adele Houldsworth

Adele would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join the flower arranging team. Both those who are experienced flower arrangers and those who would like to develop their skills would be most welcome. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Many congratulations to Alison Perera who has been recommended by the Church of England for ordination training for the priesthood. Alison has served our church in many ways in recent years. She is currently one of our Licensed Lay Ministers and was formerly our Children and Families Worker and Leader of our Toddlers' Group.

### St Paul's Life and Journeys: Part 4: Antioch

Our series taking us through Tom Wright's *Paul: A Biography* finds us in Antioch in Syria, some 100 miles south-east of Tarsus, close to the Mediterranean Sea. (Each chapter of Wright's book starts with a helpful map, illustrating the apostle's journey.)

Wright introduces us to Barnabas. 'The Jesus-followers in Jerusalem gave him the nickname Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement."' "

Wright makes the observation, 'Some people have the gift of enabling others to flourish. Barnabas was one of those.' It is as precious a gift now as it was then. We live in a world which is so often so competitive, where we are encouraged to get the better of others, rather than help them to be better.

Antioch was a big place, the third or fourth city of the East, with a strategic location in terms of travel by both land and sea. It was 'a classic melting pot' of cultures and ethnicities. Consequently, the Jesus followers who came to Antioch found themselves preaching the good news of Jesus not just to the Jewish diaspora in Antioch, but to a new audience of non-Jews.

In this chapter Wright helps us 'to understand the inner dynamic of Jewish life within its wider cultural setting' which made Paul's mission so successful. There were – and still are today – important distinctions between Jews and non-Jews, including issues around circumcision, the eating of pork, and ritual cleanness. Jews were considered by many to be atheists because their places of worship contained no images of the gods.

The complexities of Jews and non-Jews living side-by-side were manifold. Indeed, they are today; I have experience of this from my curacy in Hendon. But the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ began to do something radical – 'the wall... has been breached.' Barnabas and Saul realised that this new Jesus-centred community transcended the old boundaries. This was 'a single community across the traditional boundaries of culture, gender, and ethnic and social groupings [previously] unheard of.' It was 'a new kind of "family"'.

At Barnabas's bidding Saul comes to Antioch, spending a whole year working with Barnabas. We know from Acts that this is where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians, or, as Wright delightfully translates the

word, “Messiah people”. Wright suggests it might have been an unkind nickname, much in the same way people use the term ‘Jesus freaks’ today.

Saul and Barnabas achieve in Antioch what Wright calls ‘*translocal*’ and ‘*transethnic*’ communities. Wright points out that we largely underestimate just how radical this was in first century Syria because we look at history through the lens of our own twenty-first century global communities.

From Antioch, Barnabas and Saul make the journey to Jerusalem. (Back to the map at the front of chapter: it’s a good 400 miles further south. No small journey!) They take with them a non-Jewish, ‘proselyte’ Jesus-follower, called Titus. It is in Jerusalem where the issue of preaching the gospel to a non-Jewish audience gets tasty. Titus becomes the test-case. But crucially, the principal leaders of the Jerusalem community, Peter, James and John, come down on the side of Saul and Barnabas. Titus, undoubtedly, was relieved to be spared adult circumcision! We see from Paul’s letter to the Galatians that a deal is struck whereby the Jerusalem leaders would focus on the mission to the Jews, whereas Paul and his team would focus on the mission to the non-Jews, hence the label ‘Apostle to the Gentiles’ often accorded to Paul. Wright argues that this agreement was merely a ‘temporary arrangement’, however, citing Peter’s later missions to Rome and Corinth.

So Saul and Barnabas return to Antioch, and this concludes the first section of Wright’s great tome on the life of the apostle. I am struck by two things from this chapter.

Firstly, the gift of enabling others with which Barnabas, ‘the son of encouragement,’ was blessed, and how we need to nurture this gift in the life of the church today. Who are the Barnabases here in our parish family? Who encourages us in our Christian life and discipleship? How do we encourage and enable others?

And secondly, I am reminded by the scale of Paul’s mission, and its sheer radicalism. It is so easy to overlook what Paul achieves in his life, and the incredible personal cost of his ministry. As we continue our journey through his biography, may we thank God for Paul, and for those who accompanied him – and may we pray for the same boldness and encouragement in our own day.



# Fr. Pete: Deacon to Priest-in-Charge (July 2022 - July 2025)



## 2nd of July 2022

Fr Pete was ordained deacon by the Bishop of London and we received our new curate!

## 24th of June 2023

We received our new priest, Fr Pete, and he celebrated the Eucharist for the first time on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2023!



## Fr. Pete's Curacy

Fr. Pete was fully involved in every aspect of church life during his time with us. Preaching at Joyful Noise, at the Altar, celebrating the Eucharist, spending time with Mother's Union members and enjoying time with our Toddler group families.





15th of July 2025



## St. Paul's Winchmore Hill

A large group of our church family attended Fr. Pete's licensing service on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2025 at St. Anne's, Brondesbury.

It was a beautiful service with the Bishop of Willesden, Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, delivering a sermon on the steadfast faithfulness of God & encouraged us to continually turn to God, to be aligned with Him and to not give up.

The Archbishop Vicente Msosa of the Anglican Church of Angola and Mozambique was also in attendance, which was a rare & lovely surprise!

During commendations, we stood together and wholeheartedly commended Fr. Peter Alan Hopkins to his new ministry.

Bishop Lusa then licensed Fr. Pete, confirming his appointment and authorising him to serve in the parish. With joy Fr. Pete rung the bell, marking the start of this new chapter!



Fr Pete was licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St. Anne's, Brondesbury. We pray for him and for all at his parish!



We were warmly welcomed and had chance to fellowship with all at St. Anne's. After the service, delicious refreshments were enjoyed by us all.



Thank you, Fr Pete, we're praying for you, your family, your ministry and the parish of St. Anne's, Brondesbury!



## VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

May and June were unusually hot, dry months this year, so it was most unfortunate that the Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July coincided with the first rain for weeks and the threat of thunder and lightening. As a result the party was moved into the Church Hall. However, this did not dampen the enjoyment of the many guests who were treated to a magnificent spread, as can be seen in these photos.

Our thanks go to Hilary Crocker and her team of cooks for putting on this event and raising £800 for church funds!



## PRAYER BOARD

Dear God, we give thanks for the many blessings  
you have given us this year.

As we celebrate this holiday period, please help us  
to focus on the things that truly matter and  
to let go of any worries or concerns.  
Help us to enjoy this time with our loved  
ones and to make lasting memories.

Amen





**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

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The Mothers' Union 'Wave of Prayer' was celebrated by our branch on 9<sup>th</sup> July, when some of our members gathered in the Lady Chapel to pray for the work of this worldwide charity. Special prayers were said for our link Dioceses in Nigeria, Australia, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, USA, and Kenya.

Later in the month, on 17<sup>th</sup> July, Sue and Michael Laurie hosted our annual garden party in their lovely garden.

For the first time in many years, the afternoon began cloudy and overcast, and there was even a short shower causing many guests to shelter indoors as they completed a table quiz.

However, the shower did not last long and when the sun came out everyone returned to the garden to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea.

Our special guest at the garden party was Pauline McCalla, the London Diocesan MU President.

The afternoon raised £245 for the MU 'Summer of Hope' appeal, which supports the work of the MU in the UK and around the world.







At the July meeting of the St Paul's PCC, a local charity, 'One-to-One Enfield' was adopted as our new annual charity.

One-to-One Enfield is a small local charity, with an office based in Winchmore Hill, with a 32-year record of supporting autistic people and people with learning disabilities to live better lives, to have a voice and to be equally included within the community. Its dual mission empowers its beneficiaries and educates the community on the challenges that autistic people and/or people with learning difficulties encounter and this benefits community integration. A central pillar of their approach is its members taking active leadership roles in the design, delivery and evaluation of their work.

There are around 7000 adults in the Borough who are autistic or have a learning disability and this charity offers free membership to all those who wish to join to access its services .

One to One Enfield's award-winning services include:

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- Monthly health promotion activities in collaboration with the Royal Free Hospital, Chase Farm Hospital, Healthwatch, MIND and community nursing supporting members in making healthy life choices, including exercise, diet and accessing appropriate health services.
- A popular weekly choir directed by a specialist choirmaster which holds concerts for local communities.
- An Autism Hub which offers peer support to enhance members' health, emotional wellbeing, confidence, employability and social inclusion.
- Running Enfield's Learning Difficulties and Autism Council, through which elected representatives with autism and learning difficulties advocate on behalf of their peers.

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