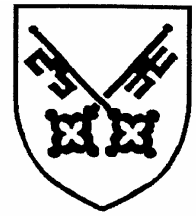




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We've got a new Deacon!

Around the time this magazine goes out, Fran will become The Revd Fran Childs, with all that that demands of her. I will ask her to write a reflection on the Ordination of Deacons that takes place Christ Church Cathedral on 2nd July for the next magazine, but would like to share a few thoughts on the service I was a part of at St Paul's Cathedral, and the importance of the diaconal role to parish life.

The key to understanding the role of deacon is in the word's original Greek meaning: 'domestic slave.' The earliest deacons were ordained to serve their church community so that the apostles could concentrate on their mission. The declaration, made by the Bishop before the deacons vow to fulfil their roles starts with the following:

"Deacons are to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's Kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed as agents of God's purposes of love. ... reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible."

Being the servant of the parish isn't a matter of high status, rather the opposite, by humbling themselves to serve in a loving manner, deacons live out God's love for the people of the community they serve. Deacons must proclaim in their words and deeds the coming of Christ's Kingdom – the peaceable kingdom in which all dwell together in Godly love.

The declarations made by those being ordained deacon include the following:

"Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to serve but to be served?" By the help of God, I will.

"Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?" By the help of God, I will.

"Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?" By the help of God, I will.

As if these declarations – in God's name – were not intimidating enough for those called to serve, the Bishop ends by saying:

"Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account."

The idea of service – and particularly foot-washing – permeated the ordination service at St Paul's Cathedral more than a decade ago (when the Common Worship ordinal was still shiny and new!) The connection to foot-washing goes back to Jesus washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper (John 13:2-17). Although he eventually submitted, St Peter was initially horrified at the idea of his master, Jesus, cleaning his feet. In the same way, many in modern society, are loath to let others serve them in any way, let alone by something as intimate as washing their

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St John's Guild

Tuesday 26 July 2.30PM Holy Communion followed by a talk and tea.

Tuesday 23 August 2.30PM Garden Party for the Queen's Birthday. Members are welcome to bring guests to this occasion.

Tuesday 27 Sept will be our outing to the Lechlade Garden Centre - this is open to anyone who would like to join us for this outing, more details in the next magazine.

New Member: Bertie Doy was admitted to membership at our June meeting.

Secretary: We still need to find someone who would join our team of helpers and take on the role of secretary. This involves taking notes at our committee meeting, helping set up each month and keeping in touch with the St John's Guild HQ. If you are interested please contact me.

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Great Western Park

Activities week - 25th - 29th July 2016

We are holding a series of craft and fun activities for all ages during the final week of July in GWP. There are so many things to get involved with and we are seeking support for registration, refreshments, lending a hand with activities and crafts and joining in the fun. If you would like to help could you please add your name and contact details against the activity(ies) you would like to be involved with. We appreciate your help. Many thanks.

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New Deacon

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feet. One of the most challenging tasks in the Christian year is finding twelve volunteers to have their feet washed at the service on Maundy Thursday (the day we enact the Last Supper). Yet this is one of the most key passages in the Gospel of St John: our Saviour God was not only made flesh and lived among us, but he also washed his disciples' feet! And, in a time when the main form of transport was horse, donkey or Shanks's Pony, and no-one had thought of socks, those feet would really have been in need of washing.

Anglican clergy nowadays have it very easy when it comes to handling feet. Several women of my acquaintance actually have a pedicure before the service so their feet are 'presentable'. As someone who has been a server at the foot-washing, I can honestly say that it is humbling and a privilege to be allowed to handle people's feet in this way. One of the most moving experiences I have had as a server was putting back on the sock and shoe of a monk and priest who had his feet washed at our College's Maundy Thursday service. He was one of the most 'holy' men that I have met, who in his time bred rare butterflies and was a gifted scientist and teacher; at the time I met him, he was crippled by arthritis and unable to put on his socks unaided. Monks are also called to serve and yet I was allowed to serve him in this very small way. I hope that in the next Maundy Thursday service, Fran and I will be able to serve twelve parishioners in this way and that they will find it a rewarding, rather than embarrassing, experience.

The deacon's main role in worship is to read or proclaim the Gospel and to pray for the people of the parish. For those at the 10am Parish Mass this is made visible from the moment the procession enters: the Deacon holds the book of the Gospel and processes it into the church. Proclamation of the Gospel includes preaching and teaching, so we can look forward to a renewed preaching life in our deacon.

The deacon is also to seek out diligently those in need and take the church to those who cannot come in Home Communion, and to share with the rest of the ministry team in praying for all the parish.

I look forward to reading Fran's manifesto for her diaconate and time of training beyond that in her article for the October issue of this magazine.

What is justice?

The recent horrendous acts of terrorism and violence taking place overseas, and the constant rumblings in the press to expect more of the same here, have the potential to make us feel angry and powerless. Out of anger and a feeling of powerlessness many terrorist groups have arisen. My own reactions to some events, most notably the killing of 49 people in the nightclub 'Pulse' in Orlando left me thinking about what justice is appropriate. I am thoroughly opposed to the death penalty – even setting aside miscarriages of justice, how can I ask another human being to kill someone in cold blood on my behalf? But my invariable internal reaction to such acts of terrorism is to think 'I hope they die.' This is my response arising from anger and powerlessness. Thankfully it doesn't last long, because I don't believe it to be the Christian response to such situations.

Some of you may remember the appallingly brutal rape case at a vicarage in Ealing. The victim, Jill Saward, and her family were at home when a gang broke in. Her father and boyfriend received terrible head wounds. The judge in the case was criticised for giving longer sentences for the burglary than for the rape, as "the trauma suffered by the victim was not so very great". He later apologised for this. Jill very bravely went public about her experience and has campaigned for the victims of sexual violence. For me, one of the most incredible aspects of the case was when Jill met and forgave one of her attackers and both were interviewed for a documentary programme.

Politicians occasionally go on record suggesting that bringing the perpetrator of a crime face-to-face with the personal consequences of their crime would be more effective than prison. Harriet Harman, whilst Solicitor General, suggested that teenagers caught carrying knives should visit victims of knife crimes in hospital. The use of this technique, alongside more traditional approaches as community service, paying compensation, etc, is one of the foundations of restorative justice.

This isn't a new-found fad. The greater part of the Jewish law, in the first five books of the Bible, is concerned with keeping a community at peace with itself and with its neighbours. Apart from the obvious "thou shalt not murder" and "thou shalt not steal", in the Ten Commandments, in Deuteronomy there are specific measures to make things right if someone is injured or killed or has something stolen.

King Ethelbert of Kent in the 7th century introduced detailed restorative measures in his kingdom. In fact, it was only with the Norman Conquest that retributive justice became the norm (no pun intended!)

In recent years, restorative justice has been introduced in various ways in the UK. St Augustine of Canterbury's school in Taunton introduced a victim-offender mediation system, set-up by a serving police-officer that was such a success that all Somerset County Council provided restorative justice training for all its secondary schools.

There have been trials in the justice system, in Canada for example, that include victim-offender mediation. The victim lets the offender know and feel what impact their crime had, to ask questions – many victims of crime need to know 'why' – and to have a say in the punishment of the offender. Similarly, Victim Impact Statements are taken into account in sentencing in English courts.

Obviously, this is not a process that will benefit every victim or offender (Ian Brady has never expressed remorse for his crimes), but where it is suitable, it is found to be very helpful to both sides and plays a part in reducing repeat offending. For the terrorists who kill indiscriminately, and who evade justice, I find some help in C.S. Lewis' *The Last Battle*. In this, some of the children who have been in Narnia are killed in battle and find themselves on the other side. With Aslan, they encounter an angry young man who has been fighting for their enemy. Aslan tells the man that whatever he did for good in the name of 'Tash', he did for Aslan. Whatever evil was done by people in Aslan's name was done for 'Tash.' I trust that divine justice will be done, and am confident that it is always wiser and more generous than human justice.

Jill Saward's encounter with her rapist helped in his rehabilitation. With her strong personality and family background Jill's own recovery began when she decided that she was not going to live her life as a victim forever. It is probably no co-incidence that Jill's father, Canon Michael Saward, wrote the great modern hymn, *Christ Triumphant*.

Revd. Hannah

Who was Peter?

Our church at St Peter's is dedicated to one of the best-known disciples of Jesus - this year we celebrate his Feast Day on July 3rd - also the Feast Day of St Thomas the Doubter - what a wonderful coincidence.

Peter - the impulsive one; Thomas - the one who questioned & doubted.

Peter is nicknamed - the Rock - by Jesus, which tells me that Jesus had a wonderful sense of humour!

The Peter we see in the Gospel story and in Christian tradition is certainly not dependable and rock-like!

When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water in a storm he said: "Let me come and do that too?" but moments later Peter starts to sink and calls for help. Jesus tells him off for his lack of faith!

After boldly declaring that Jesus is the Messiah - the Son of the living God - Peter is roundly told off for trying to stop Jesus going to Jerusalem to fulfil his mission.

Then, on the night of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, in spite of being warned that he would be unfaithful to Jesus - Peter is caught out by two servant girls and loses his cool. Cursing and swearing - Peter says - "I never knew the man"

Later - in the Book of Acts, St Paul has to take Peter to task for being inconsistent - giving in to pressure from Jewish believers about what Christians are allowed to eat or not eat.

Christian tradition has it that when the persecution was at its height in Rome, Peter's first reaction was to run for his life - only to be met by Jesus entering the city. When Peter asked: "Where are you going?" Jesus replied "To die in your place."

Yet, I believe that when Jesus called Peter - "the Rock on which I will build my church" - Jesus meant **this** Peter - a Peter who sometimes spoke out - a Peter who sometimes made a right fool of himself - a Peter who had flashes of inspiration - a Peter who often botched things up! - a Peter who would boldly lead the way - but then got cold feet and ran scared.

Jesus chose Peter so that he could be an inspiration to all Christians through the ages.

What a contrast to the commonly-held opinion of what a Christian is today -

a Christian is one who leads a good life and never does anyone any harm!

Being a Christian is so much more!

Just as Peter had to learn from his mistakes - his need to come back to Jesus for forgiveness and redirection - so too must we.

The Church of Jesus Christ is to be built on faith.

We should speak out - not be afraid to tell people what we believe.

We should stand up for our Lord Jesus Christ - yes! sometimes that means sticking our necks out and becoming what St Paul calls "Fools for Christ".

But the Church of Jesus Christ is also built on our fallibility - our weakness - our ability to "get it wrong".

In the end, we come back to St Peter and have to answer Jesus' all-important question:

"Do you love me?"

If we can honestly say with Peter: "Lord, you know that I love you."

Then we shall hear Jesus say - "Follow me".

Revd. Ernest Adley.

OTT—Old Testament Tales

LAMPS Collective has cooked up a treat for you this summer as it presents the classic tales of The Old Testament. Humour, heart and honesty are the key ingredients in this funny, thought provoking and slightly bonkers theatrical feast. Wed 6th - Sun 10th July 2016 7.30pm plus 4pm matinee on Sun 10th at The Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon. A great event to invite friends and neighbours to. Tickets £9.50/£8.00 from The Bookstore, Abingdon or buytickets.at/lampscollective (suitable for ages 9-900).

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Prayer Intentions: July 2016

<p>1st: Readings: Psalm 139; 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a; Luke 20:20-26.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Church Street, East Street. The Governors of Northbourne School.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalm 121; 1 Samuel 4:1b-end; Luke 20:27-40.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: High Street, Bourne Street. Those being ordained today, among them Fran Childs and Julie Mintern.</p>	<p>3rd: Thomas Readings: Psalm 92, 139; Job 42:1-6; John 11:1-16.</p> <p>Thomas is believed to have established the Church in India.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Northbourne Court, Pease Place. The Revd Fran Childs on her first day as Deacon.</p>	<p>4th: Readings: Psalm 126; 1 Samuel 5; Luke 20:41-21:4.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ridgeway Road, Beech Lane. Those who maintain the Church grounds and Gardens.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 132; 1 Samuel 6:1-16; Luke 21:5-19.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sinodun Road, Bridge Close Little Fishes.</p>	<p>6th: Rdgs: Ps 119:153-end; 1 Samuel 7; Luke 21:20-28.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kynaston Road Wednesday Church and all those who work with or care for people with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>7th: Readings: Psalm 143; 1 Samuel 8; Luke 21:29-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Vicarage Road and Broadway. The work of the Mothers' Union and the Children's and Family Centre, Newlands Avenue.</p>	<p>8th: Readings: Psalm 144; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 22:1-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Andrew's Road, St Peter's Road. Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Home Communion.</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Psalm 147; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1; Luke 22:14-23.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wessex Road. Our Director of Music and the choir.</p>	<p>10th: Trinity VII Readings: Psalm 76; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Acts 28:17-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Lower Broadway, Roebuck Court. Those who provide refreshments after our services.</p>	<p>11th: Benedict Readings: Psalm 1; 1 Samuel 10:1-16; Luke 22:24-30.</p> <p>Benedict was the founder of the modern monastic movement, with his Rule based around hospitality, prayer and community.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Hagbourne Road. Alton Abbey and all Benedictine communities.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 5; 1 Samuel 10:17-end; Luke 22:31-38.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ernest Road, Edmund's Court. Willowcroft and Northbourne Schools Year 6 pupils, leaving this week.</p>
<p>13th: Rdgs: Ps 119:1-32; 1 Samuel 11; Luke 22:39-46.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. The Wednesday Fellowship lunch and all who work to plan and prepare it.</p>	<p>14th: John Keble Readings: Psalm 15; 1 Samuel 12; Luke 22:47-62.</p> <p>A leader in the Oxford Movement - the Anglo- Catholic tradition within the Church of England.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oatland Road, Samor Way. St Stephen's House, Westcott House.</p>	<p>15th: Swithun Readings: Psalm 19; 1 Samuel 13:5-18; Luke 22:63-end.</p> <p>9th Century Bishop of Winchester, noted for his charitable works and the weather forecast.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove. Northbourne Leavers' service.</p>	<p>16th: Osmund Readings: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15; Luke 23:1-12.</p> <p>Accompanied William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings, later made Bishop of Salisbury.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Abbott Road, Abbott Close. The social committee and all those working on our Quiz n Chips evenings.</p>

Prayer Intentions: July

<p>17th: Trinity XIII Readings: Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:1-10; 1 Peter 3:8-18.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Richmere Road, The Croft; Our Sunday School, finishing for the Summer Holiday.</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Psalm 30; 1 Samuel 14:24-46; Luke 23:13-25.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens The Standing Committee.</p>	<p>19th: Gregory and Macrina Readings: Psalm 36; 1 Samuel 15:1-23; Luke 23:26-43. These siblings came from a family that produced several of the greatest theologians in Church History. Macrina taught her brothers Gregory and Basil Study of the Bible.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Saxon's Way, Viking Drive. Our Finance team.</p>	<p>20th: Margaret of Antioch Readings: Psalm 34; 1 Samuel 16; Luke 23:44-56a. Identified as a 4th century martyr.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oriel Court, Lincoln Gardens. Fr Mark Bodeker and the work on the GWP.</p>
<p>21st: Readings: Psalm 37; 1 Samuel 17:1-30; Luke 23:56b-24:12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive. The Didcot Food bank and all who use it, the Citizen's Advice Bureau.</p>	<p>22nd: Mary Magdalene Readings: Ps 30,32,150; Zephaniah 3:14-end; Mark 15:40-16:7. The first to see the Risen Christ and carry the good news to the disciples. Mary is the first Apostle of the Resurrection.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Exeter Court, Magdalene Court. Our communications team.</p>	<p>23rd: Bridget of Sweden Readings: Psalm 42; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:16; Luke 24:36-end. Bridget founded an order of nuns after the death of her husband. She is remembered for her charitable acts and piety.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Merton Close, Somerville. Didcot Library.</p>	<p>24th: Trinity IX Readings: Psalm 95; Song of Solomon 2; 1 Peter 4:7-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Nuffield Close, Dirac Place. Our PCSOs and Police in Didcot, the Thames Valley Adopt-a-Cop scheme and Didcot PCSO Chris Wyatt.</p>
<p>25th: James Readings: Ps 7, 29,117; 2 Kings 1:9-15; Mark 1:14-20. James, son of Zebedee, brother of John. The first Apostle to be martyred.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fleet Way, Kibble Close; Our education team.</p>	<p>26th: Anne & Joachim Readings: Psalm 48; 1 Samuel 20:1-17; Acts 1:15-end. The parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St John's Close, Ruskin Close St John's Guild.</p>	<p>27th: Rdgs: Ps 119:57-80; 1 Samuel 20:18-end; Acts 2:1-21.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Shannon Road, Severn Road Those who produce the Magazine and weekly sheets.</p>	<p>28th: Readings: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5; Acts 2:22-36.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court. Those who care for the Church linens.</p>
<p>29th: Mary, Martha and Lazarus Readings: Psalm 51; 1 Samuel 22:6-end; Acts 2:37-end. Friends and companions of Jesus, living at Bethany.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Medway Grove, Tyne Square. Didcot Community Hospital</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Ps 68; 1 Samuel 23; Acts 3:1-10.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Western Avenue Our sides-people and Welcomers.</p>	<p>31st: Trinity X Readings: Psalm 106:1-10; Song of Solomon 5:2-end; 2 Peter 1:1-15.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Bradbery Gardens Those moving to all the new homes throughout Didcot.</p>	

Prayer Intentions: August 2016

<p>1st: Readings: Psalm 71; 1 Samuel 24; Acts 3:11-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road; Elder Close. Those running the Summer activities in GWP.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalm 73; 1 Samuel 26; Acts 4:1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road, Mowbray Road Those who keep the church grounds and gardens neat.</p>	<p>3rd: Readings: Psalm 77; 1 Samuel 28:3-end; Acts 4:13-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road, Barnes Close. Our Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Home Communion.</p>	<p>4th: Readings: Psalm 78; 1 Samuel 31; Acts 4:32-5:11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Loyd Road; Bradbery Gardens. Archbishop Justin Welby and the Anglican Communion team of Lambeth Palace.</p>
<p>5th: Oswald Readings: Psalm 55; 2 Samuel 1; Acts 5:12-26.</p> <p>Oswald was King of Northumbria in the 7th Century, who united the region and spread Christianity.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close. The Church Wardens.</p>	<p>6th: Transfiguration Readings: Psalm 27, 150; Exodus 34:29-end; 1 John 3:1-3.</p> <p>The Transfiguration of Jesus revealed Christ's divinity to Peter, James and John, with the holiness of God, shown in his face, being too much for human sight.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close. Those who work with children at St Peter's.</p>	<p>7th: Trinity XI Readings: Psalm 115; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; 2 Peter 3:8-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway; Hardings Strings. Those who keep the church clean and tidy.</p>	<p>8th: Dominic Readings: Psalm 80; 2 Samuel 3:12-end; Acts 6.</p> <p>13th Century priest and monk, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominican Order).</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue. Those exploring their vocation.</p>
<p>9th: Mary Sumner Readings: Psalm 89; 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Acts 7:1-16.</p> <p>Founder of The Mothers' Union.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; Morse Road. All those celebrating major wedding anniversaries this summer.</p>	<p>10th: Laurence Readings: Psalm 119:105-128; 2 Samuel 6:1-19; Acts 7:17-43.</p> <p>A Deacon of the Church in Rome who was martyred in the year 258.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: South Park Avenue; Downs Road. Bishop Colin and the staff of the Diocese of Oxford.</p>	<p>11th: Clare of Assisi Readings: Psalm 92; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Acts 7:44-53.</p> <p>One of the first followers of St Francis of Assisi and founder of the Poor Clares order of nuns.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue; Larch Drive. Alton Abbey</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 88; 2 Samuel 7:18-end; Acts 7:54-8:3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynmouth Rd. Those who work with people suffering with dementia and Alzheimer's</p>
<p>13th: Readings: Psalm 97; 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8:4-25.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way; Hillary Dr; Lockinge Close. Those who put together the Church news-sheet and website.</p>	<p>14th: Trinity XII Readings: Psalm 119:33-48; Jonah 1; 2 Peter 3:14-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Hanover Court. The Mission to Seafarers, and those whose work keeps them far from home.</p>	<p>15th: Blessed Virgin Mary Readings: Psalms 132 Isaiah 7:10-15; Luke 11:27-28.</p> <p>The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, when she is believed to have been taken bodily into heaven.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Place; Frideswide's Court. Those who sit alongside and minister those close to death.</p>	<p>16th: Readings: Psalm 106; 2 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 9:1-19a.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wantage Road; Colbourne Road. Those preparing for baptism.</p>

Prayer Intentions: August

<p>17th: Readings: Psalm 111; 2 Samuel 15:1-12; Acts 9:19b-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. St Peter's outreach to the community.</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Psalm 115; 2 Samuel 15:13-end; Acts 9:32-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. The finance team.</p>	<p>19th: Readings: Psalm 139; 2 Samuel 16:1-14; Acts 10:1-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. Those who prepare the intercessions for Sunday worship.</p>	<p>20th: Bernard of Clairvaux Readings: Psalm 121; 2 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 10:17-33.</p> <p>Helped the Cistercian order of monks to grow and spread. Worked to heal the Schism in the Church.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. Religious (monks and nuns).</p>
<p>21st: Trinity XIII Readings: Psalm 71; Jonah 2; Revelation 1.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. The emergency services and all those who have to work on Sundays.</p>	<p>22nd: Readings: Psalm 126; 2 Samuel 18:1-18; Acts 10:34-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road. Our families and our Church family.</p>	<p>23rd: Readings: Psalm 132; 2 Samuel 18:19-19:18a; Acts 11:1-18.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. All those who care for the church linens and furnishings.</p>	<p>24th: Bartholomew Readings: Psalm 86, 116; Genesis 28:10-17; John 1:43-end.</p> <p>Usually identified with Nathanael, introduced to Jesus by Philip, and became one of the first disciples.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. All those involved in evangelism.</p>
<p>25th: Readings: Psalm 143; 2 Samuel 19:24-end; Acts 12:1-17.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. Our team of sidespeople and the welcome and assistance they give.</p>	<p>26th: Readings: Psalm 144; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Acts 12:18-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Pebble Drive. The Citizens Advice Bureau.</p>	<p>27th: Monica Readings: Psalm 147; 2 Samuel 24; Acts 13:1-12.</p> <p>Monica prayed for the conversion of her wayward son, Augustine.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Mansfield Gardens. Angelique and Nathan being married in St Peter's today.</p>	<p>28th: Trinity XIV Readings: Ps 119:161-end; Jonah 3:1-9; Revelation 3:14-22.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. Those who read the scriptures in church,</p>
<p>29th: John the Baptist Readings: Psalm 1; 1 Kings 1:5-31; Acts 13:13-43.</p> <p>The date we commemorate the death of John the Baptist</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sycamore Way; Willow End. Those who suffer for their faith and speak out against injustice.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 5; 1 Kings 1:32-2:4, 2:10-12; Acts 13:44-14:7.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Our young members as they prepare to go off to University, college and back to school.</p>	<p>31st: Aidan Readings: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 3; Acts 14:8-end.</p> <p>Founder of the monastery on Lindisfarne, Aidan travelled extensively through Britain preaching the Gospel.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Churches Together in Didcot and District.</p>	

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St Peter's offers a few ways in which one can keep up-to-date with events and happenings at the church—the website, the monthly magazine, the weekly news-sheet.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Didcot & District University of the Third Age

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civil Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to a meeting as a taster before joining.

Our next meeting will be held on 19th July 2016 when our speaker will be Liam D'Arcy-Brown with a talk entitled "China and the Opium Wars".

On 16th August 2016 our speaker will be Cymon Snow who will tell us about Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family.

It's never too late to expand your horizons.....

The University of the Third Age offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting of the Didcot & District U3A and find out what we are all about. A member of our committee will be on hand to make you welcome.

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Didcot All Saints' & The Ladygrove Church Services

All Saints'

Sunday 8:00 AM	The Holy Eucharist (Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language)
10:00 AM	The Parish Eucharist (Except first Sunday of Month)
10:00 AM	Family Service (First Sunday of Month)
6:30 PM	The Holy Eucharist with a hymn and Prayer for Healing (Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language, First Sunday of Month)
Tuesday 9:30 AM	The Holy Eucharist (Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language)

The Ladygrove Church

Sunday 9.00 AM	Morning worship
Sunday 10:00 AM	Refreshments for those attending either service.
Sunday 10.30 AM	Morning worship with children's groups (changes each Sunday—see notice sheet)
Last Sunday of the month: 7.00 PM	Evening service

Next issue

Wednesday 24 August 2016 is the next magazine deadline. Please telephone or email the editor with any articles—210525 or maurice.meardon@ntlworld.com

Services

Sundays

8.00AM Book of
Common Prayer Holy
Communion.
10.00AM Parish Sung
Eucharist
6.00PM Evensong
(1st Sunday in month)

Weekday Offices

Morning Prayer:
usually said at 8.30AM
on weekdays (except
Fridays) & Saturday.

Weekday Services

Tuesday 12.00NOON
Little Fishes Eucharist

Thursday 9.30AM
Eucharist

**The Sacrament is
reserved at St Peter's
and is available to any
who wish to receive it
in their home or in the
hospital.**

Year's Mind for July

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Eric Slade | 17 William Pryor |
| 2 Sylvia Ligat | Thomas Digweed |
| Charles Thomas | Philip Barker |
| 3 | 18 Iris Wren |
| 4 Percy Garnsey | 19 Christabel Lyford |
| Eileen Watts | Elizabeth Bristow |
| 5 Charles Hansford | 20 Arthur Moss |
| Grace Bean | Shirley Powditch |
| Joan Spratt | 21 Leslie Harris |
| 6 Edith Cox | Violet Bennett |
| Beatrice Clifton | Henry Walker |
| Albert Austin | Bernard Lilly |
| 7 Elizabeth Griffiths | 22 John Hannaford-Hill |
| 8 Lilian Capron | Nellie Shaw |
| 9 David Walkinshaw | Marion Clibbon |
| Loreen Grimes | Edward (Ted) George |
| Mildred Marks | Dare |
| 10 William Crabtree | 23 Violet Wing |
| Catherine Hine | 24 Mildred Nicholls |
| Annie Barnett | Joyce Hall |
| Ronald Brown | 25 Beatrice Green |
| James Lawler | Edith Harris |
| Irene Orr | 26 Elizabeth Stewart |
| 11 Ruby Greenacre | Albert Weston |
| Dilys Slade | Roland Jones |
| Kevin Jones | 27 Albert Powell |
| 12 Mary James | 28 Olive Tolley |
| Winifred Broad | Edith Harris |
| Helen Nolder | Geoff Arrowsmith |
| 13 Ellen Cox | Mair Weston |
| Jack Winkworth | Barbara Welch |
| Primrose Ball | 29 Sarah Fisher |
| 14 Richard Strand | William Jarvis |
| Bertha Monger | Lucy Ostler |
| Phyllis Aplin | 30 Herbert Lowthian |
| 15 Kenneth Vaughan | Douglas Hall |
| Louisa Collins | Mary Waller |
| Ernest Smith | David Handley |
| Zoe Hitchman | Thomas Tyler |
| Keith William Stone | Joan Veronica Brooks |
| 16 William Fernback | 31 Arthur Turner |
| Eric Atkins | Winifred Bullock |
| Basil Dix | Winifred Barnes |

Registers

Baptisms 'made one with Christ'

Robert William Jones

Funerals 'may they rest in peace and rise in glory'

John Ernest Lias

Patricia Chitty

Year's Mind for August

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Gary Jennings | Thomas Haxton |
| Roy Griffiths | Tracey Pye |
| 2 | Gordon Marsh |
| 3 Robert Thompson | 16 Francis Davidson |
| Dorothy Clark | Ian Jones |
| 4 Emily Pearson | 17 Edna Kellar |
| 5 Ernest Osborne | 18 Christopher Clarke |
| Dennis Jaynes | 19 Elsie Taylor |
| Alfred Randell | Elsie Gregory |
| Esther Gale | Ethel Reed |
| Barrie Pow | Thomas Benson |
| Tony Harper | Ivo Belcher |
| Gwendoline Turner | 20 |
| 6 Gwenda Woollcombe | 21 Arthur Newman |
| Florence Pavely | Beatrice (Trixie) |
| 7 Maurice Humphries | Stroud |
| 8 Hattie Tredwell | Eileen Skelton |
| William Clements | 22 Alfred Haywood |
| Martyn Berry | 23 Sidney Payne |
| Gary Purvis | John Barnes |
| Constance | Frieda Huggins |
| Goodenough | Phyllis Jones |
| 9 Cyril Richardson | Ted Wright |
| 10 Philip Hall | Ernest Wheeler |
| Annie James | 24 |
| Ella Weston | 25 Clifford Whetton |
| Ronald Pinner | 26 John Burnham |
| Rose Sutton | Timothy Bickell |
| Dorothy Frost | 27 George Dorling |
| Ivy Aust | Margaret Stephens |
| 11 Evelyn Cherrill | William Warr |
| Dorothy Whitehead | Albert Digweed |
| John Fisher | Maurice Youngs |
| Winifred Evans | Sidney Napper |
| Jean Eustace | 28 Frederick Hawyes |
| 12 Alexander Stevens | Stanley Hann |
| 13 Leonard Turrell | Flossie Lewis |
| Duane Atkinson | 29 Richard Oxley |
| Edward Barnes | John Ralph |
| 14 Kathleen Carter | Elsie Barnes |
| Olive Webb | Rosemary Parsley |
| Nancy Shepherd | Sylvia Perry |
| Brian Amphlett | 30 Kate Hamersley |
| Brinley Francis | 31 |
| 15 George Bishop | |

Church Calendar for August 2016

Thursday 4

9.30AM Said Mass (MU).

Sunday 7 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM BCP Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.

Thursday 11 *Clare of Assisi*

9.30AM Said Mass.

Sunday 14 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.

Thursday 18

9.30AM Healing Mass.

Sunday 21 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

Tuesday 23

2.30PM St John's Guild.

Thursday 25

9.30AM Said Mass.

Sunday 28 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.



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Church Calendar for July 2016

Friday 1

6.45PM Choir Practice

Sunday 3 Patronal

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

10.00AM Sunday school.

6.00PM Choral Evensong—Patronal.

Monday 4

9.30-11.30AM Rhymes and Signs.

Tuesday 5

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

5.30PM Rainbows.

Wednesday 6

10.00AM Wednesday Church.

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal.

Thursday 7

9.30AM Said Mass (MU).

Saturday 9

All day—Didcot Community Gospel Choir CD recording.

Sunday 10 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM BCP Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.

Monday 11

9.30-11.30AM Rhymes and Signs

2.00PM Willowcroft School Leavers' Service.

Tuesday 12

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

Wednesday 13

11.45AM Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday 14 Richard

9.30AM Said Mass.

10.30AM Northbourne School Leavers' Service.

Friday 15

6.45PM Choir practice.

Sunday 17 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

10.00AM Sunday school.

Monday 18

9.30-11.30AM Rhymes and Signs.

Tuesday 19 Gregory & Macrina

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

Thursday 21

9.30AM Healing Mass

Friday 22

6.45PM Choir practice.

Sunday 24 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

Interment of Ashes of Doug & Helen.

Tuesday 26 Anne & Joachim

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

2.30PM St John's Guild.

Thursday 28

9.30AM Said Mass

Sunday 31 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM BCP Holy Communion.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.



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