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The Vicar writes

If statues could speak...?

Dear Friends,



On the 27th of this month, in what we hope will be a glorious service, the Bishop of Bedford will re-dedicate the North Porch of St Paul's, and the restored, rare pre-Reformation statues of SS Peter and Paul. The latter, enthroned on high either side of the church door, now welcome worshippers and pilgrims to the church, as they did from the south porch for centuries before.

But, imagine for a moment, what if our statues could speak? When we've all gone home for the day, what would Peter and Paul be up to? Doubtlessly bickering and chuntering on, as their real-life counterparts did some two thousand years ago!

It is a well-documented fact that Peter and Paul did not always get on. Peter was the leader, or chief apostle of the largely Jewish Christian church in Jerusalem; whereas Paul had received a direct commission from God to preach the Gospel to the non-Jews, the foreigners, the Gentiles. Peter had needed some persuading that God wanted to save and include the Gentiles (*Acts 10*), whereas Paul was convinced that all, both Jew and Gentile, were saved through faith alone. But the crunch came when the Church had to decide whether the Gentile Christians should receive the Jewish mark of covenant belonging (circumcision) in order to belong to Christ, or was faith in Christ on its own, enough? Such matters may seem a tad arcane to us, but then it was a crucial issue.

At the Council of Jerusalem in c48-50 AD (*Acts 15.1-29*), faith in Christ was declared to be sufficient; although Peter later appeared to draw back from this position and was thus declared a hypocrite by Paul, to his face.

We should be thankful on Paul's insistence that we are saved by God's grace, through faith alone. However, Paul was clearly not the easiest of people, even possibly abrasive at times. He probably wouldn't have made a typical Anglican vicar! That said, while most of us probably prefer evolution to revolution, sometimes nothing less than a revolution will do. After all, as they say, and as some of us when preferring the cosy option, probably need to be reminded, "You can't make an omelette without breaking some eggs!"

But the statues of Peter and Paul, side by side, also remind us that they belong together, and therefore none of us can do without each other. Together, "we are the Body of Christ, by the One Spirit we were all baptised into one Body". We are one, so each and every one of us are indispensable members of the Body of Christ. That is unchangeable. As the early Church had to learn how to stick together in the face of their disagreements which were plenty, so the Church today has to do the same with global differences over issues such as human sexuality and also in every local church. We cannot allow ourselves the luxury of throwing childish tantrums or flying off in a strop. Such behaviour is immature and hardly Christian. Rather, there is such a thing as good disagreement. Good disagreement seeks first to respect and value the other person; secondly, endeavours to see them as a brother or sister in Christ; and thirdly, tries to understand their view, even if one disagrees violently with it. I therefore pray that our celebration of Peter and Paul, may also be a celebration both of our life together, and of our unity in Christ as his people at St Paul's, for which we give thanks.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Kevin.

Notes for June

Enquirers

We are hoping to run a group for those interested in finding out more what it means to follow Jesus, to share our questions and explore our faith. This may or may not lead to confirmation for some. Please have a word with Fr Kevin or Fr Anthony.

Albantide Pilgrimage at St Albans Cathedral: Saturday 22nd June

10.45 Procession from St Peter's Church with giant puppets telling the story of Alban's martyrdom.

Pilgrimage Eucharist at 12pm St Alban's Cathedral,
Festival Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.

Pilgrimage Day celebrations continue on the Cathedral Orchard with refreshments until 5pm.

Pilgrimage Evensong at 4pm, with procession to the Shrine of Alban and the laying of roses.

Sung Eucharist with the Blessing and Rededication of the North Porch of St Paul's, 7.30pm Thursday 27th June

The medieval statues of SS Peter and Paul have been installed and the restoration of the north porch is complete, and we are most grateful to the Dorothy Hilda Porter Trust for funding this work. Our President and preacher at the Eucharist on 27th June will be the Bishop of Bedford. We will be joined by a number of guests from the local, civic and county community, and I hope as many as possible will make every effort to attend to welcome our guests and to celebrate this milestone in our church's life together. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Fr Kevin



THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS INVITE YOU
TO THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE NORTH PORCH



The Feast of St Peter and St Paul
Thursday 27th June
7.30pm

President & Preacher
The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson OBE
Bishop of Bedford

Drinks and light refreshments to follow
RSVP by 1st June to

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Wednesday June 5th
12:45pm

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A thank you...



Thank you so much for my 'retirement' gift, which I received at the meeting to elect churchwardens on 28th April. The flowers were beautiful, in strong shades of purple and brightened up my sitting room for over two weeks. I had an enjoyable time spending the generous gardening voucher at the local garden centre, and went home with a splendid ceramic pot for a newly acquired fuchsia plant, some dwarf French bean plants, bedding plants and bags of compost (yes, I know real gardeners grow their own beans

and bedding plants and have well stocked compost bins!) and other gardening necessities. Now I have more time on my hands perhaps I will grow my own vegetable plants next year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as churchwarden, working with James Stephenson during the first year, then for three years with Alison, and for the last year with Malcolm. My thanks to them all for their support, practical advice, calmness and above all good humour, and my warmest wishes to Malcolm who continues as church warden alone. I have learnt so much about St Paul's, the building and its people and feel very much at home in the warm and welcoming community that is St Paul's. The Covid years which Alison and I shared were not the easiest, and bring memories of worship and meetings via Zoom, keeping attendance registers at services, social distancing, and above all spraying hand gel, giving a whole new meaning to the rubric before the Lord's Prayer: 'Let us (s)pray with confidence . . .!' With thanks to you all for your support and friendship over the past five years.

Last orders please! (a final call from the Editor)

Planning for the final issue of *The Spire* has come round very quickly following the decision to close the publication. I have often in the past invited contributions from you, the readers, and for the final edition, I thought it more appropriate than ever to encourage a range of contributions for publication in July.

A short article or commentary, a recollection of a trip taken, a memory, a picture, perhaps a poem or prayer which has particular significance - all will be welcomed. My hope is that together, we can give *The Spire* a fitting farewell.

Robin Bartlett, Ed.

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Bella Ciao Bellissima!

It felt like a double privilege to be able to hear I Fagiolini in the wonderful building that is St Paul's, on 20 April.

This was part of the splendid two week Bella Ciao music festival that celebrated Italian culture. I Fagiolini under Robert Hollingworth are renowned for their innovative performances and gave us an outstanding hour of Monteverdi Madrigals, followed later in the evening with a mix of composers sung alongside our very own Goldentones.

Our guests that evening said it was the best concert they had been to in almost 40 years living in Bedford, and it was held in the majestic setting of St Paul's! Aren't we all lucky...? The evening concluded in semi-darkness, as if we were in a 17th century monastery listening to monks as they moved around singing Gregorian Chant.

By complete contrast almost a week later, St Paul's hosted a wonderful Opera Night of Italian favourites. During the interval we imagined ourselves in an Italian piazza as we joined a long queue for local Gal-lone's ice cream sold from their cart.



Ann Collett-White

Music at St Paul's, Bedford

JUNE 2024 Programme

Tuesday 4th at 1.00pm

Pablo Tejedor-Gutierrez (cello and lute)

Tuesday 11th at 1.00pm

Annabel Astridge & Martin Jones
(soprano and piano)

Tuesday 18th at 1.00pm

Amiri Harewood (piano)

Tuesday 25th at 1.00pm

Molly Oldland (cello)

Our concerts are free to attend with a retiring collection,
suggested donation of £5.

Proceeds, after recitalist expenses,
in aid of St Paul's church funds.

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Uncle Eustace

On the impossibility of keeping silence in church

My dear Nephew Darren

Your remark that you rather liked the silence we keep before starting Services gave me pause for thought. I suppose all things are relative. I know that the noise your congregation makes before worship resembles a packed stand on the football terraces any Saturday afternoon, but the days seem long-gone when I could expect our congregation to sit in real silence for ten minutes.



There's the sound of the treasurer counting the previous day's jumble sale takings, of the ladies at the back asking each other when the fish van will next come round, and of Major Hastings's deafening whisper as he comments some women's choice of hats. Add to this the weekly competition between the organist and the bell ringers to see who can make the most noise, the roar from the choir vestry as they all complain they don't like my choice of hymns and the sound of books, umbrellas and collection money being dropped. I sometimes suspect that an informal rota is arranged whereby people volunteer to drop heavy objects in rotation, thus maintaining a constant clatter, for which no single person can be held responsible.

There is also the weekly ritual when the vergers – always waiting until the church is full – goes round each microphone, giving them a bash and bellowing “Testing, testing” and relishing the echo as it bounces off the walls.

The only time the noise level drops significantly is if the congregation see Miss Simpson sidle up to me to have one of her confidential little chats about someone in the village. Everyone knows that her information will provide more than enough to keep gossip flourishing for the following week.

Equally, periods of silence during Services are rarely welcomed; some find them threatening, but the majority simply assume it means I have lost my place. I gave up after one occasion when, on announcing we would say the Lord's Prayer and then leaving a time of silence for recollection, a choirman leaned over to me and whispered helpfully: "It begins 'Our Father'"

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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Calendar for June

Morning Prayer at 9.00am Monday to Saturday, via Zoom. After clicking through to Zoom
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- 1 **Saturday** Justin, martyr, c. 165
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 2 **Sunday** **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Proper 4*
10.15am **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*)
11.45am Serbian Orthodox Service (*Nave*)
5.30pm **Reflection and Compline**
- 3 **Monday** Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977
12.30pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 4 **Tuesday** Petroc, abbott, 6th C
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Pablo Tejedor-Gutierrez (cello and lute)
2.30pm **Mothers' Union** (*Anderson Room*)
- 5 **Wednesday** Boniface, (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754
11.00am Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
11.00am **Tales of Tower & Steeple, Tour of St Paul's** with Stephen Barratt
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
12.45pm **Fellowship Lunch** (*Alexander Room*) £7.50 sign up / pay on day
- 6 **Thursday** **ASCENSION DAY**
7.30pm **Ascension Day Service** (*Nave*)
- 7 **Friday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 8 **Saturday** Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
12.00 **Organ Recital** - Barnaby Silverstone, Organ Scholar
- 9 **Sunday** **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Proper 5*
10.15am **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 10 **Monday**
12.30pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 11 **Tuesday** **BARNABAS THE APOSTLE**
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Annabel Astridge, Martin Jones (soprano, piano)
2.30pm **Prayer Group - Christie House**
- 12 **Wednesday**
11.00am Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 14 **Friday** Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)

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- 15 Saturday** Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 16 Sunday** **THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRIINTY** *Proper 6*
10.15am **Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism** (*Nave*)
- 17 Monday** Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936
12.30pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 18 Tuesday** Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Amiri Harewood (piano)
- 19 Wednesday**
11.00am Christie House Communion
11.00am Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 21 Friday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 22 Saturday** Alban, first martyr of Britain, c 250
9.30am Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)
7.30pm **Worth the Weight Vintage Sale** - Ticketed event
- 23 Sunday** **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Proper 7*
10.15am **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*) *Prayer Ministry in Trinity Chapel*
- 24 Monday** **THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**
12 noon **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 25 Tuesday**
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Molly Oldland (cello)
- 26 Wednesday** Ember Day
11.00am **Christie House Holy Communion**
11.00am Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 27 Thursday** Cyril, bishop. teacher of the faith, 444
7.30pm **Parish Eucharist** with Rededication of the North Porch
- 28 Friday** Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c. 200
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 29 Saturday** **PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 30 Sunday** **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Proper 8*
10.15am **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*)



Former Curate Luke Larner initiated what has now become an annual date in the church dairy. Refugee Week takes place this year the week of June 17th and will be promoted outside with a banner on the railings.

Inside the church, an art installation called Dead Reckoning by artist Bern O'Donoghue will displayed either in the Trinity

Chapel or the Chancel. The work has already been seen at both the Tate and British Museum. It is a 10 year project described by the artist as “bearing witness to the many migrants and refugees who continue to die attempting to cross the Mediterranean sea in search of sanctuary and a better life”.

The installation consists of thousands of origami paper boats and has an interatvie element to it as the public are invited to participate in building the final display, over a number of hours or even days.

It will be open to the public from Tuesday June 18th until Sunday 23rd. Bern, the artist, will be in church on the Wednesday and Saturday to interact with visiting public, while Sunday's Eucharist will be dedicated to Refugee Week when Assistant Curate Fr Anthony is planning to use the boats in the service.

RB

PRAYER (1)

PRAYER the Church's banquet, angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;

Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days' world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;

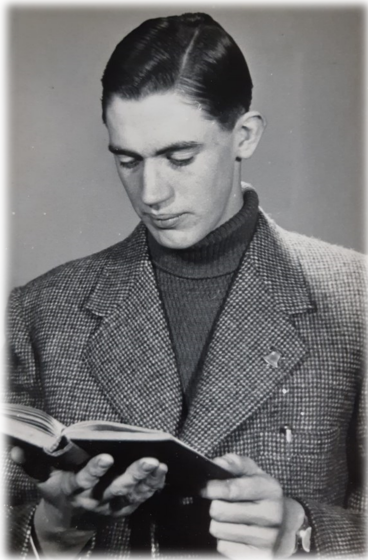
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The Milky Way, the bird of Paradise,

Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert (1633)



Prayer



A tribute to John Long

Pax House. How many times over the years must we have been greeted by that response over the telephone? Here was a person of strong faith, strong enough to support others in their hour of need and firmly in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, so no surprise that he should love the liturgy here at St Paul's.

John grew up in Bushmead Avenue and was from a well established

Bedford family. He attended Bedford School. He did a degree in physiotherapy at King's College London and was a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. He worked for a time as a physiotherapist in Kuwait and on his return worked at the Bedford Group of Hospitals.

John was a keen bell ringer. He started ringing at St. Paul's in 1948 remaining a ringer there until the early 1960s. He went on to be organist and tower captain at Milton Ernest church until the mid 1970s. He then became tower captain at St Andrews from the early 1980s until 1993. He returned to St Paul's in 1994 and became tower captain from the mid 2000s until 2014.

Like many ringers he toured the country ringing in many churches and cathedrals. John contributed to bell ringing in many ways: when in charge at St Andrew's he was instrumental in the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8, and longer ago, in the 1960s he sat on a committee which revised the Bedfordshire Association's district boundaries.

He was also quite knowledgeable about bell maintenance and had a fascination with pipe organs.

Owen has some funny tales. “On a bell ringing outing to Liverpool, John was very keen to ring the Great Bell, all of 82cwt. He was on the tall box. As I was passing him in the sand pit below, John commanded “take this” and gave me what we both assumed was the long rope. As my head rapidly approached a beam, I thought it might be a good idea to let go. Meanwhile John had yards of rope to contend with. After 15 minutes we had the bell back up in ‘up’ to its ringing position, but we had by then used up nearly all of our ringing time before the service. It was painful driving back home with skinned hands, but more excruciating that we had so cut short the ringing on the heaviest ring of bells in the world!

On another occasion, John was very keen to get a ring at Arlesey, and in those days the ringing chamber was accessed by a near-vertical, 40ft wooden ladder. Arriving late, he dashed up the ladder, everything suddenly went dark, and his eyes met with all this lace. The recipient of this unwelcome intrusion came to life with “John, John, get down, John!” Miss Steel, Association President, was not amused.

John was well travelled and visited many countries, several trips made on board the QE2. But the death of his brother Hugh he never got over. He was killed in 1968 on the Aer Lingus flight 712 from Cork to London which crashed into the Irish Sea off Tuskar Rock. There were no survivors. John always had time for his friends. He was a supporter of the Aids Vigil that took place annually at St Paul’s. One of the pieces of music that was always played was *The Power of Love* by Frankie Goes to Hollywood and there’s a line that sums up John as a friend: “When the chips are down I’ll be around”. *Ann Collett-White.*

*Edited from funeral eulogy by Owen A Davis and
with biographical details from James Saunders.*



The biennial Bedford River Festival takes place over the weekend of July 20-21st and is an opportunity for the church to not only raise some additional funds, but to also encourage some of the increased footfall into the church.

A number of activities will be taking place. On Saturday July 20th, teas, coffees and soft drinks will be sold from the vicarage driveway on the Embankment to capitalise on the high number of festival goers in that area; promotional material about the church will also be handed out. Inside the church, a 90 minute tour, led by the official Bedford Tour Guides and to include a trip up the tower and into the ringing chamber, has also been confirmed. Final prices are to be confirmed.

On Sunday 21st July, there will be a further tour in the afternoon and a café will be open in the west end Narthex. It would be helpful to have a few extra volunteers around when both of the tours are running to assist in directing people and to cater for the anticipated rise in footfall over the weekend. Please come and see me in the office or email me if you are able to lend some support.

RB

Bike 'n Hike 2024: Saturday September 14th



St Paul's has received a **Silver certificate** for raising over £1000

in 2023, in fact it was £1,458.50 (of the £6,010 raised in Bedford) of which St Paul's received £619. The balance, including Gift Aid, is paid into the Trust. Thank you to all our sponsors.

Please continue to take part and to sponsor participants in this year's Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 14 September in aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust (BHHCT). Can we reach Gold?

Bike 'n Hike is a great chance to visit churches in town centres and the countryside and to raise much needed funds for the Trust from which St Paul's also receives grants. Walk, cycle, drive or just be a welcomer at St Paul's. It can be a great day out and fun. For full details please call me, Ann Collett-White on 07989 837819. Sponsorship envelopes will be available from July.



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Saints' Days in June



Justin, Martyr at Rome, June 1

Born in Samaria in early 2nd century and converted to Christianity from a pagan family aged 30. He became a teacher of Christian philosophy and became known for his beliefs and teachings in trying to reconcile faith and reason. Was beheaded in Rome c165.

Columba of Iona, June 9

Born into a noble family in Ireland c.521, he became a monk at a young age and founded monasteries in Derry and Durrow. He moved to Iona, Scotland and with 12 friends established the famous Abbey, often considered the start of the spread of Christianity in Scotland. Died this day in 597.

Barnabas the Apostle, June 11

Saint and Apostle, though not one of the original 12. He is mentioned in Acts of the Apostles, which describes how he sold his estate and gave proceeds to the early church. He introduced Paul to the church in Jerusalem and went to Antioch to examine new disciples to Christianity. He later split with Paul and was martyred in Salamis c 61.

Richard of Chichester, June 16

Saint and Bishop. Born in Droitwich in 1197, was appointed Chancellor of Oxford in 1235 and eventually Bishop of Chichester. Was considered an excellent diocesan Bishop who showed great care for his people and clergy. He died in Dover in 1253 and his tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage.

Alban, First Martyr of Britain, June 22

Saint and first British martyr. Alban was a soldier who was converted to the Christian faith by a priest whom he was sheltering as the priest escaped persecution. When his house was searched Alban took the priest's cloak and was arrested and executed in his place, c.250. Our diocese was named after him and his shrine lies under St Albans Cathedral.

Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely, June 23

Died 679, queen, foundress and abbess of Ely. She was the daughter of Anna, king of East Anglia and was born near Newmarket in Suffolk. Her two marriages were both arranged and unconsummated. She built her monastery at which she was Abbess, on the site of what is now Ely Cathedral.

Birth of John the Baptist, June 24

Saint and missionary. Son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The birth is celebrated in Luke's gospel since Elizabeth was beyond the age for child-bearing, and when Mary went to visit her, Elizabeth's child "leapt for joy" in her womb at the sound of Mary's greeting. John's role is therefore depicted as pre-destined, in similar fashion to that of the Old Testament prophets.

Peter & Paul, Apostles, June 29

Apostles remembered jointly on this day because of their martyrdom in Rome in the year 64. Peter, a Galilean and fisherman, originally named Simon but re-named by Jesus and to be "the rock upon which I will build my church". Brother of Andrew, Peter was quickly established as one of the leaders of the 12. He is present at many of the key moments in Jesus' ministry including the raising of Jairus' daughter, the Transfiguration and was present in the Garden of Gethsemane. Paul's role in the early church was different from Peter's; originally a strict Jew, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, Paul's ministry was characterized by extensive travels around the region as he set about preaching and explaining to the Jews and Gentiles what it means to follow Christ. He planted new churches widely throughout the Roman Empire and has been described as the founder of Christianity.

RB

Services in June

Saturday 1 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 2 June The First Sunday after Trinity

Proper 4

10.15 am Parish Eucharist

Preacher: Tom Otley, Reader

Hymns: CP 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies *Ratisbon*
CP 583 Teach me, my God and King *Sandys*
CP 278 Alleluya, sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol*
CP 303 Hands that have been handling *Glenfinlas*
CP 277 All for Jesus *All for Jesus*

5.30pm Reflection and Compline

Wednesday 5 June 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 7 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 8 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 9 June The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Parish Eucharist

Proper 5

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: CP 368 All my hope on God is founded *Michael*
CP 621 Who would true valour see *Monk's Gate*
CP 557 Praise to the holiest in the height *Gerontius*
CP 322 Soul of my Saviour *Anima Christi*
CP 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy *Corvedale*

Wednesday 12 June 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 14 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 15 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 16 June The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Proper 6

Preacher: Fr Anthony Davis, Assistant Curate

Hymns: CP 386 Be thou my vision *Slane*
CP 563 Rejoice! The Lord is King
CP 585 The church's one foundation *Aurelia*
CP 153 Now the green blade riseth *Noel Nouvelet*
CP 254 For the fruits of his creation *East Acklam*

Wednesday 19 June 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 21 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 22 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 23 June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Parish Eucharist with Prayer Ministry in the Trinity Chapel Proper 7

Preacher: Fr Roger Stokes, Honorary Assistant Priest

Hymns: CP 555 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Praise my soul*
CP 233 Jesus calls us, O'er the tumult *St Andrew*
CP 208 Christ is made the sure foundation vv 5-9 *Westminster Abbey*
CP 324 Sweet Sacrament divine *Divine Mysteries*
CP 604 Through all the changing scenes of life t. 611 *Wiltshire*

Wednesday 26 June 12 noon Parish Eucharist (Nave)

Thursday 27 June 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul Rededication of North Porch

Friday 28 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Trinity Chapel)

Saturday 29 June 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Trinity Chapel)

Sunday 30 June The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.15am Parish Eucharist

Proper 8

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: CP 612 We have a gospel to proclaim *Fulda*
CP 445 God moves in a mysterious way *London New*
CP 601 Thou didst leave thy throne *Margaret*
CP 383 Be still, for the presence of the Lord *Be still*
CP 505 Lord Jesus Christ *Living Lord*

The Reverend Canon Kevin Goss MA GRSM LRAM LTCL LGSM **Vicar**

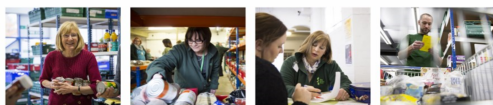


COLLECTION POINT

Emergency Food For Local People in Crisis

Please donate an item or two
from the shopping list.

Thank You



Bedford Foodbank
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SHOPPING LIST

Long Life Fruit Juice
Long Life Milk
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Sweetcorn
Cup A Soup
Jars of Curry Sauce
Tinned Meat
Jars of Coffee
100g Bars of Chocolate
Deodorant

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*

2024 JUNE			PRAYER INTENTIONS
1	SAT	Justin, Martyr at Rome, c165	Those who care for Church Buildings
2	SUN	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Those undergoing treatment for cancer
3	MON	The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-87 and 1977	Those who have died for their faith
4	TUES	Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6 th century	Hospital and other medical chaplains
5	WED	Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754	Care for God's Creation
6	THURS	Ini Kopuria, Founder Melanesian Brotherhood 1945	Military veterans
7	FRI		The NHS
8	SAT	Thomas Ken, Bp Bath & Wells, Hymn Writer 1711	St Paul's Singers and our organists
9	SUN	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Fr. Kevin, our vicar
10	MON		St Albans Clergy conference
11	TUES	BARNABAS THE APOSTLE	Those in training for ministry
12	WED		An end to exploitative Child Labour
13	THURS		An end to war
14	FRI	Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691	Bedford Town Centre Churches
15	SAT	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941	His Majesty King Charles
16	SUN	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 6)	Fathers and those who parent us
17	MON	Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers 1913 and 1936	Those forced to flee their homes
18	TUES	Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of MaShona, Martyr 1896	Those providing care and shelter
19	WED	Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man) Evangelist, Teacher 1929	Teachers and students
20	THURS		Those making dangerous overland jour-
21	FRI		Staff at the Cathedral and Diocesan offic-
22	SAT	Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c250	Alan, Bishop of St Albans
23	SUN	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 7)	Those making dangerous sea crossings
24	MON	THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	Couples unable to have children
25	TUES		St Paul's congregation: hope, faith and love
26	WED	Ember Day	Members of religious communities
27	THURS	Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher 444	Richard, Bishop of Bedford
28	FRI	Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher c.200	Spiritual directors and guides
29	SAT	PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	Those Ordained Priest at St Albans today
30	SUN	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 8)	Those Ordained Deacon at St Albans to-

CHAPTER AND VERSE

Readings for principal Sunday services in May

DATE	June 2nd Trinity 1	June 9th Trinity 2	June 16th Trinity 3	June 23rd Trinity 4	June 30th Trinity 5
READING	2 Cor 4.5 - 12	2 Cor 4.13– 5.1	2 Cor 5.6-17	2 Cor 6.1-13	2 Cor 8.7-end
READER	Dulcie Stanhope	Yvonne White	Margaret Brady	Serena George	Rachel Brown
PRAVERS	Linda Colton	Cliff Harris	Malcolm Smith	Kaye McLelland	Wendy Jones
GOSPEL	Mark 2.23 - 3.6	Mark 3, 20-end	Mark 4, 26-34	Mark 4, 35-end	Mark 5, 21-end



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