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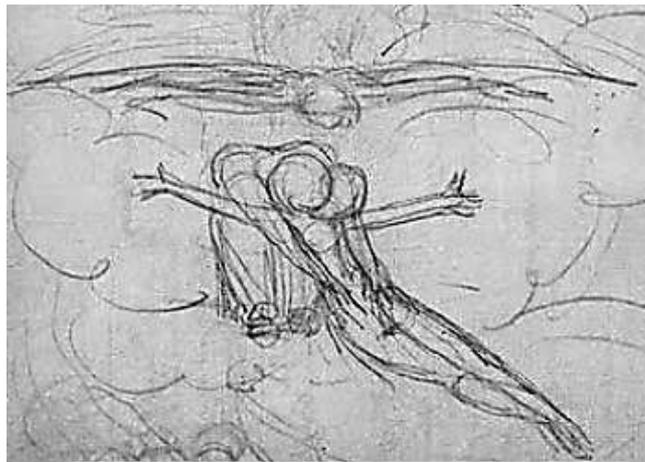
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Compassionate

There is something interesting going on behind closed doors in our parish. Every month, a list is sent out to some members of the congregation; a list of names including all sorts of people, young and old, rich and poor, some known and some not known at all. Every day, somewhere, each of those names is noted, and held in mind. This is the work of the St Mary's Prayer Network, a group of people who commit themselves to offer prayers for all those who have asked for prayer and intercession: members of the congregation, or their friends and family, or the friends of friends; our circle is surprisingly wide. The people on the list are also prayed for at morning and evening prayer, and included in our intercessions on Sunday mornings, so this is not just a bit of private piety, but quite properly an act of public intercession too. Prayer for people in need is one of the marks of the Church.



William Blake, Trinity. www.pinterest.com

The theme for this month is Compassionate, the second C word of Capital Vision 2020. St Mary's is a church that understands and acts with compassion, from the generosity with which we give to the charities we support, to the response to emergencies like the Grenfell disaster, to the way people in the congregation look after one another out of friendship and concern. Compassionate acts of love and care are also one of the marks of the Church.

Yet it is not just about being kind. As Ann Mulcare describes elsewhere in this issue, compassion is a word that carries a sense of us suffering alongside

another person, seeking to be empathic rather than merely sympathetic, allowing ourselves to be moved to the depths of our beings by the lives of others. The clue is in the word; passion is not just about feelings, but about suffering too, and it gives us other words also, like patience and indeed passive, although I would contend that passivity does not describe what suffering is like. Some suffering is very active indeed. This is why we talk of the passion of Christ. His suffering and death were the ultimate acts of compassion with and for the world.

One day, years ago, I was saying the morning office alone in church, and was interrupted by a visitor who was curious about why I was sitting saying my prayers to myself. I assured him I was in fact praying to God, because this is what Christians do, either alone or in company, and he was welcome to join in. (He declined.) Prayer,

intercession, even meditation are all active things, and they take us to the heart of the passion of Christ, the compassion of Jesus. When we name all those people on our prayer list, what we are doing is bringing them with us into God's presence, standing with them in their need and asking on their behalf for God's healing and mercy. It is that simple, and that extraordinary.

We are always glad to put people on our prayer list, and to pray for them as long as it is needed. If you would like to join that ministry, or for us pray for you or someone you know, speak with Verena Tschudin who coordinates the group.

Jenny Welsh

Compassionate

Compassion is a word frequently used when defining the altruistic and empathic qualities of humankind. Inherent in it is the ability to love, understand and share the suffering of others. There is evidence that compassion, which precedes language, art and intellectual development, plays a fundamental part in the spiritual evolution of humanity. Recent archaeological finds reveal that both early humans and our Neanderthal ancestors cared for their sick and buried their dead. Sometimes flowers, gifts, and personal belongings, were buried with the bodies. This is a testament to an integrated society that lived and hunted together, and where people were interdependent on each other. It is not surprising that compassion has been described as 'the glue that holds society together' and is one of the foundation stones of religion.



Metropolitan Museum of Art, Eleven-headed Avalokiteshvara, the Bodhisattva of Infinite Compassion
[https://www.google.co.uk/eleven-headed Avalokiteshvara](https://www.google.co.uk/eleven-headed+Avalokiteshvara)

We have early symbols relating to faith, many of which are shared by both Buddhism and Christianity. There is much to differentiate between the symbol of the cross with Christ crucified and the figure of a seated and contemplative Buddha. One was an Indian prince and sage who lived a long and non-political life and the other who gave his life at 33 for his followers and was perceived by

many to be a revolutionary figure of his times. Yet both emphasise compassion.

One interesting depiction of the Buddha is the eleven-headed Avalokiteshvara, the embodiment of all compassion. The numerous arms and heads of the Bodhisattva [the Sanskrit term for anyone who has a great wish and compassionate mind to attain Buddhahood for the benefit of all sentient beings] symbolises infinite capacity to perceive the suffering of others and to share their pain. It is depicted as a guardian of the world in the time between the death of the Buddha Gautama and the appearance of the future Buddha. In the 12th and 13th centuries this Buddha was represented as both male and female incarnations; at a time when the veneration of the Virgin Mary began to be practised in Europe.

There are many examples of compassion in the Gospels: the Good Samaritan, the prodigal son and the healing of sick people all illustrate the compassion and love of Jesus for humanity. His arms were also spread wide on the cross to encompass, through his suffering, all of humankind. The final, dramatic and most powerful demonstration of this compassion was displayed in the last hours of Christ's life when he promised paradise to the robber who faced death beside him and when he looked to John to care for his mother and asked God's mercy for his executioners.

We find compassion and wisdom in both Christianity and Buddhism: wisdom is primarily of the mind and compassion as the ability to love. In the words of His Holiness The Dalai Lama: 'We might reject everything else, religion, ideology, all received wisdom. But we cannot escape the necessity of love and compassion'.

Capital Vision 2020 was launched by the Diocese of London in June 2013. It is a

collective vision in which 'Compassionate' is one of three major themes with an aim to challenge the effects of poverty, inequality and injustice in modern society. We are encouraged to reach out from our homes and churches and to be 'more Compassionate in serving communities with the love of God the Father'.

Ann Mulcare

When have you last shown compassion and why?

In your opinion, where could St Mary's show more compassion and what are you willing to do about it?

Is compassion possible in politics?
How? Where?



Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 14 October, 10.30am

Harvest is coming late at St Mary's, but it does mean that we have lots of time to get ready for our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 14 October. As usual it is an All Age Eucharist, with many of the roles usually taken by the adults being shared with the children. It will be followed by a Family Parish Lunch, hosted by two of the Sunday School families. We hope lots of people will come to give thanks for God's abundant gifts, and to share a family meal together afterwards.

We will be collecting the harvest gifts to be distributed this year to the Glass Door Homeless Charity (see the article about the Sleep Out below) and a local food bank. We will be glad to receive any gifts of tins, packets, dried food etc. over the course of the next couple of weeks, but we will make a collection

at the service itself, and present it as part of our offering that day. Please start putting something aside from your weekly shop now, so that our offering can be all the greater.



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Preparations for the service will be done on Saturday 13 October and we hope you can help. Speak with Margarete Geier if you would like to help to decorate the church for the service. The bread for the Eucharist will be made by the Sunday School children as well. If your children would like to help with that, let the Vicar know. We will be baking at the Vicarage from 2pm, and there will be tea and a chance to chat and play while the bread is rising.

Bring your friends and neighbours (and your harvest gifts, too) along for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, and for lunch afterwards, and help us to celebrate and share God's abundant gifts of creation together.

Jenny Welsh



Report from the PCC Meeting on 18 September

The Vicar expressed thanks to all who had helped with the Patronal Festival Choral Evensong and the hospitality afterwards.

Particular commendation was given for the Director of Music and the choir for the wonderful music. All agreed that the service was a very happy and successful occasion.

The Treasurer advised that the cash balances remain healthy, but warned that there would be a significant outflow of cash in the coming weeks to pay for the various works carried out over the summer, or in the case of the lighting project, will be incurred in the near future. The Vicar confirmed that a Stewardship working party has been formed and will start work shortly with a view to running a renewal programme in the coming months. The cost of telephones and information services has been identified as an area where potential savings could be achieved and a proposal is to be brought to the November PCC.

Work on the stone work at the west end of church and repairs to the leak in the gutter on the east side of the south transept have been completed. It is anticipated that as the mortar slowly dries out, the strength of the current colour will gradually fade and meld with the colour of the stonework. The heating system in the Verger's flat has been replaced with a combi system. It is hoped this will provide modest savings on running costs. The project to replace the existing lighting system in church with LEDs will be undertaken by Church Lighting and Electrical Specialists and work is expected to start early in January. There will be more work on the mobile telecom installation too. The PCC approved a request for an adjustment to the equipment in the tower to improve its handling of GPS data. In this connection the PCC also approved a request for a small GPS antenna to be fixed externally, to the handrail of the walkway, about the size of a small melon. The site operators are responsible for obtaining all other necessary consents.

Fundraising for work needed to restore the garden continues and will close at the end of the month. A decision about the extent of the work to be undertaken will be taken when the final sum raised is known.

The main item on the agenda was the implementation of projects that were proposed at the PCC Away Day earlier in September and these are covered more below.
Leo Fraser-Mackenzie



PCC Away Day 2018

The PCC took a day away together on 8 September, gathering at the North Lodge at the Brompton Cemetery, to reflect on our mission statement and action plan, and begin to make concrete plans for the coming months.

The morning was spent considering where we are now and how the Mission Statement and Action Plan are being lived out in the life of the parish today. We talked about the current patterns of Sunday worship and occasional offices (baptisms, marriages and funerals) as means of inviting people into the life of the church. We spoke of our outreach, including through regular events like the Summer Fair and the Carol Service. We valued the opportunities for study and discussion in the past years for both adults and children. We discussed our engagement with social justice issues through charitable giving, through Harvest and Christian Aid donations, and the responses to specific appeals, such as Grenfell, and of our engagement with local community groups, including schools and local charities. We talked about our care for creation, recalling that we have had at least one

environmental audit, and the prospect of installing a new LED lighting system in church.

We also looked hard at what could be done more effectively and imaginatively. We want to become better at communicating what we are about as Christians; better at pastoral care for people in need; at speaking with confidence of the faith we hold; at offering hope. We would welcome more opportunities for teaching the basics of the church's life and worship, as well as for theological reflection. We want to rebuild trust in the church among people who have experienced it as unwelcoming and its message as irrelevant. We want to learn to take the welcome we already offer to a deeper level. We need to improve our communication and publicity using both traditional means and new technology. We want to be more engaged with issues of justice and social concern, by working alongside local agencies like Glass Door. We discussed the 'one-off' and regular events that used to happen but fell by the wayside (community lunches, toddler groups, outings and pilgrimages) and whether any could be revived.

The afternoon was given to planning for the future and suggesting some ideas that we could realistically take forward in the coming year or years. This was a particularly fruitful and wide ranging discussion and resulted in several projects that the PCC has now decided to put into action, after fuller discussion at the September PCC meeting.



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These are:

Christmas Fair – a new venture for 2019 – not a charity fundraiser but a community and family event, with any proceeds going to the parish

Outings for both children and their families, and also for older adults

Discussion forums after church on Sundays: a chance for theological reflection on particular topics, perhaps quarterly. These could be lay led

Annual services to invite back to church people who have been baptised or married in the past year, or families of people who have died

Food bank/Glass Door Day Centre support: having a collection bin in church for foodstuffs and other essential items for regular delivery to Glass Door or other local agencies

We were grateful to the Friends of Brompton Cemetery for the use of their excellent meeting space, and the tour of the Cemetery, and to Caroline Jackson for offering us reviving refreshment at the end of the day.

Jenny Welsh



Tribute to Anne Garten

Anne was the most loving, caring, generous, witty, wise and modest human that I have ever known.

Born in Hendon, most of her youthful holidays were spent in Scotland, in Aberdeenshire, where her parents were from. She loved the beach there, and spending time with her aunts and uncles.

Anne attended Aberdeen University during WWII, then went to Girton in Cambridge. She became a teacher and continued tutoring and mentoring until four years ago. She was a wiz at literature, working in several schools, like the Maria Grey College for teachers, which became the West London Institute of Higher Education.

Anne loved reading; she read almost until the end, though once or twice we noticed the book was upside down; it did not matter, there was something very reassuring about holding a book. She also loved Crossword puzzles. Anne and I would sit down to the *Telegraph* quick crossword every morning when I visited her at the Sisters, just 30 yards from the flat. Our record time was 18 minutes.

Anne loved walking; she remembered her walks in Hampstead Heath with her Nanny, or outings with her father to the Royal Academy, followed by milk and a dash of coffee at the Lyons corner coffee shop. Anne continued her fondness for long walks, concerts, and the Opera: these loves were shared with her husband Hugo, a don at Westminster Abbey School. Hugo had died well over 40 years ago, leaving a huge gap in her life. We can be sure that Anne is blissfully happy now reunited with Hugo; even their ashes will rest in the same place.

I arrived at Anne's doorstep aged 18, fresh from Mexico, with light clothing, high heels and a constant hunger for cakes. Ever practical, Anne took me straight to M&S to sort out suitable clothing for a summer in England and proceeded to show me the wonders of Europe, starting in Florence. She was a most awesome guide, talking with great wisdom and knowledge of the frescoes, the mosaics, the Cimabues, the catacombs, the Klimts, the museums and different styles of architecture. She explained the history that lay behind the ruins that we visited. Each cultural stop was liberally sprinkled with stops at a café for a refreshing drink or gelato, or cake or both for me.



Anne was a stable and kind guardian, always had time for chats, despite mountains of papers to mark on Tolkien, Hamlet or other Shakespearean texts that her teaching duties required. Not surprisingly, I wanted to stay with her well beyond the summer, and she became my Mum in many ways.

Her gift as a guiding light was shared with many friends, pupils and colleagues. The sentiment is constant: Anne was there when it mattered, she listened, gave great advice and helped forge careers. Her secret weapon was a bottle of Fino, or in my case, Cherry Brandy.

Anne always had intelligent conversations and she pitched it a just the right level. She offered books that were interesting and stimulating. She started me off with Jane Austen, then Hardy and then Dickens.

Anne liked to have a good sing, which she knew to be wonderfully out of tune, so she indulged it in the midst of a congregation in full song or when accompanied by our sons' strong voice.

Anne was generous and trusting, being frugal when it came to herself, and marvellously

generous when it came to others. She loved to share our lovely home in Italy where many friends from the Study Society joined her. She also loved entertaining at home with the help of Luigi's delicatessen (who are catering for today's lunch).

Anne was faithful and true. She cared for Hugo until he died of cancer and despite her full-time teaching career, she looked after her nanny, Bella Robertson, until Bella died well into her 90s. When I asked her how come that she was so calm and perennially content, Anne remarked that she had given up worrying and grumbling for Lent one year and had never taken it up again; something I have yet to master.

Anne never held a grudge. Her approach was always calm and patient. She was my guide until marriage and my rock from the moment we had our first child. As the best mother's help, she was preparing meals, changing nappies, taking the children to school when I was travelling. Anne was also a consummate homework helper, always ready with an awesome tea before settling into homework and ready to play once it was finished. She also helped edit all the communications my business needed, from the website, press releases and pearl leaflets.

During summer holidays in Italy she would sit on the veranda in the sun, reading endless books, then we would set out for lunch and a walk in some village near or far. Her favourite time was to see the children's ice cream-covered faces at pudding time. Anne also taught us all to dive without splashing and to swim with elegance, having been a proud member of the Mermaid Club in the Finchley Road swimming baths.

Anne once confided that she liked ironing, finding it therapeutic to iron out creases in clothing. I was very grateful for this in Italy where much ironing of small garments was needed and when in London, Anne came to this church every Thursday afternoon to iron whatever was required.

Anne was very intelligent, once writing all the Easter egg hunt clues from Shakespearian quotes, and baffling us all recently with her charade rendition of 39 steps.

Andy, my husband, once asked her what was the goal of a Christian and she replied 'to become like Jesus'. She was a lifesaver to me and many others, honest, humble and prioritised the needs of others.

Anne was organized and thoughtful, she had prepared all the paperwork I would need following her death, she had definite ideas on hymns, readings and music, and no eulogy!! An other stipulation was to have a party after her cremation, no expense spared, with plenty of food and drink. She particularly wanted everyone to have fun.

Anne never lost her wit. When I bade her farewell recently during one of my visits, I said 'don't do something I wouldn't', she cheekily replied 'well that leaves me a lot of room doesn't it'.

Anne had wanted to join Hugo and her departed friends for years. She had a fall at the Sisters and fractured her hip, and after two months in hospital she went to Nazareth House nursing home, where during the last six months she was looked after beautifully. She was strengthening her core muscles, beginning to feed herself again, and there was talk of her starting Yoga. To me it seemed as though she was becoming more aware of her situation, despite the Alzheimer's, which had been diagnosed eight years ago. On Tuesday 21 August she had a small fever; by 1a.m. she was not well, by 3a.m. she was better, in the morning she was up and comfortable, and at 10a.m. as the nurse went to get her a cup of tea, Anne slipped quietly away in typical Anne fashion, not wanting to make a fuss. She looked wonderfully peaceful, relaxed and at ease. The top part of her face looked as fresh as a 30 year-old, not a single wrinkle. I was able to tell her how awesome she was, how very grateful I am, and this time she had to listen – she could not look embarrassed or change the subject!
Chrissie Douglas

A Poem for Anne

Your eyes magnified by your tortoise shell glasses, Running proverbial riddles round your English classes, 'Loose and lose are two different words', Nanny, the champion of the *Sunday Times* crosswords.

A wonderful brain with unending time,
To dedicate to the consumption of good books and wine, Don't cry because it's over – smile because it happened, A more wonderful woman you could never have imagined.

I will always remember your ability to sing,
Not so much in tune – but that umpf to your string, Your gusto for life meant you never did vent, Proven by your giving up grumbling for Lent.

Nanny you would always give me advice,
Did you like my new boyfriend, did you think he was nice?
And although a complete terror behind the wheel, I loved our outings, you were the real deal.

You are awesome, Nanny, you are the best,
Thanks to your help I passed all my grammar tests, I cannot wait to see you soon, And like the owl and the pussycat we will dance by the light of the moon, the moon, we will dance by the light of the moon.

Natalia Douglas



Jargon-buster:

Words you only hear in church

6. Collect

The Collect is a short prayer provided in the Western church for each Sunday or festival of the year. Its odd name was thought to refer to its being a prayer said for the people collected in worship, but is more likely to reflect its being the prayer that collects up the petitions of the people.

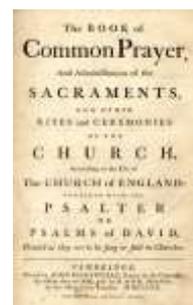
The majority of collects in the Book of Common Prayer are adaptations of mediaeval Latin prayers, though some are much earlier. Those emphasising human frailty had in mind the over-optimistic Pelagian heresy of the 5th century. Those asking for protection emerged under the threat of barbarian invasion.

Many of our modern collects are simply the BCP collects with the thee/thou language updated. The advantage of this is to keep these classic prayers in use. The drawback is the uneasy combination of modern appearance and historic thought-forms. The collects now end with the doxology (the ascription of glory to the Trinity). This might seem a wordy innovation, but in fact restores the intention of the first English Prayer Books.

The collects vary between the banal and the magnificent, but they link us into a chain of common prayer across most of Christian history. The Roman Catholic church has dropped the archaic term collect. Our persistence in using it suggests an Anglican fondness for unbusted jargon.

Next month: Offertory

Philip Welsh



<https://stmarkshonolulu.org>



Second Half Club Coming Soon

You may be asking, Second Half of what? The Second Half Clubs are a collaborative project of The Second Half Foundation, Diocese of London, Open Age and Barclays Bank, to work specifically among over-50s people, that is, anyone in the second half of their lives. Many of us at that stage of life are still working, but many of us are happily retired, or perhaps not so happily underemployed; and many find ourselves isolated or even lonely.

The Second Half Clubs are one way for older members of our community to participate in communal activity, to enjoy the company of others, to stretch body, mind and soul, and they are turning out to be really successful endeavours in churches like ours.

We will be trialling a Second Half Club here at St Mary's 10am to 1.30pm (or so) on Fridays between 2 November and 14 December. Each day will begin with a free session offered by Barclay's Digital Eagles on using digital devices, like phones and tablets. There will be a music making session (singing or playing) and an exercise session (yoga or tai chi perhaps) each week as well, with trained leaders provided by the Second Half Foundation. St Mary's will provide from among our community some input as well, perhaps a craft class, or a series of talks, or discussions on issues of the day, or sessions in conversation in another language. We will be looking for people who can offer their expertise.



Refreshments and sandwiches will be provided, so even if people do not join in all the sessions, they are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee and a chat. In other churches Second Half Clubs have proved to be places for making friends, for alleviating the isolation experience by many people living in the city, and for engaging the mind, body and soul. It is also a good way for people to discover that the church has a care for them, even if they do not belong to the church.

More information will be available in October. Meanwhile we hope you will spread the word that it is coming, and consider whether you might be able to help (or know someone who can). We would also be glad to receive sponsorship from any of the local cafés, in the form of sandwiches or cakes.

Speak to the Vicar or to Fiona Parsons if you would like to know more or if you want to offer help with this exciting new initiative.

www.thesecondhalffoundation.com

Jenny Welsh



**You are cordially invited to the
Opening Night Party of**

The Second Half Career Art
Exhibition and Sale:

Celebrating Living Old Masters

Thursday 11 October

6:30 to 8.30 pm

This exhibition will officially be
opened by Dr Miriam Stoppard

Other Exhibition Viewing Times
Friday 12 October

10am-2pm 10.30am

Breakfast Discussion led by
exhibiting artists, Eleanor Lakelin and

Ashraf Hanna

to discuss *The Art of Creativity: Why
the Creative Spirits Soar as We Age.*

The Second Half Centre at St Charles Centre for
Health and Wellbeing

Exmoor Street London W10 6DZ

This event is sponsored by The Second Half
Foundation (Reg 1141988).

All artwork is for sale.

Proceeds of this exhibition go to fund the work
of The Second Half Foundation.

Cheques should be made payable to The
Second Half Foundation.

Only cheques or cash accepted



Charity Suggestions

A very large thank you to all the people who
have posted suggestions for our 2019 giving in
the suggestion box. It is a very impressive
mixture of charities. Please remember that we
will not be able to advise you of the successful
charities until after the November PCC
meeting.

Anthony Williams



News from Family Friends

Family Friends, one of the principal charities
we are supporting this year, has just published
its Annual Report. It is very pleasing to know
that during the 12 months to the end of March
this year, they helped 68 families, an increase
of 11% over their previous financial year; 37 of
these families lived in Kensington and Chelsea
and 20 in Hammersmith and Fulham. Among
the people they have helped are a single
mother with a non-verbal autistic son with
ADHD and a single father of a boy with special
needs. The father was struggling with reading,
managing his home and finding activities to do
with his son. The Family Friends volunteer
provided practical help, including overcoming
the son's dental phobia. Across the year, just a
few of the other examples of the positive
changes that the charity achieved are four
parents learning to cook healthy meals, 13
children learning to cook and eat healthy food,
12 children making improvements at school
and gaining better grades, 12 children joining
local organisations such as the scouts, five
joining the library and another volunteering at
a Shelter charity shop. The charity also
launched a special programme for families
affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

*Anthony Williams on behalf of the Charity
Committee*



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The Verger is Sleeping Out so Others Don't Have to

Next weekend, on Friday 5 October, our verger, Dave Ireton, will be taking part in the SleepOut in the Square 2018 to help raise money for GlassDoor, our local homelessness charity. Glass Door operates winter night shelters in churches for homeless men and women from mid-November to April. They provide London's largest emergency winter night shelter and are the only charity for which users do not need a referral from another agency to access. This year's Sleep Out aims to raise at least £250,000 to ensure they can run all their shelters next winter, allowing about 120 men and women a safe, warm and dry place to sleep every night during the coldest months of the year. Dave hopes to raise £500 or more to help them reach that goal: why not sponsor him to sleep out for a night. Go to <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/david-ireton-sleeps-out> or you could sleep out yourself, and raise funds from among your friends and neighbours. To find out more, go to www.glassdoor.org.uk

By joining or supporting this year's event, you will be helping to bring someone in from the cold.

A note from Dave

As well as providing a winter night shelter, GlassDoor also runs a year-round drop-in centre based at the Chelsea Methodist Church on King's Road, offering among other things access to meals, accommodation advice and clothing; all vital to people living on the streets. Finally, two sobering thoughts:

1. Anyone, old, young, male or female can become homeless.
2. I am sleeping outside for one night. Those living on our streets are often doing so 365 days a year often for years.

Perhaps you can help me to reach my target of £1000 before the event on Friday 5 October.

Dave Ireton



The Excitement of Being a Warden

Edward disappeared on Saturday morning, muttering that he was going up the tower. Knowing that, for him, a love of heights is still to become part of his life, my knees wobbled in sympathy!



Anthony Williams and Edward were reviewing the installation of the telecoms equipment in the tower and the new ladders and railings (which certainly made the heart of this wife beat a little less frenetically). It also gave him the opportunity to take some rather striking photographs of the church from viewpoints not usually seen by the rest of the congregation which I felt he should share!

Katrina Quinton



Adult Learning at



St Paul's Cathedral puts on many events, free and paying, which are public events exploring the challenges, contradictions and joys of being a Christian in the 21st century.

My Soul Glorifies the Lord: Jesus' female disciples

Helen Bond and Joan Taylor

Tuesday 30 October, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Free event

The traditional story of the birth of Christianity is dominated by men. It is often thought that Jesus only chose men to be his disciples and apostles, but evidence suggests that this is really only half the story. Were female disciples in fact crucial to the Jesus movement? Profoundly scandalous at the time, the idea remains highly controversial 2,000 years later.

Two distinguished early church historians will present research that shows as many as half of Jesus' disciples were women. They say the evidence shows that women were integral to his mission and only if we see men and women working together do we see the whole story, revealing the early church as far more radical than we thought.



Silent Prayer in Church

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on the second Wednesday of each month, 11am to 12md.

The next dates are:

10 October

14 November

12 December

These meetings are designed to give an opportunity to join with others for silent prayer and meditation. The space behind the altar is a perfect setting, having a quiet air of spirituality, silence and serenity. We begin with a short reading, then two sessions of twenty minutes in which we sit quietly in prayer or meditation with a short break between. If you are practised in meditation or simply wish to join others for the first time, you are welcome.

[We come along to sit in silence](#)

[We do not have to be knowing](#)

[We can let go and be](#)

[And cherish The Now of our being](#)

[Ann Tait](#)



8th Annual Autumn Concert at St Mary's

Thursday 11 October 2018 at 7.15 pm

Kamila Bydlowska (Violin)
Varvara Tarasova (Piano)

Young professionals from the Royal College of Music

A recital of music by Beethoven,
Vaughan Williams,
Chopin, de Falla and Gershwin

followed by
Wine and Canapés in the Church Hall

£30 per ticket



For further information, tickets or donations
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All profits go to the RNL



Year's Mind October

Mary Challen
Charles Lawther
Margaret Singer
James McNair
John Marryat
Moira Tompkin
Mary Proctor
John Williams
Anne Williams
Julia Gordon
Parvis Changizi
Gavin Hodge
John Symons
Sandra Ockwell
Florence Payne
Mary Pretyman
Gillon Aitken
Peggy Smekal



Future Services and Events

Sunday 7 October:

10.30am: President and preacher is
Revd Neil Traynor.
Come and Sing Choir

Wednesday 10 October:

11.00am: Silent Prayer in church

Thursday 11 October:

7.15pm: RNL Autumn Concert

Sunday 14 October:

10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving and All
Age Service
followed by Family Parish Lunch

Wednesday 17 October:

7.00pm: Deanery Synod meeting in
church (6.30pm worship)

Saturday 20 October:

Wedding of Chloe Kitchener and
Christopher Heritage

Sunday 21 October:

10.30am: No Sunday School
12.30pm: Baptism of Jack Cooper

Sunday 28 October:

10.30am: No Sunday school

Friday 2 November:

10.00am-2.00pm: Second Half Club
launched in church

Sunday 4 November:

10.30 All Saints Sunday
Come and Sing Choir
followed by parish lunch
12.30pm: Baptism of Maxwell and Evie
Jones

Tuesday 6 November

7.00pm

Sunday 11 November:

10.30am: Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 6 November:

7.00pm: Standing Committee (Vicarage)

Wednesday 14 November:

11.00am: Silent prayer in church

Tuesday 20 November:

7.00pm: PCC

Sunday 2 December:

10.30 Advent Sunday
Baptism in the service of Charlotte
Morse, followed by parish lunch

Wednesday 5 December:

7.00pm: Trinity Hospice Carol Concert

Wednesday 12 December:

11.00am: Silent prayer in church

Sunday 16 December:

7.00pm: Nine Lessons and Carols by
Candlelight

Monday 24 December:

4.00pm: Crib Service for Children and
Families
11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December:

8.00am: Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am: Holy Eucharist for Christmas
Day

Church and Parish Office will be closed on
weekdays between 26 December and 1
January. The Office will reopen on Tuesday 2
January.

Services will be as normal on Sunday 30
December.

Sunday Readings for October

**7 October, Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity**

Job 1.1; 2.1-10
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16

14 October, Harvest Festival

Joel 2.21-27
Matthew 6.25-33

**21 October, Twenty-first Sunday after
Trinity**

Job 38.1-7
Hebrews 5.1-10
Mark 10.35-45

28 October, Last Sunday after Trinity

Job 42.1-6,10-17
Hebrews 7.23-28
Mark 10.46-52

5 November, All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25.6-9
Hebrew 12.18-24
Matthew 5.1-12



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist, sung, BCP

10.30am Sung Eucharist

The meeting room at the back of the church is
available for people with pre-school children.

There is a baby changing facility in the
wheelchair accessible toilet in the hall.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Usually Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30am
and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm, except Public
Holidays. The weekday Eucharist is on
Tuesdays at 1pm in the chancel.

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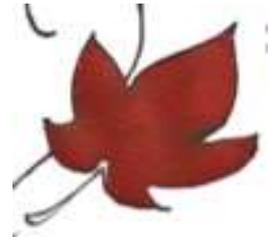
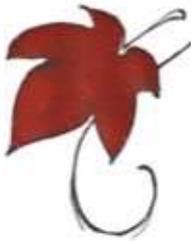
Safeguarding at St Mary's

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Kelly Webb may be contacted at 07971 552 014.

Alternatively, speak to: Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224
Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550
Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 1111.

Children's Champion

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: children@stmarytheboltons.org.



St Mary The Boltons

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reaching out in service*

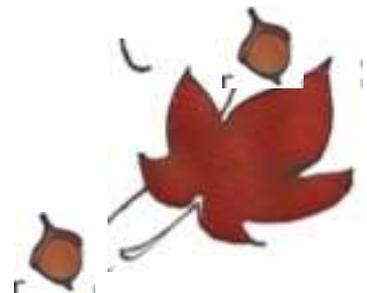
Sunday 14 October 10.30am

All Age Worship for

Harvest Thanksgiving

Join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving
Bring along your harvest gifts of food
(packets, tins and boxes, fresh fruit and veg)
Everything will be distributed to local charities
who feed hungry people in our area.

Families and children welcome



There is a Hearing Loop in operation at St Mary The Boltons.

**Contributions for the November *Clarion* (the theme will be 'Creative')
should be sent to the Parish Office by 22 October 2018.**

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