



# St Peter's Parish Newsletter April edition 2019

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## Letter from the Vicar.

I tend to find, as we approach Easter, I begin to think about the importance of story. Story can be taken for granted or even misunderstood. After all we are in many ways used to story. We enjoy novels and biographies, we watch a lot of TV, I am sure many of us enjoy theatre and cinema. All ways in which we engage in story, or at least story telling. For story is only effective if it is engaged with and that engagement would be called story telling; where story is shared, sometimes to entertain, sometimes to inform, occasionally to educate.

Story is an important element of the Christian faith. It is through story we can encounter or engage with God. It is also through the Biblical stories of salvation that we begin to understand what it is God has done for us, what it is God wants of us and how we can respond to God.

We also tell story in the Christian faith through worship. Have you ever wondered why we use so much liturgy and ritual in worship? Is it because Fr David likes dressing up or Fr Michael likes changing the colours when the frontal needs washing? Well of course you know this isn't the case. We use ritual, in our tradition, to explore story, to tell story and to help us engage in story. The drama of the purple hangings in Passiontide; the glory of the white and gold vestments on Easter morning; the expression of holiness in incense and music. The choice of hymns, the actual movement we share in through the liturgy, turning to face the gospel reader; making the sign of the cross to signify our sharing in the mission and ministry of Jesus; our bowing to express our engagement with the holiness of God; our kneeling in prayer (if we still can) to symbolise our recognition of our place before God. All express or tell the story of our salvation and our understanding of our relationship with God here today and in the story of Jesus.

There is of course one story that is central to all this for Christians; the Easter story. It is so central that it cannot be told in one day or one service. Over the Triduum (The Three Holy Days) we live the story, walking with Jesus from his washing of our feet, to his breaking of bread that we might share in his body. From his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane as we all flee in fear and weakness, to his trial when we along with Peter acknowledge our denial of him. From the cross that we watch Jesus, in his brokenness and pain, drag through the streets of Jerusalem only to be nailed to it and lifted high for all to see and shame. From the moment of his death when all seems lost and the laying of his broken and bloodied body in the tomb of a

stranger. And then that early morning, crystal clean and clear, when the sunlight seems somewhat different, brighter, shinier; the birds singing a little more beautifully, the grass looks a little greener and fresher and then we meet him. Not realising at first but then it dawns on us. All we have heard him say, all we have seen him do, it all makes sense now. He is risen and all of creation is celebrating.

This is the story we share over the Triduum. This is our story, Jesus has given it to us and it belongs to us if only we would accept it. If only we would receive it for ourselves and own it, knowing that this is what he did for us. Come and share in the telling of this story this Easter. Share in the Three Holy Days and let this story become your own.

Wishing you a joyous Easter celebration.

**Fr David**

## Modern Day Slavery – The Bishop of London's Lent Appeal 2019

At Diocesan Synod on 1 December 2018, Bishop Sarah announced that Modern Day Slavery would be the focus for the 2019 Lent Appeal. This will build on the work of the Clewer Initiative, part of the national church's approach to eradicating modern day slavery which was launched by Archbishop Justin in October 2017. It calls for a community wide response to modern slavery – developing partnerships between the Church, statutory and non-statutory agencies to create a network of advocates seeking to end Modern Day Slavery.

As Bishop Sarah explained

*There are at least 40 million victims of modern day slavery in the world today, and tens of thousands in the UK. In one of the wealthiest countries in the world, in a capital city heralded for its history and culture, modern slavery is thriving. Thousands are forced into domestic servitude, forced labour or sexual exploitation in plain sight of Londoners, and many more are at risk of falling through the cracks, hidden from the view of the authorities, charities and the church. Behind those statistics there are real people. Whether it be a woman or girl trafficked to work in the illegal sex trade, a man forced to work on a construction site or a child married against their will, none are free.*

*Micah tells us that "he has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This may be the best-known passage from the book of Micah – it is full of words and phrases that occur throughout scripture: justice, love, kindness, a walk with God. We should bear this in mind, that life can be safely travelled only if it is made "with God."*

### Supported Charities

For this Lent Appeal, we will be partnering with 5 charities that are already working to end Modern Day Slavery in London: Ella's Home; Kalayaan; Love 146; Tamar; The Rise Project (The Children's Society). All do equally incredible work, and we are asking all our parishes to prayerfully consider how we as a Diocese can join together

and raise awareness of an issue that is 'Hidden in plain sight' whilst raising funds to support our partner charities to continue to help those trapped by MDS. Our final charity is Capital Mass the chosen delivery partner for this Lent Appeal. Capital Mass supports parishes in the Diocese of London to tackle poverty and inequality and already has a host of information about Modern Day Slavery on its web site.



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**Please make sure you take one of Lent boxes and help us to raise funds for this project. We can help make a difference.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a time of great uncertainty for everyone as the country waits to hear the outcome of the political discussions around the United Kingdom leaving the European Union. It is difficult to know how life will be here in the

UK in the next weeks, months and years.

At this time we want to encourage our churches and congregations to pray for unity and for people, whatever their personal views, and to come together to ensure that whatever the outcome we work together to bring about the best possible way forward for the communities we serve in Christ's name.

Together with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, we are therefore inviting you to mark the day by joining in a national prayer initiative of five days, and consider hosting a tea-and-prayer drop in session in your parish on or around Saturday 30 March:

- To get together as a community
- To chat over a cup of tea
- To pray for our country and our future.

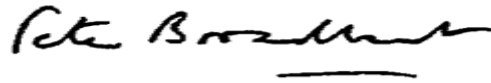
To assist with this, the national Church has produced a set of prayer resources and some suggested conversation starters, as well as locally printable publicity materials and graphics that can be shared on social media.

These are available at [churchofengland.org/together](http://churchofengland.org/together)

We encourage you to do all you can to encourage prayer and conversations within and across communities during this time.

Yours in Christ

*+ Sarah London*



The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally  
Bishop of London  
Stepney

The Rt Revd Pete Broadbent  
Bishop of Willesden and Acting Bishop of

[Ed: At St Peter's we are taking this initiative on every week with our Ivy Café, Wednesday afternoons, 3-4pm. This is open to everyone so if you are around come along and share in fellowship and a lovely cuppa together]



## Admission to Communion before Confirmation – aka first communion 2019

Classes will begin on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 3.45pm in the Lady Chapel. Candidates for admission should be 7 years or above.. Parents will be

required to complete a consent form. The candidates will be admitted to communion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost, in the parish mass. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare for this next big step in their life of faith.



## Confirmation 2019.

Thinking about confirmation? If you would like to consider confirmation as the next step in your journey of faith Fr David would be delighted to talk to you about it. There are a number at St Peters who have not yet formally confirmed their faith for themselves; joining a confirmation group doesn't mean you are immediately committed either. The group would be a chance to talk about faith in Jesus Christ and how we felt about it, what God meant to us and how we might engage more fully in the faith. It is also an opportunity to find out more about Christianity. Come and see.

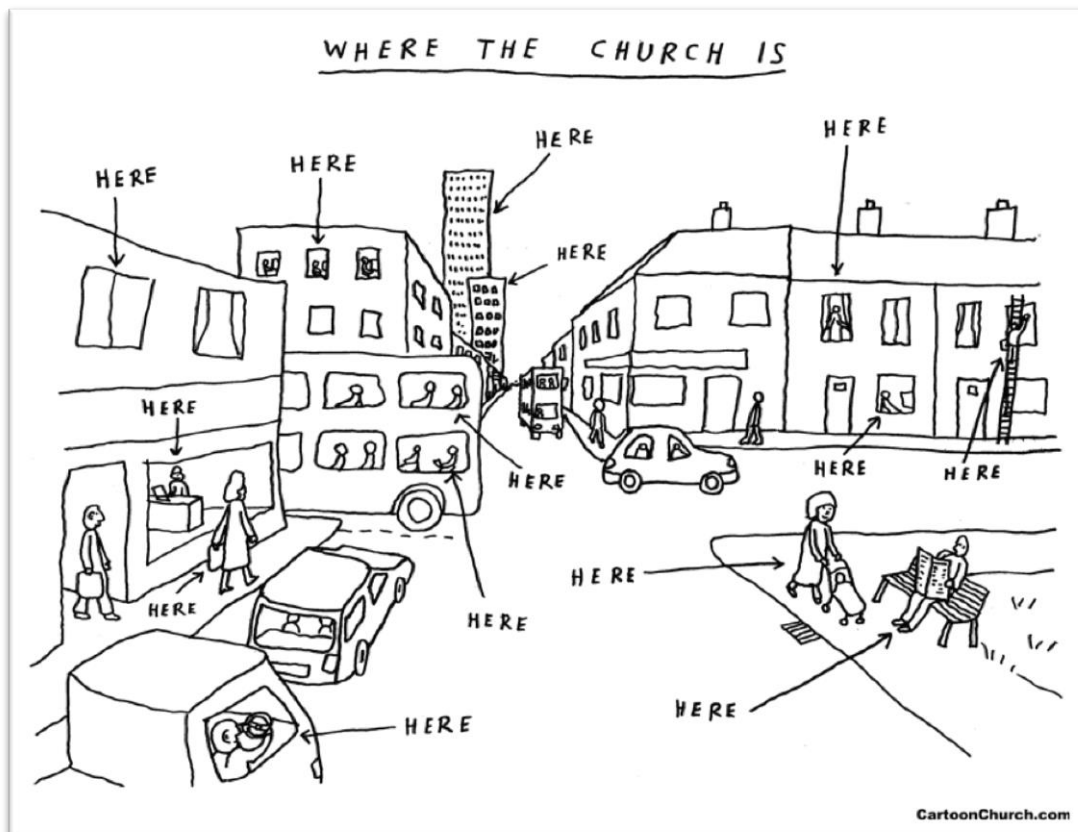
## Annual Parish Church Meeting – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

It is that time of year again when we hold perhaps the most important meeting for the church community. It is when we hear about our financial life, our ministry and mission of the past year and elect our officers for the coming year. It is the meeting that sets the tone for the coming year's mission. It is also an opportunity for members to engage in the mission and ministry of our church by serving the community through election to the PCC, maybe as a council member, churchwarden or even a representative of St Peter's in the wider church of Deanery Synod.

This is why it is important for all members of St Peter's, where ever possible, come along. It is quite a jolly affair too believe it or not. There is food and fellowship and loads of good news stories.

We do need people to stand for office and I would encourage you to prayerfully consider taking part. Above all we'd just like you to be there. So come and join us.

Fr David



### Your Parish Church Needs You!

You may have noticed over the past few months serving teams have not been complete. We are short of servers and need your help. We need people to join the team and help run our worship. We also need counters to record the collection after Mass. There is space for Welcomers and Flower arrangers. These don't need to be arduous and, in most cases, mean a commitment of maybe once a month. So please, let Fr David or one of the Churchwardens know if you can help. We do need you to make St Peter's function well.



## THE LADY CHAPEL - update

We had a great evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> March with the Rock & Sole quiz night with a fish pie supper and fish tombola. About thirty of us gathered for an enjoyable evening of competition and fellowship. The evening raised £303 towards the Lady Chapel works which takes us a little closer to our original target.

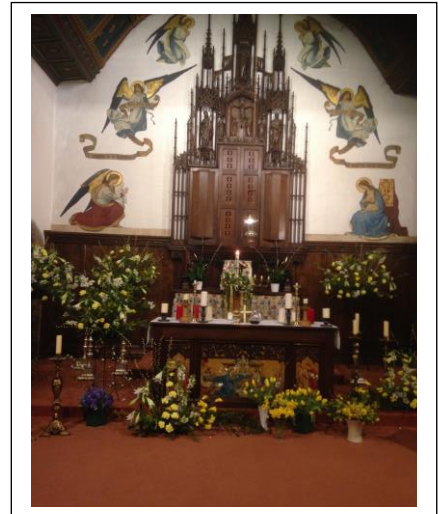
The faculty certificate has arrived for the works on the plaster repair and oiling of the reredos which is another piece of good news. We now have 9 months to get the rest of the money we need and start work. Having now raised c.£6k (pre-Gift Aid) we are well on the way to our initial target.

I keep saying 'initial target' because we had a very interesting and fruitful meeting with our church architect recently. We met to discuss the Lady Chapel works. Roderick raised some important questions which have sent us away thinking.

The Lady Chapel needs work. If you have been in there lately you will have noticed the missing plaster obviously, you may have noticed the pretty poor state of the carpet, and the paintwork needs attention. Would you have noticed the work needed on the stained-glass windows (there is an odd green panel, a temporary repair that needs sorting and several small holes in the glass) and would you have noticed the very beautiful ceiling needs cleaning? Having had to remove the Lady Chapel altar rails stored in the boiler room the question now is what to do with them. Put them back? The knock on question then is how to re-order the chapel so that it is still useable as a westward facing altar (i.e. the priest can stand at the back of the altar and preside at the Eucharist facing the people rather than having to stand in front of the altar with their back to the congregation, known as eastward facing).

Needless to say the bill goes up. Roderick is working on a scheme of works for us and thinks the cost will be in the region of £35k. We have a small Grants Team who are taking this on board. We are already making grant applications and Roderick is putting his mind to who else we can apply to. This is after all an historic chapel.

We need you primarily to keep this work in our prayers. To pray for successful grant application, for clear thinking from the Grants Team, for Roderick's expertise and insight into the task in hand. If you would like to make a financial offering towards this work all gifts will be gratefully received. This is one of the realities of having and enjoying a historical building. They cost to maintain. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



The Grant Team

## April's Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Venue
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		19.30 Stations of the Cross	Parish Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		15.00 Ivy Cafe 18.00 Encounters: Study Mass	Church Hall Lady Chapel
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>		13.30 Encounters: Contemplative Prayer Group	Lady Chapel
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>		End of Spring term – Easter School holidays begin	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Lent 5 Passion Sunday	09.15 Pebbles 10.00 Parish Mass 11.30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting 17.30 Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel Parish Church Church Hall Lady Chapel
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		15.00 Mission Team Meeting	The Vicarage
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>		19.30 Stations of the Cross	Parish Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		15.00 Ivy Cafe 18.00 Encounters: Study Mass	Church Hall Lady Chapel
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>		10.00 Best Feet Forward Walk – Wimbledon to Richmond 13.00 Quiet Afternoon – Encounters in the Cross	Meet at EB Tube Station Lady Chapel
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Palm Sunday	10.00 Palm Sunday Mass and Procession 11.15 Drinks reception to say goodbye to Fr Michael & Neil 17.30 Evening Prayer	Parish Church Church Hall Lady Chapel
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b>	19.30 Film Night: The Passion	Lady Chapel
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	19.30 Stations of the Cross	Parish Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	15.00 Ivy Cafe 18.00 Encounters: Study Mass	Church Hall Lady Chapel
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	10.30 Chrism Mass 20.00 Maundy Thursday Mass 21.00-00.00 Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament	St Paul's Cathedral Parish Church Lady Chapel
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00 Walk of Witness 12.00 – 15.00 The Three Hours	Parish Church Parish Church
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	10.00 Clean Church and set up for Easter Day	Parish Church
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Easter Day	05.15 Vigil, Dawn Service, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and first mass of Easter followed by breakfast 10.00 Holy Mass of the Resurrections	Lady Chapel and Parish Church  Parish Church
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		15.00 Ivy Cafe	Church Hall
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2	10am Parish Mass 17.30 Evening Prayer	Parish Church Lady Chapel

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## Worship at St Peter's:

Sunday	09.15 Pebbles (for 0-5s) 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
	10am Parish Mass with Stepping Stones in term time
	5.30pm Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer
	5.00pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday	7.30pm Holy Communion
For seasonal celebrations please check the weekly bulletin sheet	