



St Peter's Parish Newsletter

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Letter from the Vicar.

Hello from a very (and apparently unusually) sunny and bright Vancouver, British Columbia. As I write I am coming to the end of my first week at AROCHA, Brooksdale Conservation Centre, just outside Vancouver City. Well when I say just outside, that is by Canadian standards. To get into Vancouver from here by public transport (never an easy feat in the Americas, so dominated as they are by the car) takes about two and a half hours using two buses and the Skytrain, Vancouver's version of the underground.

Before I had arrived here I hadn't appreciated the distances involved. I knew I'd need to travel a bit but hadn't realised how much. We get so used to our small island we forget how big the planet is.

Being at AROCHA challenges perspectives. So far this week I've spent time with Canadians (obviously) Americans (surprisingly quite a few), Singaporeans, Indonesians and Germans. Next week more visitors will come. I have a contact coming who is Irish and has lived here since the late 70s. I'll be meeting indigenous Canadians and discussing their world view. When we engage with so many people from so many different parts of the world we are challenged by the way they see us and how the world can be viewed differently through their eyes.

A major part of Jesus' ministry was to challenge the received world view of the time. To encourage the people to review their understanding of their relationship with God, one that they had taken for granted and turned into an understanding that meant the Messiah would come and free them from the Roman occupiers. Jesus challenged them to see God not as an avenging warrior but as one

who brings healing and wholeness to a broken world. As one who frees us to see the world through the eyes of God. One that makes us fools for Christ, fools in the eyes of the world but wise in the sight of angels. In Jesus God's message becomes one that is counter to the expectation of human kind, one that sees us all as equal before God. There is no one-upmanship in knowing God, in calling God our saviour. There is no supremacy only servanthood. This is God's desire for all people and all creation, that we should worship and in worshipping serve each other and understand each other as fellow travellers on the road of life.

Fr David

Ealing Foodbank

In 2013, people from more than 40 Ealing churches saw the need for a foodbank in Ealing; today we still need church support to keep the work going.

2017/18 - Client numbers increased by 40%

The number of 3 day food parcels distributed by Ealing Foodbank has risen, from 5007 year ending July 2017, to 7021 in year ending 31 July 2018.

This is due to changes in our referral system (we offer support to clients for as long as needed, as long as they remain engaged with their referring agent); changes beyond our control (Universal Credit was rolled out in Ealing in March 2018); and to increased use over the school summer holiday (41 families fed, 14 of whom have not used the foodbank before).

Food donations lower than food given out

Food donations are increasing, but are not keeping up with food needs, and for the first time we are regularly buying food where we have shortages.

Harvest is an important time for food donations, last year we received 8.5 tonnes in 6 weeks and we hope for a bountiful harvest again this year. If your church is thinking of supporting Ealing Foodbank with food donations specifically this harvest, please contact

Hilary Padmore for a list of food and other items to ask for, and how to arrange delivery.

Help and Support

Other ways your church might be able to support the work of the Foodbank:

- Do you collect food for us, but find that donations have tailed off? We would love to come and share about our work, and help kick start things again. Please get in touch with Janet Fletcher to arrange a talk or presentation - we can come to talk at a service with a sermon/talk, or make a presentation to a small group, or give resources for prayer...
- Do you have funds to support our work? Money is always useful, especially now that we are spending more on food. Please [click here](#) if you would like to know how to give.
- Do you have space for us to hold meetings? We occasionally need a room for team meetings. If you would be able to offer space without cost to us, we would love to hear from you.
- We would like to open a client centre in Ealing Broadway on Tuesdays and need to create a team of volunteers to do this. For more information, please get in touch [here](#)
- And finally, we'd love to have photos of your collections if possible, and if you have a Facebook or Twitter account, we'd love to connect with you. Could you follow us, [@EalingFoodbank](#) for both, and we'll do the same for you.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Janet Fletcher, Ealing Foodbank Administrator
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Stewardship Programme 2018: Giving in Grace.

This is a quick reminder of our Stewardship Programme 2018: Giving in Grace. Everyone was asked to complete a Pledge Card as part of our commitment to St Peter's for the coming year. If you have not had a chance to do this yet there is still time. Cards can be obtained either from the Parish Office, Fr Michael or Linda Foster. It is really

important for our budget preparations and parish planning that everyone who feels able completes and returns a card. They can be returned completed to the parish office or to one of the leadership team. Thank you for your support of the ministry at St Peter's, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Fr David

Remembrance

We are holding our traditional time of Remembrance for all of those who lost their lives in the World Wars and the conflicts since that time, on Sunday November 11th at the 10.00am Mass. This year it is especially poignant as we mark the centenary of the Armistice on November 11th 1918.

The Remembrance Day Mass will feature the motet "May Wisdom and Knowledge" composed by Malcolm Archer for the 80th birthday celebrations of the Her Majesty The Queen at St Paul's Cathedral. The service will also be framed by movements from the contemporary French composer Philip Mabboux's trumpet concerto.

In the evening at 5.00pm there will be a concert marking the Centenary of the Armistice with readings and organ music for 'Four Hands and Feet.' This is a specially arranged version of the Verdi Requiem for two organists and a Soprano voice. The readings will be themed on war, peace, loss and love.

The arranger of the piece, Alberto Brigandi is joined by our own Mark James and Vix Sherliker to perform the music.

Tickets are priced at £10 and there will be a glass of wine afterwards so that we can meet the performers and have a short time of fellowship.



Ivy Cafe

The Ivy Cafe continues to grow and the regulars are enjoying a mid-week break for a chat over tea and cakes. Do come and join us for this time of fellowship, friendship and community spirit. It meets every Wednesday in the Church Hall between 3.00 and 4.00pm.



Sparklers Party

All members of the Pebbles family and Stepping Stones project are invited to a Sparklers Party in the Church Hall and Car Park on Saturday November 3rd from 5.00 until 6.30pm. There will be 'gentle' fireworks, sparklers and food and drink - so do come along and join in the fun.

Memorial Service – Sunday 4th November

The 4th November sees our annual Memorial Service, where we remember all of those who have died recently and those who we love but see no longer. This is held in Church on the afternoon of Sunday November 4th at 3.00pm. There will be no Evening Prayer on that day.



Beer and Curry – Thursday 8th November

The regular members of the Beer and Curry group are always looking for more men to join in our time of fellowship over a pint and a curry. Our next gathering is on Thursday November 8th, 7.00pm at the Village Inn, Pitshanger, followed by a curry at Samrat Restaurant also in Pitshanger. Do let Fr Michael know if you can come, so that he can book a table for the correct number of diners.



Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter 2018.



We are hosting the Night Shelter again this year and we need volunteers to help. We need people to make up beds, cook food, welcome our guests, offer support through the night, serve breakfast, clear up, wash bedding. There is loads that needs doing and can only happen with your help.

If you can offer time for this important project please contact Fr Michael (revmselby@gmail.com) or Ben Sherliker (bensherliker@gmail.com). You can also leave your details at the parish office if that is easier and they will be passed on to Ben or Fr Michael.

November Course

Please see below for details of our November course, 'Understanding the Christian Vision for the World.' All are very warmly invited to come along on the Wednesdays at 8.00pm, or arrive early for Mass at 7.30, which will prepare us for an evening of learning through discussion.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD
ONLY GETS 10%?

“Understanding the Christian Vision for the World”

A Short Course beginning this November 2018.



Six weeks beginning on Wednesday 7th November 8.00 - 9.15pm in the Lady Chapel.

Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Nov, 5th & 12th Dec.

We will use the Pilgrim course ‘The Beatitudes’,

“In a few short sentences the Beatitudes are probably the most important, subversive and revolutionary text in the Bible. In order to follow Jesus and live the Christian life we need to enter into the challenging world of the Beatitudes.” Pilgrim Course Book Four, 2014, p. 12.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 21st December

6.30pm – 10.00pm in the hall.

**Family fun with carols, games, dancing,
acts, songs, food and drink.**

Please put in your diary!!

November's Calendar

DATE	DAY	EVENT	VENUE
SUNDAY 4 th	All Saints Sunday	09.15 Pebbles 10.00 Parish Mass 17.30 Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel Parish Church Lady Chapel
WEDNESDAY 7 th		15.00 Ivy Café 19.30 Mass 20.00 Short Course	Church Hall Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
THURSDAY 8 th		Men's Beer and Curry 19.00 Village Inn, Pitshanger 20.00 Samrat Restaurant, Pitshanger	Village Inn & Samrat Restaurant, Pitshanger Lane
SUNDAY 11 th	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.00 Parish Mass with Act of Remembrance 17.00 Armistice Centenary Concert	Parish Church Parish Church
WEDNESDAY 14 th		15.00 Ivy Café 19.30 Mass 20.00 Short Course	Church Hall Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
SUNDAY 18 th	<i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	09.15 Pebbles 10.00 Parish Mass 17.30 Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel Parish Church Lady Chapel
WEDNESDAY 21 st		15.00 Ivy Café 19.30 Mass 20.00 Short Course	Church Hall Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
SUNDAY 25 th	<i>Sunday next before Advent</i>	10.00 Parish Mass 17.30 Evening Prayer	Parish Church Lady Chapel
WEDNESDAY 28 th		15.00 Ivy Café 19.30 Mass 20.00 Short Course	Church Hall Lady Chapel Lady Chapel