

Prayer & Worship

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the
Holy Spirit
upon your church in the burning fire of
your love
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and
active in service
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Prayer

Those in need of our prayer:

Brian Forder, Claire, Connie,
Hilary Wakeman, Jenny Radnedge,
Jonathan, Joy, Margaret Rowe,
Margaret Townsend, Richard, Ros,
Val Rope, Verner Pedersen.

Recently Died:

Cathy Al-Bay

Year's Mind

Those who have died in the last 10 years:

Margaret Canter, James McKee.

Others whose name appears in our book
of remembrance from earlier years:

*Tony Stevens, Peter Aston,
Dorothy Kerry, Graham Ablett.*

Sunday 13th September Fifteenth after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Fiona Haworth

5.00pm Come & Sing Evensong
led by Edward Carter,
with sermon given by Edward Carter

This Week

Tuesday 15th September

1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Brian O'Rourke

Wednesday 16th September

7.30am Communion
led by Edward Carter

 1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Fiona Haworth

Thursday 17th September

1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Edward Carter

Sunday 20th September Sixteenth after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Catherine Waddams
5.00pm Evensong with Commissioning of
Participants in this years Ministry
Experience Scheme
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Bishop of Thetford

Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich



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A (Surprising) Story of Rebirth in Belief



Last Sunday **Ruth Steadman** was announced in the new role of 'Rebirth of Belief' Coordinator here at St Peter Mancroft Church. Here is the story of how this came about:

In the summer of 2025, as St Peter Mancroft travelled through the HIDDEN exhibition, hundreds of miles away. storyteller and former therapist Ruth Steadman was journeying through a hidden story of her own. Following her own surprising rebirth of belief, Ruth was discerning a call to leave her beloved home in Venice, Italy, and take the good news she had received out on the road. Ruth said yes to that call, bringing her story, Jonah - An Encounter, to a variety of church communities across the UK (You'll be able to attend a performance of Jonah later in the autumn; more details coming soon).

Through her time on the road, Ruth was also inspired and strengthened by the stories of Irish monks like St Columba, whose gospel-sharing journeys were entirely guided by spirit. So when, nine months after she set out, Ruth stumbled on a market square church in Norwich, she knew she could trust spirit's nudge to step inside, to attend a Sunday service, to have 'just a wee look' at the website. And there, illuminated like wonder in front of her, was an advert for a Rebirth of Belief Coordinator position.

The rest, as they say, is history. A history that is ours for the making, because Ruth is not alone in her story of rebirth. Tales of a revival in Christian faith are more widely being discerned. Over the coming year, then, with funding from the John Risebrow charity, Ruth will be seeking out as many local, real life stories of rebirth in belief as she can find, with the hope of gathering a new generation of believers around St Peter Mancroft's table.

She will be relying on your help at that hearth. You can contact Ruth for more information, to share your own story or to get involved, by emailing her: rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk

Heritage Open Days off to a Great Start



Our week got off to a great start with a sell-out talk by Keith Carlton about Julian of Norwich. Tours and Organ Loft experience are all sold out. Some places remain for talks at 11.00am Monday - Friday this week. See our website for details.

No need to book, just come along.

Come and Sing Evensong, Today at 5.00pm

www.stpetermancroft.org.uk

Celebrating Mancroft Life

Learning the Ropes



From Nikki Thomas:

Over the August bank holiday weekend MRDC hosted the 3rd *Learning the Ropes* Festival.

This is an event run with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART).

On the Friday evening we were over in Great Yarmouth ringing on the 12 bells at Yarmouth Minster.

Saturday was the main event, 3 towers, 18 teachers and 14 student ringers came together to improve their ringing or in some cases to have a go for the first time.

The lead teachers had come a long way. Graeme Littler from the Cheshire School of Ringing looked after the team over in South Walsham and Neil Jones, the Chair of ART and ringing master at Rochester Cathedral looked after the team at St Giles.

The newer ringers were in MRDC at St Peter Mancroft.

We finished in MRDC showcasing what had been learned. We were delighted that the most common question on our feedback forms was "when is the next one?"

Special mention must go to Jim and his team for serving bacon rolls and coffee on arrival and having our packed lunches ready for later. Thank you Jim.

Harvest Thanksgiving



This year our Harvest Thanksgiving is on **Sunday 27th September**, when the church will be beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers and produce.

At the 10.00am Sung Eucharist the guest preacher will be *Professor James Pierce-Higgins*, the Director of Science at the British Trust for Ornithology who will be representing 'Eco Church', and encouraging us as we continue working towards our Eco Gold award.

The 5.00pm service will be a special Service of Words and Music for Harvest, led by Gill Persicke.

Our harvest appeal this year will be for the Norwich Foodbank. Donations of money, or of food and other required items, will be gratefully received.

A message from Diana Pordham:

The flower arrangers would welcome donations of harvest produce to add to our display at Harvest Festival. Please bring to church fruit or vegetables (including marrows and pumpkins) on Friday 25th.

You're Invited!



There will be a sale of plants, books and a bottle tombola

at **Norwich Cathedral on Saturday 26th September from 11.00 - 2.30.**

Please support Christian Aid if you can.

Julian Haggett 12th September, 13.00



A feast of music for organ from Baroque masterpieces to avant-garde works of the 20th Century whose roots can be found in the Baroque epoch and before. Julian's programme allows for a sympathetic exploration of the many colours built around the *Organo Pleno* stops of our wonderful instrument by Peter Collins.

Notices and Forthcoming Events

Christian Meditation

We are meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesdays, downstairs in the Processional Way, on the following dates:

23 September

7 and 21 October

4 and 18 November

All are very welcome, particularly "beginners"!

Be the change you want to see! Norwich Peace Camp 2026



21 September, International Day of Peace
The Octagon, St Peter Mancroft
Hay Hill, Norwich. NR2 1QQ. 11am - 3pm

Including peace and community group stalls, speakers, group discussions, a rolling poem and refreshments.
norwichpeace.org



Ministry Experience Update



Ewan Davies will no longer be joining us at St Peter Mancroft for the MES as he has been offered work by the University of Cardiff teaching and assessing theology students.

Whilst we are obviously disappointed that Ewan will not be with us, we wish him the very best in his new role and as he continues to discern his vocation. We are still hoping to recruit a fourth candidate so please hold this in your prayers.

There are three young people joining the MES this year, **Faith Uzoigwe** and **Isabel Barratt** who will be based at St Stephen's, and **Travis Harvey** who will be based at the St George Colegate benefice.

The commissioning service for Faith, Isabel, and Travis will be at St Peter Mancroft on 20th September at 5pm. Bishop Ian will be speaking and leading the commissioning.

The service will be followed by tea and coffee (help with this greatly appreciated) and all are very welcome and to pray with and for Faith, Isabel, and Travis well as they begin their year in the Church of England.

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