

Prayer & Worship

Collect for the Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning: help
us so to hear them, to read,
mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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, Margaret Townsend, Richard,
Verner Pedersen.

Recently Died:

Mary Stevens

Year's Mind

Those who have died in the last 10 years:

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

*Bill Mitchell, Gladys Riches,
Kenneth Howes, Herbert Buckle,
Keith Rodger, Eileen Fell,
Brian Rumsey, James Thacker,
Vera Green*

Sunday 25th October Twenty first after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Gill Persicke

2pm Trafalgar Day Service
led by Edward Carter

5.00pm An Informal Service for Bible Sunday
led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Annie Blyth

This Week

Tuesday 27th October

1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Brian O'Rourke

Wednesday 28th October

7.30am Communion
led by Edward Carter

 1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Edward Carter

Thursday 29th October

1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Peter Varney

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

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

5.00pm Remembered with Love Service
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Edward Carter

Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich

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SPM

Card Shop Up and Running



Hard to believe it's come round so soon but this week the Original Norwich Charity Christmas Card shop opened for business for its 61st year, the seventh at St Peter Mancroft.

The Sheriff of Norwich, Dave Shraga, officially opened the shop on Thursday.

The shop will be open at the back of the church from 10.45 until 3.15 every day except Sunday and will close on 14th December.

Cards are available from a wide variety of charities, including one (seen below) from Saint Peter Mancroft.

Thanks to the volunteers who run it, the shop is able to pass 100% of income to the charities.



Our own card, which uses a photograph of an angel on the SPM font taken by Diane Parsons, is on sale in the shop.

Very reasonably priced at £4 for ten, they're hard to resist...

...or you can just buy one for 40p!

Crocus Planting



Last week, Judith and Angela spent four hours planting crocus bulbs in the North churchyard grass, a total of 934 bulbs to give an uplifting spring display.

They would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who donated packs of bulbs or gave a cash donation which was used to buy bulbs.

PCC Charitable Donations

At its November meeting the Parochial Church Council will be considering what donations to make this year to other charities which have a charitable purpose aligned to St Peter Mancroft.

Last year donations were sent to St Martin's Housing Trust, Christian Aid, the Matthew Project, and the John Aves Education Project. In addition, a gift 'in kind' is made to the Norwich Food Bank, who use the Chantry Hall twice a week for free.

If you have any suggestions for the PCC, please pass them to the Vicar by Sunday 8th November.

Celebrating Mancroft Life

A Month in Palestine



Thank you so much to everyone who attended the two talks Fiona gave on the month she spent in Palestine on her sabbatical.

If anyone wasn't able to come but would like to hear more about it please contact Fiona on associate@stpetermancroft.org.uk as a further meeting could be arranged.

For those wanting to act in response to what they heard, the Time To Act campaign is being organised by the Just Peace Coalition. <https://justpeacecoalition.com/>

The Just Peace Coalition is a collection of agencies, church denominations and networks who want to work together to see a just peace for all who call the Holy Land home.

Members include Amos Trust, CAFOD, Christian Aid, EAPPI UK & Ireland, Embrace the Middle East, The Methodist Church of Britain, Quakers in Britain, Sabeel-Kairos UK, and the United Reformed Church.

Bishops from the Anglican and Catholic churches are endorsing it, as are civil society groups both in the UK and Palestine.

The website invites you to endorse this campaign, and provides opportunities to listen, learn, live, and act.

Please ask Fiona if you would like to know more.

Thomas Browne Day



Last Monday, 19th October, was Thomas Browne Day, and the church was presented with a new 3D-printed replica of his skull, now displayed in the treasury.

Pictured in front of Sir Thomas Browne's memorial plaque are Alex Atherton, Visits Coordinator at Mancroft, with Marion Catlin, who was presenting the skull, and Edward Carter, Mancroft's Vicar.

Help for St Martins



Every year a street collection for the St Martin's Housing Trust runs through December (Monday to Saturday).

Each slot is one hour long (day-time) and everything you'll need is provided by St Martin's (collection tin, tabard, etc.).

If you're interested in helping with this please ask the Vicar for more details, or contact the church office.

Christian Meditation

The meditation group meets at 1.30pm downstairs in the Processional Way.

These are the next dates:

4 and 18 November

All are very welcome, especially anyone who has not tried this before. Why not come along?

Notices and Forthcoming Events

Half Term Crafts



Is there a Doctor in the House?

Following two recent medical emergencies at concerts, we are looking for people with medical experience to be present at some of our larger events.

There would be no regular commitment, simply an opportunity to offer a little extra reassurance to everyone attending.

If this is something you might consider, please have a word with the church office.

Clocks change

British Summer Time ends this **Sunday, 25 October**. Remember to put your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night – and enjoy an extra hour in bed!

Jonah Story Morning

Ruth Steadman's storytelling performance will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch, and a chance to discuss Jonah's themes.

Saturday 31st October 10:30am
The Octagon

Free, but reservation advised.
rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk

Remember with Love



Our annual *Remembered with Love* service will be at **5pm on Sunday 1st November**, offering a quiet time to remember those who have died and to give thanks for their lives and the love we continue to share.

Mary Stevens RIP

Members of the church were saddened to hear of the death of Mary Stevens earlier this month.

Mary worshipped at Mancroft in former years, but was latterly house-bound and then in a care home.

Her funeral is at 1.00pm on Thursday 29th October at St Faith's Crematorium, and all are welcome to attend.

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