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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers



THE FEAST OF S. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS (MICHAELMASS) 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Mass in G Minor
(1921) by **Ralph Vaughan Williams**,
(1872–1958). It is the first Mass written in a
distinctly English manner since the 16th century.
RVW dedicated the piece to Gustav Holst and

the Whitsuntide Singers at Thaxted in north Essex, but it was first performed by the City of Birmingham Choir on 6 December 1922. Though the first performance was in a concert venue Vaughan Williams intended the Mass to be used in a liturgical setting. R. R. Terry directed its first liturgical performance at Westminster Cathedral.

Hymns in NEH (green book). Please join in with the Bold Type

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The first movement of worship is to leave our homes and come to church.
This is an act of faith because we come to church to meet Christ.
The experience of worship is enhanced by being in church early.
This provides a time of transition to free our minds from the distractions
of the world and, as Psalm 46 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."
We pray that God will reveal himself to you in a new way today.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the **Introit, Factum est silentium**

(Text: Benedictus Antiphon at Lauds on Michaelmas Day. Cf. Revelation 8:1, 12: 7-12)

Music (1618) by **Richard Dering** (c. 1580-1630)

Factum est silentium in caelo
dum committeret bellum draco
cum Michael Archangelo.
Audita est vox milia milium, dicentium:
Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.

There was silence in heaven
as the dragon joined battle
with the Archangel Michael.

A voice was heard, thousand upon thousand-fold, saying:
Salvation, honour and virtue to almighty God. Alleluia.

Stand

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power,
fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

Cf. Psalm 103:20

Entrance Antiphon

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Processional Hymn: 190

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels (Tune: Coelites Plaudant)

The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

(Then they continue:)

therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Gloria in Excelsis

+ INTONATION (TENOR VOICE)



/ et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

/ Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

/ adoramus te, glorificamus te,

/ grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam,

/ Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, / Deus Pater omnipotens.

/ Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserere nobis;

/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecationem nostram.

/ Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserere nobis.

/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,

/ tu solus Altissimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spíritu:

/ ✠ in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:

grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,

so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the book of Genesis (28: 10-17)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 19-end is sung by the choir

Benedic, anima mea

¹⁹ The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰ O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :

ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

²¹ O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

²² O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion :
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Revelation of S. John the Divine (12: 7-12)

⁷ And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will. *Psalm 103: 21* **Alleluia** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ John (1: 47-51)
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹ And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

In peace let us pray to the Lord saying: Lord hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor 1

Father in heaven, by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you, and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God. As the angels minister to you in heaven, strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth. Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 2

Father in heaven, when the angels greeted the birth of your Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'. Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world. We pray especially for *(Celebrant adds...)* ... Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 3

Father in heaven, your Son has promised to your children the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face. Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends, and also those who have no one to pray for them. Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 4

Father in heaven, you give your angels charge over those who trust in you to guard them in all their ways.

Be with all people in distress and all places of distress, those in trouble, need sickness or any other kind of adversity, especially

... *(Celebrant reads the names...)*

Defend, rescue, strengthen, and encourage them, and show them your salvation. Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 5

Father in heaven, your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'for they may rest from their labours, for they take with them the record of their deeds.' Enfold in your love all who come in faith to your judgement seat in heaven. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant

We pray for the recently departed especially... and those whose anniversaries fall at this time especially...

We also offer a special thanksgiving for the lives of *Marie-Claire Mouvangui, Lezin Armstrong Nsouamy and Sabathanie Sandorf Nsouamy.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions,

and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Michael, Prince of the angels, who contends by our side, Pray for us.

S. Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,

S. Raphael, who guides the arts of healing, Holy Guardian Angels,

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron,

S. Joseph of Nazareth, S. Augustine & S. Monica, S. Benedict & S. Scholastica,

S. Francis & S. Clare of Assisi, S. Jerome, S. Thérèse of Lisieux, S. Remigius,

S. Thomas of Hereford, All you angels and saints.

Merciful God **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 295

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Tune: Picardy)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of glory, as you appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.

✠ Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

The celebrant adds:

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church, and grant us

the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praise, my God.

Cf. Psalm 138: 1

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still
and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast!

Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered,

our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th Century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

*Choir sings the **Communion Motet, Laudibus in sanctis**
(Psalm 150, paraphrased) as set by **William Byrd** (c. 1539/40-1623).*

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum celebrate supremum,

Firmamenta sonent inclita facta Dei.

Inclita facta Dei cantate, sacraque potentis

Voce potestatem saepe sonate manus.

Magnificum Domini cantet tuba martia nomen,

Pieria Domino concelebrate lira.

Laude Dei, resonent resonantia tympana summi,

Alta sacri resonent organa laude Dei.

Hunc arguta canant tenui psalteria corda,

Hunc agili laudet laeta chorea pede.

Concava divinas effundant cymbala laudes,

Cymbala dulcisona laude repleta Dei,

Omne quod aetheris in mundo vescitur auris,

Halleluia canat, tempus in omne Deo.

Praise the Lord most high with praises in his sanctuary:

Let the firmament resound the glorious works of God.

Sing the celebrated works of God,

and in a voice of holy might sound forth often the power of his hand.

Let the martial trumpet sing the Lord's splendid name:

Together praise the Lord with the Pierian lyre.

Let resounding drums sound to the praise of God most high:

Let high organs sound the praise of God most holy.

To whom skillful psalteries sing with subtle string,

To whom let joyful dance give praise with nimble foot.

Hollow cymbals pour out divine praises,

Sweet-sounding cymbals full of the praise of God.

All on earth that is fed by the air of heaven

Sings hallelujah in eternity to God.

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

The Communion Hymn: 475

Ye holy angels bright (Tune: Darwall's 148th)

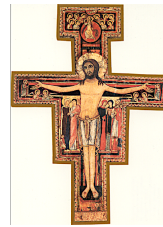
Some Prayers of S. Francis of Assisi

Founder of the Friars Minor

(1181 or 1182 - 4 October 1226)

Francis was born in Assisi in central Italy either in 1181 or the following year. He was baptised Giovanni but given the name Francesco by his father, a cloth merchant who traded in France and had married a French wife. There was an expectation that he would eventually take over his father's business, but Francis had a rebellious youth and a difficult relationship with his father. After suffering the ignominy of imprisonment following capture whilst at war with the local city of Perugia, he returned a changed man. He took to caring for disused churches and for the poor, particularly those suffering from leprosy. Whilst praying in the semi-derelict church of S. Damian, he distinctly heard the words: "Go and repair my church, which you see is falling down." Others joined him and he prepared a simple, gospel-based Rule for them all to live by. As the Order grew, it witnessed to Christ through preaching the gospel of repentance, emphasising the poverty of Christ as an example for his followers. Two years before his death, his life being so closely linked with that of his crucified Saviour, he received the Stigmata, the marks of the wounds of Christ, on his body. At his death, on the evening of 3 October 1226, his Order had spread throughout western Christendom.

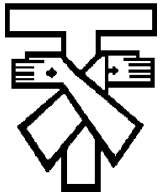
Prayer before the Cross of San Damiano.



Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Give me true faith,
certain hope
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command.

Prayer on entering a Church.

We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
in all Your churches
throughout all the world;
and we bless You because,
by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.



Meditation Prayer.

Deus Meus et Omnia.
My God and my all.

The Prayer to S. Michael the Archangel

Written by Pope Leo XIII (1884)

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNES OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us Bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

God bring you to the home
that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

God make you citizens of heaven,
with the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn: 478

Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen)

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known
the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross
✠ and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Organ Voluntary

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& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞

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VIII (Missa de Angelis), Graduale Romanum, Solesmes, 1961, p. 31.

Image on front page: Orthodox Icon. Synaxis (Assembly) of the Holy Archangels and
Angels. In the centre is an orb containing Christ as Emmanuel, borne by the Archangel Saints,
Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Behind are the other four traditional Archangels, Jegudiel,
Selaphiel, Uriel, and Barachiel. All of the angels' names come from Hebrew, and they mean the
following: Michael, 'Who is like God?'; Gabriel, 'Man of God'; Raphael, 'Healing of God'; Uriel,
'Light of God'; Selaphiel, 'Intercessor of God'; Jegudiel, 'Glorifier of God'; Barachiel, 'Blessing of
God'. Other ranks of angels include the Seraphim, 'Burning Ones', and the Cherubim, 'Mighty
Ones.' The Orthodox Church celebrates this feast on November 8.

THE KALENDAR : MICHAELMASS

15th after Trinity & 26th Week of Ordinary Time
28th September to 4th October 2025
MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 28th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 5pm
MON, 29th, Feria, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 30th, S. Jerome, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 1st Oct. S. Thérèse of Lisieux, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 2nd, Holy Guardian Angels, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 3rd, S. Thomas of Hereford, Transitus of S. Francis, EP 6pm
SAT, 4th, S. Francis of Assisi, **Mass 10.00am**, EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

5th OCTOBER 2025 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at the **new time of 5pm**

THE NOTICES

***Bring your HARVEST GIFTS next Sunday, 5th October**
Tinned & dried food, rice, pasta, fresh fruit & vegetables of all our diverse
cultures, cooking oil, salt & pepper, herbs & spices, coffee, tea, drinks,
toothpaste/toiletries etc. The Harvest gifts will be given to local
organisations that support local people in need.

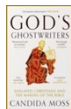
Thelma, known as Fay Mitchell RIP

**Funeral at S. Paul's this Wednesday, 1st October at 11am,
Committal at Hither Green Crematorium at 1pm.**

We send our deepest condolences to Fay's family and friends and assurance
of our prayers. May Fay rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Thanksgiving for family members of Estelle Nzouzi

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Estelle & all her
family and friends as we offer thanksgiving today for
her mother **Marie-Claire Mouvangui** d. 19/09/2024;
her brother **Lezin Armstrong Nsouamy** d. 11/08/2019;
& her sister, **Sabathanie Sandorf Nsouamy**, d. 07/12/2023.
May they rest in peace and rose in glory, Amen.



Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Back in the Autumn. Thursdays 8.30 - 10pm over Zoom. Info &
login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email. All welcome.

We are currently reading and discussing: **'God's Ghostwriters:**
Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible' by Candida Moss (2024)

Church Cleaning on Saturday after Mass until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of
their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members
contribute 5% of their income to their church.

E.g. If you earn: £5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.
£10000 a year £192 a week=£10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week=£20 a week.
£25000 a year £480 a week= £25 a week. £30000 a year £577 a week=£30 a week.
Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external
subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or
voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: -
the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g.
candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade I Listed
church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan
Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards
clergy stipends). **We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit,
Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.**

GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT: Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**
information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website **ONLINE GIVING:**
Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website,
via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

On the **Parish Website, Church Noticeboard** (churchyard
forecourt) & **Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** directly
from the link on the website or by sending an email to:
stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com
sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)