



The Parish of St. Peter, Bushey Heath July 2026



From the vicar

I have been reflecting recently on the invitation to Communion which appears in various forms in many of our liturgies.

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.

The inspiration for the first sentence is from John 1:29 when the Baptist makes a startlingly bold declaration to his disciples about Jesus at the start of his public ministry. In our liturgy we make the same statement as we behold Jesus in his Eucharistic presence. This is a profession of faith.

The second sentence is from Revelation 19:9 which recalls the angel's declaration about the marriage supper of the Lamb. This reminds us that what we do in the Eucharist has eternal consequences; it is an ordinance of the end-time, the Day of the Lord. St. Paul reminds us that when we celebrate the Eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.

The third sentence is adapted from the words of the Centurion who comes to Jesus to ask for the healing of his servant (Matthew 8:5f). The centurion is commended by Jesus for his faith. These words are included in the liturgy that we may have faith sufficient to receive worthily the Body and Blood of Our Lord and to ensure that we approach Jesus with due humility like the centurion.

Many other uses of Scripture educate and inspire us and we would do well to ponder them during a quiet moment before the service. They are not there to fill in the gaps, rather to make sure that we receive the great benefits of our faith 'to our great and endless comfort.'

Richborough Summer Festival

St. Mary's, Wellingborough

Saturday 18th July

12 noon Votive Mass of the Precious Blood

Lunch provided

2.30pm Rosary for an increase in vocations followed by Benediction

All are welcome

If you are interested in attending please speak to Father Andrew

The North London Military Wives Choir

present a

Summer Concert

Saturday 11th July at 7.00pm

St. Peter's Church, Bushey Heath

Adults £12, Concessions £8 (*cash or card*) available on the door

or email to reserve

northlondon@militarywiveschoirs.org

PRAYER FOCUS

Please continue to pray for an end to conflict in the Holy Land, Iran, Ukraine and in all countries beset by violence. Remember the faithful suffering persecution and all those whose freedom is diminished.

From the diary...

Usual Sunday services: 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Mass

Sunday 28th June

Wednesday 1st July, 10.00am

Friday 3rd July, 7.00pm

Sunday 5th July

Wednesday 8th July, 10.00am

Friday 10th July, 7.00pm

Saturday 11th July, 7.00pm

Sunday 12th July

In addition to services at 8am and 9.30am: Family Service at 11.15am.

Wednesday 15th July, 10.00am
8.00pm

Friday 17th July, 7.00pm

Sunday 19th July

Wednesday 22nd July, 10.00am

Friday 24th July, 7.00pm

Sunday 26th July

no midweek services

Sunday 2nd August

8.00am *no service*

9.30am Parish Mass (Father Leslie Drake SSC)

Wednesday 5th August, 10.00am

Friday 7th August, 7.00pm

Sunday 9th August

Patronal Festival

Mass

Mass

Trinity 5

Mass

Mass

Summer Concert *with the North London Military Wives Choir*

Trinity 6

Mass (St. Swithun)

Parochial Church Council in the Parish Hall

Mass

Trinity 7

Mass (St. Mary Magdalene)

Mass (St. James the Great, Apostle)

Trinity 8

Trinity 9

Mass (St. Oswald, Martyr)

Mass

Trinity 10

From the registers

Funeral

27th May Valerie Dawe (aged 85 years)

2nd June Tracy Hart (aged 59 years)

18th June Edward (Ted) Burton (aged 89 years)

Art Exhibition 2026

Over the second weekend in June St. Peter's was alive with paintings, sculpture, music and the noise of chattering voices sharing the delight and enjoyment of the occasion.

A steady stream of visitors, both friend and stranger visited the church during the course of Saturday and Sunday, many paintings were sold and refreshments consumed. The generosity of the artists who donated a percentage of their profits to St. Peter's and the hard work of those providing refreshments meant that a total of £830 was raised.

Our sincere thanks go to our artists Jenny Birch, Douglas Jackson, Enoka David and Chris Pinn for being at the heart of the weekend and to those who ably supported them, Evangeline (paintings), Jonathan Quinn (organ), Eugenia and Quentin Russell (guitar, cello, pontic lyre and vocals), and of course Ranjan David and the social team who organised refreshments and much besides.

We thank you, O God, for all your wonderful works,
and for the creative gifts you have given to men.

We offer our praise, in humility and gladness,

for all who use these gifts to increase the richness of life;

for the consecration of art to your service;

and for all things that help us to see the true nature of your creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Society of St. Luke the Painter

Contact details:

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