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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It is good to be asked to write a short introduction for the next edition of 'Shine' because it means I will soon be able to find out what some of my parishioners have been up to over the past few months! Our parishes have such a collection of activities that it's difficult to keep up with everything that is going on. So this is why our parish magazine is so important: it helps us to realise that we are all part of one community and that we belong to this community.

As I write these few words we are fast approaching the great feast of Easter – the Resurrection of the Lord and that brings new life to all of us. New life, new hope, encouragement are what we all need and in the next few months we will be looking at how we can reinvigorate and renew the life of our parishes so that together we can give ever greater witness that "He is Lord. He is risen from the dead and He is Lord."

Fr Peter

News from the parish communities of
St Peter's, Hazel Grove and
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Shining a light on our parish communities

Advent Project

Fr Mamdouh AbuSada from the School of Joy in Bethlehem was delighted to receive our donation of **£7,760** towards the wood carving machinery he needs to help the training of disadvantaged young people in Bethlehem. This was a magnificent response to the appeal which followed from the visit to the school by some of our young people in October whilst on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Let us continue to remember the plight of Christians in the Holy Land who so often struggle to get decent housing and employment.



Our Mission Together

We launched the diocesan project 'Our Mission Together' at the beginning of Lent when information packs were distributed at Mass and Fr Peter spoke about the initiative which aims to renew our sense of mission and outreach and provide the resources throughout the diocese for the continuing provision of the training of new priests, the care of sick and retired clergy, the re-establishing of the Diocesan Youth Service, Caritas Shrewsbury and the support of catechetics in the diocese.

In addition 30% of the money we raise will come back to our parishes and our aim is to appoint a lay chaplain for our three primary schools.

A pledge form is available on the parish website to download and complete if you somehow managed to avoid getting one in church the other week!

Support for the bereaved

St Peter's Bereavement Support group started in December last year and is now nicely established and very welcoming.

We meet at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month for a service and prayer then light refreshments and on the third Friday of the month there's a social evening.

Sometimes the group will meet elsewhere for a meal, as you'll see listed here on 20 April. There has been a huge, positive response from those who have been to the group, which we're delighted with. If transport is required to any meeting, the group is happy to pick up and take home.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 April:
Prayer Service in the Members' Lounge of the parish centre

Friday 20 April:
A night out. Watch out for details in the weekly newsletter.

Tuesday 1 May:
Prayer Service in the Members' Lounge of the parish centre

Friday 18 May:
Afternoon tea in the meeting room of the parish centre at 2pm.

If you'd like to know more, ring either:
Helen Lyons on 07854 928072
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Yakubu's update

The new school in Lassa, Nigeria has just the ceiling, windows and wiring to be completed before the children move in around May time.

We currently have 780 enrolled in the school. 40 of these are in Form 1 as primary school pupils who graduated from the school in August 2017. There will be 23 teachers.



Parish choirs at Hazel Grove Music Festival

Every year our choirs, conducted by Eileen Rigg and superbly accompanied by Christopher Ellis, enter the festival, the Choral Day being the culmination of a wonderful feast of music.

St Peter's School Choir won the Joe Agnew Trophy for junior choirs 12 and under, singing 'More like you, Lord' and 'Pick a bale of cotton'. "What a lovely opening phrase that created the right atmosphere", said the adjudicator, "and you maintained this throughout".

Our Junior Choir again won the William Byrd Plaque for youth choirs, singing two difficult 3-part pieces, 'This little babe' from A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, and a spiritual, 'When the love comes trickalin' down'. The adjudicator said: "Good balance of voices - lots of hard work that was rewarded".

Our adult choir then took part in the Choral Recital class, the culmination of the festival. They came a creditable third (jointly with Poynton Male Voice Choir, also conducted by Eileen!) singing 'All hail the power of Jesus' name', 'Fields of gold' featuring a lovely solo by Kate Atherton and 'The keel row'. "Excellent ensemble.... very sensitive" said the adjudicator.

Well done all!



Our Junior Choir again won the William Byrd Plaque.

A St Peter's take on Christmas tree recycling



Lent/Good Friday April 2017



Remembrance 2017



Easter Sunday 2017



Christmas 2017

Farewells and welcomes

Since our Christmas issue the following parishioners have gone to their rest:

Peter James Hayward
Anthony Noon
David Charles Byrne
Mary McLoughlin
Vernon Whittingham
Charles Hallsworth
Sally Kelly
Tom Dorrian
Peter Hanley
Terrence McCartney
Sydney Bradwell
Margaret Burgess
Marjorie McMahon
Alan Morgan
Peter Keary
Sean Toye

May they rest in peace.

Graeme Slater and Joanna Vaz Vianna celebrated their marriage.

We have welcomed the following into the church through baptism:

Lucy Tuite
Amber Lamont
Hollie Arden
Kai Hodder
Callum Buckley
Mia Hall
Chloe Luddington
Agatha Scully
Christopher Little
Harvey Smith
Isla McLaughlin
Leo Cooper
Benjamin Wilson
Stanley Priest
William McGrory
Blake Birchenough
Isabelle Frost
Frederick Clarke
Lily Grace Brosnahan
Josh Garrone
Matteo Garrone
Adam Garrone
Yves Javonne Morrison

St Philip's Friendship Group sheds a light on their recent outings



Each year we have been enjoying a Christmas dinner exploring various venues. In 2017 we chose two which were quite different.

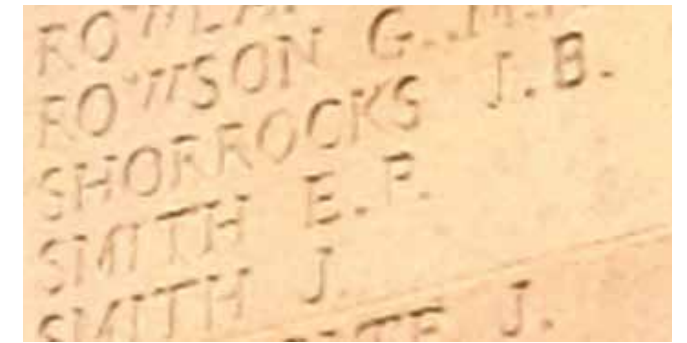
On Wednesday 29 November we were picked up in Offerton by coach to head to Chester for the Mill Hotel canal cruise! As we boarded the boat we were struck by the attention to detail in the impressive table settings that added to the festive feeling. The meal also was beautifully presented and served without a rush. Travelling in one direction we were served with drinks and our starter, returning to the hotel to pick up the hot main course and dessert, before continuing our journey through locks, which, for many of us, was quite a new experience. There was an opportunity for the more adventurous to disembark. Light entertainment followed which everyone enjoyed, before our safe journey home.

Our second experience was different again. On Tuesday 12 December we travelled not so far, in a Metro mini bus. This time it was to Gorton Monastery which those of the older generation will remember in its heyday. On arrival we were offered a generous glass of hot mulled wine – much appreciated on a cold morning – to prepare us for an interesting illustrated presentation on the history of the Monastery up to its closure and troubled path through to its present day restoration. It brought back old memories to some of us of attending Tenebrae during Holy Week in 1949, and of Fr Agnellus Andrew who produced many light operas and visited local amateur productions. After the lecture we were served with our Christmas menu which everyone enjoyed, then we were free to explore the Pugin building and visit the gift shop.



The Monastery is well worth a visit; it's not far away, it's accessible by public transport, there's free parking and it's open Sunday to Friday 11am to 4pm. On their website, www.themonastery.co.uk you'll find in the Visitor section a range of activities and concerts listed. The building still retains its prayerful atmosphere and sitting quietly one can imagine the thousands of faithful and the many Franciscan friars who over many years had prayed there.

Christmas celebrations over, we continue to make dresses for the children of Nigeria and to work, using any gifts we have, towards raising money for local charities. Anyone is free to join us on Friday mornings 10am to 12 noon, followed by a soup lunch on the first Friday of the month. We'd love to see you there.



Inconnu mais pas oublié

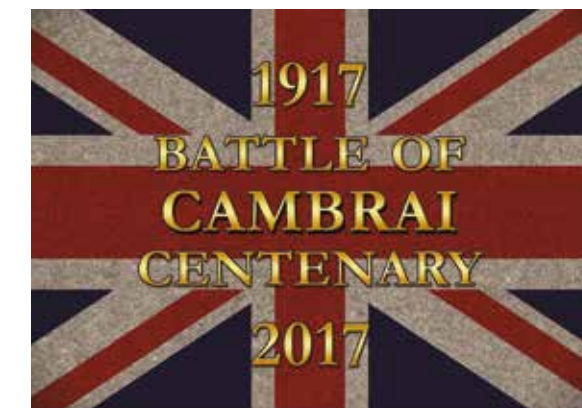
When we were young, my brother and sister and I were always reminded by our aunts and uncles that we had another uncle whom we did not know. Uncle Jim is the eldest of Dad's family and he was killed in the First World War at the Battle of Cambrai.

We do not know where his grave is but he is commemorated at a memorial in little hamlet, Louverval, not far from Bapaume and south of Arras. He died on 3 December 1917, shot by a sniper by a canal which his unit was defending at a village called Marcoing. As it was the centenary of his death last year, we felt we should do something. Eventually nine of the family joined this little memorial pilgrimage.

We flew to Brussels and hired a large vehicle and made our way to Arras which was our base for the weekend. On day one we went to the Vimy Ridge just outside Arras where there is a memorial to the many Canadians who fell there in a battle to take Arras. Here they have reconstructed the trenches and the service tunnels and there is a visitors' centre giving all the facts and figures of what went on there. We started there so that those visiting for the first time would get a flavour of what it was like.

On the Sunday I had arranged to concelebrate Mass in the parish where Jim had died. They, too, were celebrating the centenary of the battle and because it was close to St Cecilia's day, the patron of music, they had a band. The opening music for Mass was 'Land of Hope and Glory'! In any case we were warmly welcomed

Fr Peter Sharrocks delves into his family history and shares his family's recent experience in tracing an uncle he never knew but who has never been forgotten.



and I explained in my best French why we were there. A number of parishioners greeted us warmly at the end of Mass. I was glad we went. After Mass we went to Marcoing where Jim died and where there is a military cemetery with a number of graves of lads from his regiment, the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who died on the same day as him. Alongside were several graves with unknown soldiers buried there. We like to think that he will be one of them alongside his comrades.

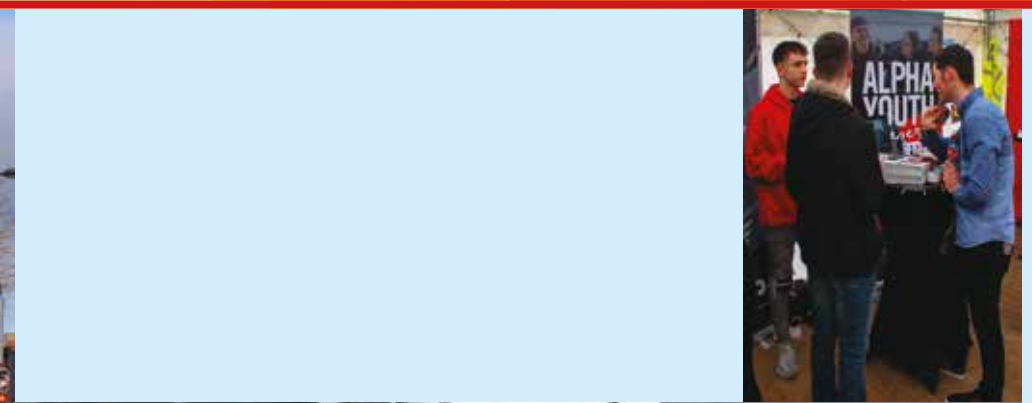
From Marcoing we made our way to Louverval where those who fell in the Battle of Cambrai are commemorated. He is listed there as James Bernard Shorrocks, a slip of the pen when he signed up! The thing that gets you when you see all these graves and memorials is the ages of those who died: 18, 19, 20. What a waste!

Our final morning saw us returning to Brussels via Ypres and the Menin Gate, the famous memorial in Belgium. The memorial here commemorates the many thousands from across the British empire as it then was, who fought for the Allies in Belgium.

A group from St James' High School had been there a couple of weeks previously and we also spotted a wreath from Stockport Grammar School. Our base was Arras which is a lovely French city with two picturesque squares and some good restaurants and bars. It also has a large military cemetery and a memorial where members of the Manchester regiment are commemorated.

We didn't know Uncle Jim but we haven't forgotten him and hopefully the next generation will do the same.

Shining a light on the youth in our parishes



At the beginning of Alpha ...

*In the last issue of Shine, **Tom Small** told us about how he was heading off to Ireland in November as an intern for Alpha. Now we hear about his sterling work as he shares his experiences.*

It's now been four months already and I have learnt so much in such a short space of time - from general living to finding myself as a person. My bosses and colleagues want the best for me and really push me, but also give me permission to fail.

The first month was quite a rollercoaster for me. I was thrown straight into running a Holy Spirit retreat on my second day of work, with what was said to be the hardest school I would work with. This school is an all-boys' private school called Belvedere. In recent years they were known to break windows, doors and even throw mattresses out the windows!

This, as you could imagine, was rather daunting as I had only had one day of training. However, instead I really got to make some good friendships with the lads which helped as it meant they could trust me. One massive lesson I have learnt already is that trust does not come easily with kids and teenagers

which is why a lot of people struggle to relate to them.

Straight after we had run the retreat, we flew over to London for Run Alpha 2017. This weekend was absolutely fantastic; there was a real sense of happiness and a yearning for God. I also learnt a lot at the conference and got to see some friends I had not seen for a long time. The rest of the month mainly consisted of starting up Alpha courses, helping out at the kids' club, the teens' club as well as running retreats, breakfast club and conferences and team work. I found the first month quite rough as it was a whole new atmosphere and culture to get used to. Also I had hardly any friends, so I struggled with finding things to do on weekends. But I knew that would be a factor as I knew I would miss my family, friends and the church community back at home.

The teens and kids club I help out was where I really learnt a lot. Most days we go to an 'after school' club for young kids

(primary school age) and help them out with their homework, give them a meal and play with them. As easy as this may sound, it was anything but easy. The club is based in a rough area where the kids grow up around drugs, violence and crime. So, during the first time helping out at the club I had to break up two fights. This knocked my confidence a bit as I was not ready for something like that nor was I expecting that.

Through the months, I have realised the kids need to be able to rely on you and trust you. For example, I would say it took at least two of the four months to build up a stable relationship with the kids. Being there consistently, being stern but lenient, supporting them - these are key things I found that help in building trust.

Now when I walk into the club I'm greeted with smiles, laughs and happiness. I cannot describe how much that has built me up as a person. To see relationships with children who struggle

to trust people is crazy. We really push for them to get their homework done as a lot of them hate school (I can relate) and do not want to carry on. But now, they trust me enough to listen to me and co-operate, so they are now listening and getting their homework done. The same goes with the teens' club; it's been easier to build relationships with them. The teens' club is a place where the kids go to chill, play games, and have food. It's a good alternative to them hanging around the streets.

Another part of the community work we do is the breakfast club. The breakfast club is based in the heart of Dublin and is run every morning for all the kids. We do a few days in the club and it's fantastic. The school deals with a mix of people from poor and rich backgrounds. But we're also dealing with migrants and asylum seekers etc.

You can tell some of the children have not had anything to eat so it's fantastic that we can provide them with food,

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even if it is just beans on toast. Yet again, from talking to the kids we have made relationships with them. It's good to be able to chat to them and we can do little things like knowing what they like to eat so we can prepare it for them as they come up. The community work is a fundamental part of our work. This is because it builds us up as leaders. Being able to work with a wide variety of people and different situations, this also plays into the Alpha side of things.

We run Alphas most days a week and it's crazy how much you see some people grow. What I have learnt is that the first 3-4 weeks are the most valuable because this is the stage where you really need to let the teens trust you. After the first couple of weeks you seem to notice that your group becomes more tight knitted and that the conversations get a lot deeper and more real.

That's when you can see God really working in the conversation and really sparking curiosity. Obviously not everyone will agree with what is said but it's good to hear their opinion and from that ask other peoples' opinions on their opposite views.

The Holy Spirit retreat works wonders. At around episode 7, the class goes on a retreat, usually run at Avoca Manor where the kids get to do a bunch of activities through the day such as high ropes course, bush craft/survival, iron man challenge etc.

This lasts over two days and usually in the evening or afternoon we do the Holy Spirit episodes of Alpha. After one of the episodes (usually in the evening) we do a prayer journey which allows them to reflect on life, but also on faith. After that they come upstairs and talk with a leader and then we pray for them. There was one retreat especially where I saw God working his wonders. My group that I had been working with, went to do the journey.

Beforehand I had given my testimony to them all and personally had a chat with my group telling them to just let go and really use the time wisely. Each lad from my group did it and came upstairs. When they came over to me I had a 15 minute conversation with each one of them (some longer) and they really opened up to me. Seeing this as a leader is incredible and was really uplifting. I had some really deep, fruitful conversations

and I thanked the lads for being so open and honest. The thing that surprised me the most was that this was the school where previously the lads had ruined the place.

Personally I believe it's good that I am over here at this age. I'm not too much older than most of the kids I work with, which is good, as a lot of them can relate to me and I can relate to them. As well as this, I've grown in personal confidence, which means I can now preach my testimony to big groups of people without having to worry that much. This has been a massive help as it also gives me confidence in challenging the kids.

I cannot comprehend how much the past four months has changed me. I am still finding myself but I have learnt so much and experienced so much in just four months. I'm excited for what the rest of the internship has install for me and I'm sure you will be hearing from me again!

If you have any questions or want to chat, my email is Tom.Small@alphaireland.org. God bless.

I have been going to St Peter's Youth (SPY) for over two years now. I find it a really good place to make new friends and most importantly to praise God. Everyone is welcome at SPY and by going to SPY it has helped me so much with building a stronger faith. It has also helped me to be more confident in myself as at SPY, everyone is part of a big family, you are allowed to be who you want to be without being judged.

I have been to many different trips with SPY. For example we went to Flame 2017 and saw Matt Redman perform. What I enjoyed most about that trip is that everyone was there for the same reason, which was to praise God.

My favourite trip that I went on and other members of SPY went to was

Are you a **SPY**???

Libby Morris
explains about SPY – St Peter's Youth.

the Big Church Day Out, where we all praised God through song and the atmosphere was so great. I loved it, especially with my friends from SPY who have all taught me so much.

Through SPY, I have been helped so much with my daily life and in developing my relationship with God, knowing that you can praise God through song

and not just prayer. I have also made great new friends along the way.

I learn something new each time that we meet at the parish centre and I encourage other young people of the parish who attend secondary school or 6th form to come and join us at our meetings for an evening of fun, games and faith exploration.

We meet on the second Sunday evening of each month at 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. SPY is such a good experience that I will never forget.



SPY at Liverpool's Catholic cathedral



SPY goes to Wembley to the Flame youth event



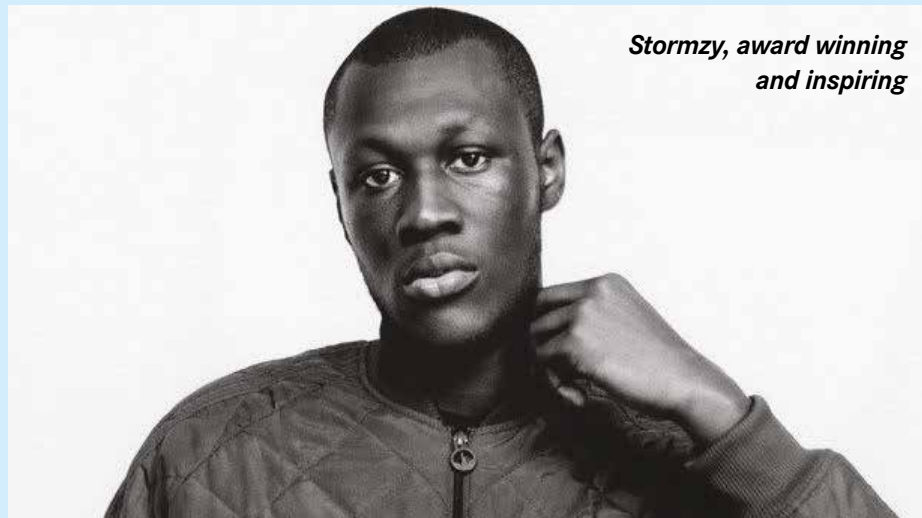
Pausing to pose at the SPY Christmas party

Join the *Explorers*

Let's be honest – church isn't the most exciting thing for a teenager. Some of the things Fr Peter reads about during the Mass can be hundreds of years old. So to make it easier for us young people to understand Jesus' teachings, some of us go off at the beginning of 10am Mass on a Sunday to Explorers.

In Explorers, we learn the true meaning of Jesus' teachings and how they can be applied to our lives today. The adults who are the catechists help us to learn about the Gospels and make them relevant and accessible. We also sometimes watch movie clips, like Lion King and Toy Story and they help us to better understand what God is asking us to do with our lives.

One week we listened to Stormzy who is an English grime and hip hop artist. His debut album, Gang Signs and Prayer, was released on 24 February 2017 and was the first grime album to reach number one in the UK album charts. Perhaps more importantly for us, Stormzy is a Christian and, when he recently won Best Male artist at the Brits and came up to receive his award, he thanked God for his success.



Stormzy, award winning and inspiring

One of our young people, Thomas Coleing, explains why teenagers are involved in the Explorers.

The song we listened to in Explorers was called 'Blinded by your Grace Part 2' and some of the lyrics in the song are below.

This song helped us all to remember that even a famous artist can believe in God. It made us think about how powerful God really is and the importance of prayer. It also tells us

that songs are a great way to express our faith. Everybody in Explorers gets involved and there is lots of talking and laughing, so why don't you come and check it out??

If you want to find out more, just ring Joe O'Brien on 07976 423203 or Email her on joe_obrien@ntlworld.com.

The lyrics of 'Blinded by your Grace Part 2' from the album 'Gang Signs and Prayer'

***I said a prayer this morning
I prayed I would find the way
To another day, I was so afraid
'Til you came and saved
You came and saved me
And the rain was pouring
'Cause the sun faded away
Now I'm in a better place
No longer afraid
Blinded by your grace
You came and saved me.***

Churches Together in Hazel Grove

Phil Horton explains a little about the long established CTHG and how we work together.

There's an established group of five Christian churches in Hazel Grove who have been working together for many years on ecumenical and community activities. They are the Methodist church, the United Reformed church, Norbury parish church, the Baptist church and St Peter's Catholic church.

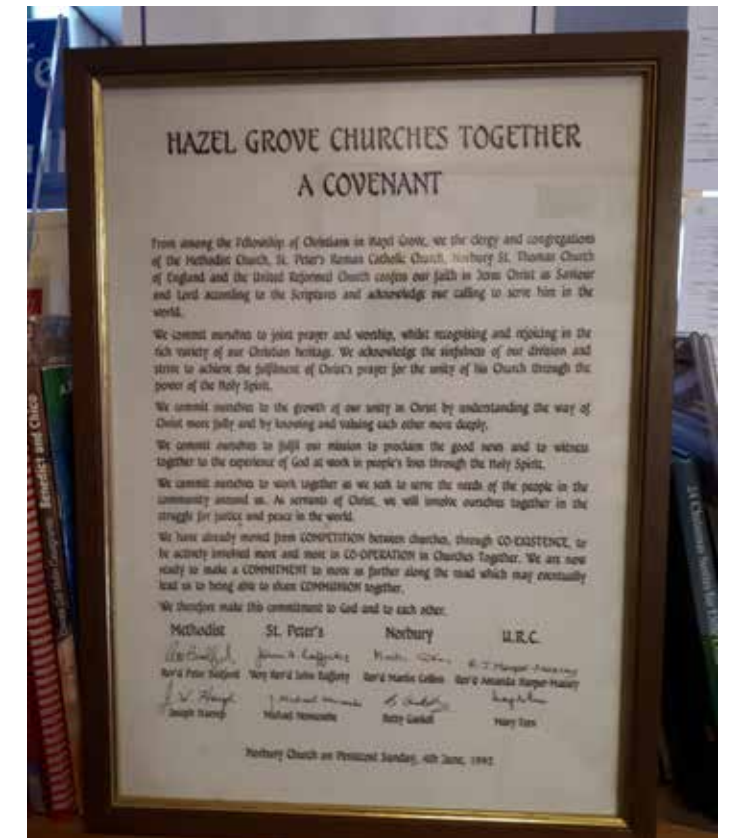
Have you ever noticed the covenant that is displayed at the back of church? It which was drawn up by some of the churches in 1995 and signed on our behalf by our then parish priest, Fr John Rafferty. The words of the covenant are very moving and declare our joint intent.

Cath Smith, my wife Maureen and I have the privilege of representing St Peter's on the CTHG committee. The committee meets every few months and makes arrangements for the annual unity service, a series of Lenten reflections, an Annual General Meeting. We also share information about other services and activities carried out by the various churches, including at Christmas issuing the times of the various services for all the churches.

The annual unity service is hosted by a different church each year on a five year cycle but all the churches get involved in the presentation of the service itself. The Lenten reflections last for five weeks and are hosted by one of the churches each week. You may well have seen them listed during Lent in our own newsletters and we have been delighted to see so many from St Peter's attend recently.

They are great opportunities to meet members of the various congregations and to take part in discussions on specific aspects of the faith. Together we look at the various challenges that affect us all. It is enlightening to listen to the views and experiences of others in their faith journey, which can only enrich our own journeys.

So please keep a look out for the information that appears from time to time about the various services and do come along and support them. You will probably find, like I do, that there's nothing to lose by coming together in praise and worship, but certainly a lot to gain.



Harmony

Harmony and unity
In our being and
Community
Encompasses all creation
In one great hymn of
Adoration.
See! The beautiful symmetry
In the shape of a bird;
A rose in full bloom;
A tree fully grown;
Seasons coming and going;
In the sun, moon and stars.
The planets in their spheres.
Creation is a harmony
Reflecting infinite unity –
The Blessed Triune Unity.

Michael O'Malley



Mary's corner

Mary Hardiman offers her Easter reflection, looking at six people in the life of Jesus. Just take a bit of time out, relax and follow what she writes.

Jesus said to his disciples, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Luke 9:22

During Holy Week and Easter the spotlight shines brightly on the death and resurrection of Jesus. But long before that and even before Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor he speaks these words about his death.

Why did Jesus tell his friends that he was going to die? It seems a strange and random thing to say, especially when he is the picture of health and so popular among the masses of people who came to listen to him speak and to see the miracles he performed.

It is my belief that Jesus tells his disciples he’s going to die because he wants them to watch carefully. We can learn so much from others by the way they live but we can also learn from others by the way they die, particularly if the death is expected. Not a single word of Jesus’ was ever wasted and not a single action was without meaning and significance, nowhere more so than during his last supper, his arrest, his trial, his walk to Calvary and his crucifixion.

The whole of Jesus’ life was about relationship and encounter. Time and again we see Jesus engaging with people from all walks of society, men and women, rich, poor, the sick, the able, the disabled, young and old. Nobody was ever excluded from the company of the Lord. But it wasn’t just Jesus’ life that was about encounter. It was his death too.

So for this reflection I’ve chosen six people who had contact with Jesus in the lead up to his death. For each one I’m going to give you a short passage of scripture, a few lines about that passage and a question for you to ponder.

1. Jesus honours an unnamed man

‘Jesus said to his disciples, “Go into the city to so and so and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” Matthew 26:18

The night before Jesus dies he books a table in a private room for himself and his friends. Who is this ‘so and so’ that Jesus sends his disciples to? We don’t know his name, his age, his family circumstances, his ethnicity or why Jesus chooses him above all others. But that nameless man, this so and so served the Lord a meal and there is honour in that. For me, this man represents the countless number of people who serve; care workers, family, friends, priests, counsellors,



teachers, medical staff, those who work in hospitality, the list goes on. ‘Whenever you do this to the least of my brethren, said Jesus ‘you do this to me’.

My question is this:

Can you allow Jesus to honour the service, however small, that you give in your home or in your community?

2. Jesus forgives Judas

‘Then Jesus took a piece of bread, dipped it in the dish and gave it to Judas.’ John 13:26

I read recently that in the translation of this text, Jesus actually put the bread into the mouth of Judas. To put into the mouth of another a piece of bread, dipped in wine, is an act of intimacy and friendship. During the last supper Jesus knows that Judas will betray him for 30 pieces of silver and yet he continues to reveal his love for this broken man. So often, people use the name Judas as a by-word for treachery and betrayal. For me it’s rather a by-word for the infinite mercy of Jesus, a mercy and forgiveness which is so generously offered to us even when we can neither ask for nor accept it.

My question is this:

Is there anything you regret which needs God’s mercy to help you to move forward?

3. The Beloved Disciple rests on the heart of Jesus

‘One of the disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining next to him.’ John 13:23

John, the Beloved Disciple is resting with the Lord in these

final moments of Jesus’ life. The Greek word ‘kolpos’ is the word used and is translated as ‘the heart’. John was resting his head on the heart of Jesus. Like Judas and the bread, this reveals to us a deep level of friendship that Jesus has with his followers. To recline on the heart of another suggests an intimacy, almost like a parent and child. I believe that from this physical contact with his master, John drew strength, strength to follow Jesus to the foot of the cross, strength to run to the empty tomb and strength to comprehend the glory of Christ’s resurrection.

My question is this:

Can you draw strength from Jesus?

4. Jesus loves Peter

‘Jesus answered, ‘Are you really ready to die for me? Truly I tell you; before the cock crows you will have said three times that you do not know me.’ John 13:38

Peter is so impetuous. He is always the one who is keen to let the Lord know how much he loves him and how he would do anything for him. But Peter is human and fallible. He gets it wrong, not because he doesn’t love Jesus, but because he is afraid. Here it’s almost as if Jesus is giving Peter permission to be afraid. So what we have to remember is this: Jesus goes to his death loving Peter and Peter goes to his death loving Jesus.

My question is this:

Can you take that sentence, Jesus goes to his death loving Peter and Peter goes to his death loving Jesus, and can you change the names of Peter and Jesus to your name and the name of somebody you love?

5. Simon carries the cross of Christ

‘As they were going they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon. They seized him, put the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.’ Luke 23: 26

We know so little about this man Simon, and yet he goes down in history as the one who carried the cross of Christ. Jesus could so easily have declined this offer of help, however grudgingly it was given, and continued to carry the cross by himself. However, by allowing Simon the ultimate privilege of carrying his cross, Jesus continues to show us the importance of humanity and humility.

My question is this:

Can you allow others the privilege of serving you?

6. Jesus comforts his mother and friend

‘When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.’ John 19:25

Look again at Jesus’ humanity. He is truly man, as well as God. He knows about grief. He wept at the death of Lazarus. Jesus totally gets that Mary is going to be destroyed by grief and the pain of suffering. So what does he do? He assigns one of his right hand men to her so that both Mary and John can find new purpose and direction. How amazing is that?

My question is this:

Can you allow Mary to be mother to you?

Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus. Thank you for his life, death and resurrection. Thank you for the example he gives us of humility and humanity. Thank you for his forgiveness and love. Give us the grace to accept this love and to celebrate his resurrection by living lives of compassion and service.

We ask this in total trust of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Happy Easter!

“ We must admit that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission orientated. ”

Evangelii Gaudium, 28, Pope Francis



Change is in the air

If you missed the **Divine Renovation** event in January, here's your chance to catch up. DR is making big waves in the Church as it moves from Maintenance (keep doing only what we've always done) to Mission (not existing only for ourselves), and, as you'll read, is encouraged by Pope Francis.

On Saturday 27 January this year we were very fortunate to host the 'Maintenance to Mission' local day at St Peter's. Over 200 people attended the event from all parts of Shrewsbury diocese, Salford diocese and surrounding dioceses too.

Groups of people from parishes across the North West came to explore the principles of Divine Renovation, to hear from delegates who attended the Maintenance to Mission conference held in Twickenham in October 2017 and to explore the next steps for their parish.

The day itself was uplifting and full of hope; perhaps just as importantly, it was a day in which many of our parishioners volunteered to serve in a variety of different ways. We were able to provide hospitality to all of those 'pilgrims' who came seeking strategies to help them rejuvenate and reinvigorate their own parishes.

From welcoming people at the door, at registration, to making cups of tea, setting up the hall, providing the music and technology – many, many people were actively engaged in ensuring that all who came received a warm

welcome. One of the points that got the most feedback was the reception our visitors received from our stewards in the car park. Many people were grateful for the assistance and the welcoming smile that set the tone for the day...

The day was led by Hannah Vaughan-Spruce who has been newly appointed as the lead for Divine Renovation in the UK and Michael Roche who is the UK lead for Catholic Alpha. The concept of Divine Renovation came from the experience of Fr James Mallon and his leadership team at St Benedict parish in Halifax, Canada, when,

over a period of ten years, they transformed their parish into a vibrant community of missionary disciples.

If you haven't yet read Fr James Mallon's book entitled 'Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission', it's well worth the read and maybe something that you could pledge to read between now and Pentecost or watch the interviews with Fr James Mallon on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/C18V0I28-2U>

If you want to know more about **Divine Renovation**, here are some excerpts from Hannah Vaughan-Spruce's recent article in *The Pastoral Review* (Volume 14 Issue 1 page 40).

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Do parishes need fixing? Why might we want our parishes to change? Is there anything wrong with them? After all, everything we need as Catholics is readily available to us. In the west, most of those have a parish we can attend every week for Sunday Mass, the sacraments are there when we need them, our babies are baptised and our children receive their first Communion and confirmation. Do our parishes really need a 'divine renovation'?

If we find ourselves thinking along these lines, it reveals how conditioned we are to view our parishes primarily as communities that serve our needs. The church is the only organisation that exists for those not already in it, and Pope Francis has repeatedly diagnosed the church's sickness when she succumbs to the temptation to exist only for herself. 'There is a danger', he writes, 'of the parish becoming a 'useless structure out of touch with people or a self absorbed group made up of a chosen few' (Evangelii Gaudium, 28). The Holy Father comments further: 'We must admit... that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission orientated'.

Statistics show that Catholic parishes are not successful at evangelising. Among those baptised as infants, 59.6% of them as adults say they never or practically never attend church... only 7.7% of current Catholics were not brought up Catholic. Our lapsation rate is high: for every one Catholic convert there are 10 cradle Catholics who no longer regard themselves to be Catholic.

These figures are perhaps unsurprising in a corrosively secular culture. 48.5% of the British population describe themselves as having no religion – they are what sociologists call religious 'nones'. This makes our society one of the most secular in the west, and it

goes without saying that the culture we live in is a harsh environment for Christian faith to survive in. Some sociologists predict that the likelihood of Christianity reversing the trend, turning the ship around in this stage of late secularisation, is very slim.'

Whilst the world and the culture around us have changed dramatically, the way we do things, the models we use to transmit our faith have remained the same. Models which were once effective at passing on faith to the next generation no longer function, yet often we keep doing the same things hoping for different results.

Divine Renovation is not a quick fix answer. It is not a single programme that promises to turn your parish into a missionary hub in no time. Rather it is a proposal for deep-rooted cultural change – a change in our parish environment – that will allow faith to grow. Culture shift includes a fresh look at everything from hospitality to homilies, and from music to meaningful community.' This will look different in every parish and a good welcome in the car park and radical hospitality is all part of it.

All of this – including talk of such deep-rooted change as culture shift – may sound overwhelming. After all, everyone wants change, but no-one wants to change. Yet, the conviction behind Divine Renovation is that the consequences of not changing are graver than the risks. And the message that came out strongly from the Maintenance to Mission conference was of confidence in the Holy Spirit. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit can real change come about.

Divine Renovation identifies that a principal problem for our parishes is that we have forgotten who we are called to be, we have lost sight of our identity as a missionary Church, a Church that exists totally to "go and make disciples, to baptise and to teach" (Matthew 28:19-20). So, while our

usual focus in parish life has been on catechesis and the sacraments, these have not been as effective as we would have liked because many of our people have not encountered Jesus personally.

The primary evangelising tool presented to us during the Maintenance to Mission day proposed offering Alpha, or a similar programme, as a way to encounter Jesus. A process that provides an experience of hospitality and community, exposure to teachings from our Christian faith and group discussion that is welcoming of both newcomers and more established parishioners.

Following Alpha, guests are invited to join a Connect Group that meets fortnightly in the homes of parishioners for refreshments, prayer, good conversation and a sense of community and encouragement – a place where people are known by name.

Fr Peter Wright, who was an assistant priest in St Peter's parish 1994-96, was interviewed by Hannah on the day about his experience at the Divine Renovation conference at Twickenham. (You can see the interview on our website – select Pictures then click on Videos.) He says the conference was "the best thing that he had been to in 30 years".

He speaks about the difficulty of knowing where to start with evangelisation in our parishes and the "sheer joy" of encountering a road map to show that "it can be done!" and indeed has been done by very ordinary people like us. He speaks about the need for our parishes to change and return to the core of what it's all about.

The Maintenance to Mission local event was a great experience – a day of great hope, a coming together of priests and people from all over the area, all passionate about the church. The idea is quite simple: healthy parishes make disciples who then accompany and journey with others to make new disciples.



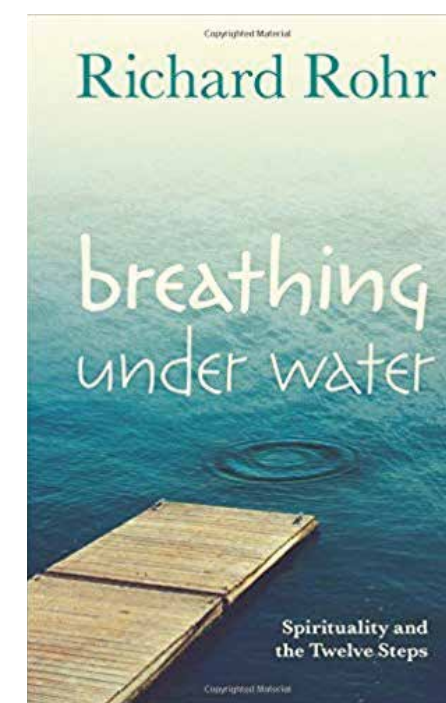
Breathing Under Water

Alison McGarr reviews a book by renowned author and globally recognised ecumenical teacher, Richard Rohr, who is a Franciscan priest and spiritual inspiration.

The back cover of *Breathing Under Water* summarises this book beautifully when it eloquently says it is a 'must read for any persons who recognise the need to go "inward" on their soul's journey to question what their relationship is with God, themselves and others.'

Richard Rohr sets out in *Breathing Under Water* to link the Twelve Steps Programme to the Gospel message in the hope that it would provide some underwater breathing lessons 'for a culture, and a church that often appears to be drowning.' This book is not just for those suffering with the visible addictions of drug addiction and alcoholism – Rohr suggests that we all suffer with addictions and attachments and, indeed, our worst addiction is our self-destructive way of thinking. We assume that our way of thinking is both logical and true and we keep doing it over and over again. We take this one step further, as Rohr states 'we think we are thinking, and we even take that thinking as utterly true, which removes us at least two steps from reality itself.'

Our addiction to our way of thinking means that as Christians, even though we are often well intentioned, good



people, we struggle to change our response to power, ego (false-self), money, security and control. As such, Christian countries are just as 'consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious and addictive as everybody else.' Rohr believes that the Gospel message is being fed to us like 'fast-food' without offering us the opportunity for deep transformation of

the self. We are missing out on the real spiritual growth experiences that will change our lives.

Rohr bases the book on four assumptions:

- we are all addicts
- our 'stinking thinking' is the universal addiction
- all societies are addicted to themselves – that our culture has agreed upon addictions. For example, Americans are addicted to oil, war and empire, the white person is addicted to superiority and the wealthy person is addicted to entitlement
- to experience real growth, we must experience regular 'contemplative practice' – prayer/meditation.

Breathing Under Water takes the Twelve Steps Programme and links it to the Gospel message, tackling the issues of brokenness and suffering that we all struggle with and as such, is a 'must-read for any persons who recognise the need to go "inward."'

Breathing Under Water is published by Franciscan Media and is available on Amazon for £9.99 and it is available as a Kindle edition for £5.49.

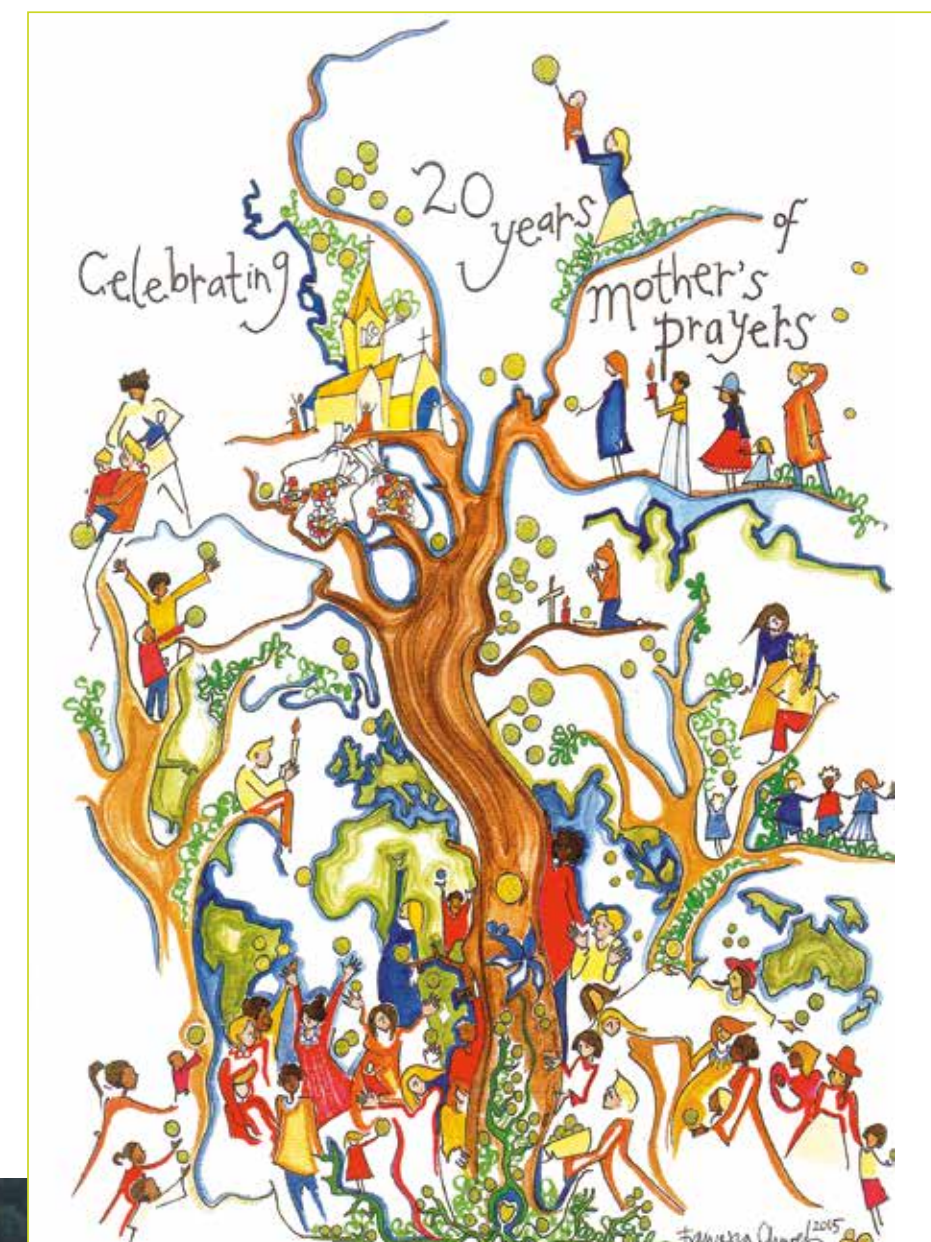


our families. We have prayed through many difficulties including marriage break-ups, addiction problems, sickness, infertility and bereavement amongst many others.

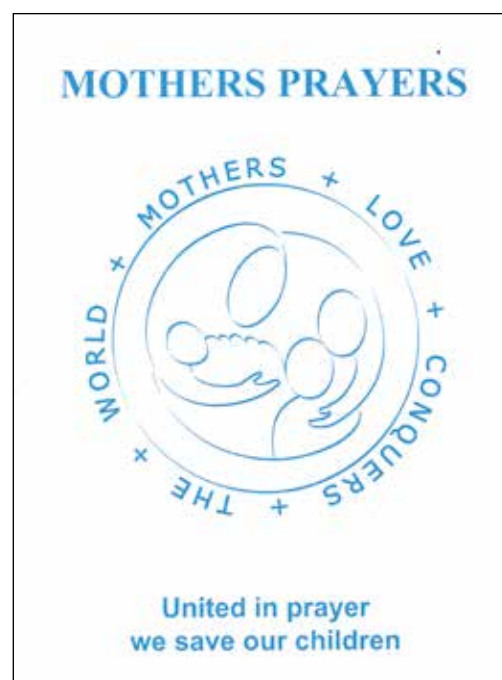
The concept is simple: we have a little altar set up with a cross, bible, candle and a basket. We follow a small booklet of prayers which includes inviting the Holy Spirit to guide our meeting, asking for forgiveness and thanking God for the gift of motherhood. We have our children's names written on small paper discs and after prayers we individually approach the altar and place our children's name in the basket at the foot of the cross. The basket represents God's hands so, as we place their names into the basket we place them into His care and silently offer whatever prayer we have for them at that time.

We finish with a hymn which has become the 'Mothers' Anthem' – we're just waiting for the call from Gareth Malone once he's finished with the military wives!

We have had many answers to prayer, but in those times perhaps where it's taking a little longer to come to fruition, we find, through our prayers and sharing, a peace and solace that sustains us through the difficult times.



Mothers' Prayers



Teresa Thiele
explains about a group that's been running for almost four years in the parish.

Beautiful in its simplicity: mothers of all ages praying for their children, grandchildren, God children and family members.

The Mothers' Prayers group started in England in 1995 by two women Veronica and Sandra who had prayed about it and felt called to start this group. It is now going in over 100 countries across all the denominations and that's without any advertising!

Our own small group in Hazel Grove started with three of us in July 2014; we now have approximately eight who gather in my home once every two weeks. We pray, we sing, we laugh, we cry and we always end with a cup of tea!

We all struggle from time to time with worries for our children of all ages and often life is messy, but it helps to gather together in fellowship, in a safe and confidential environment to support and pray for each other and



The 20 year anniversary booklet produced by the two women who started Mothers' Prayers.

If you would like to know more about our Mothers' Prayers group please feel free to contact me either by Email at terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk or ring 07778 848709.

Some of the group after Mothers' Prayers last summer having a relaxing drink in the garden.

Preparing for First Communion

The first Communion season is now well under way, with families from the parish being welcomed at teas and coffees after 10 o'clock Mass and then coming together in three groups to discuss the Eucharist.



Our First Communicants in 2017 celebrate with Fr Peter

The parish is keen to welcome our young families and to provide time for parents and carers to share their faith; the emphasis is very much on the quality of the conversation that the parent has with the child.

Over the course of two Sundays during Lent, the families discuss and begin to share what it means to belong, to gather and celebrate Mass together as a parish family, as well as the importance of listening and having the experience of listening to God's word.

The children hear a reading from Acts about how the early Church community

gathered and celebrated just as we do today. The simplicity of the message is one that can be experienced by us all wherever we are on our faith journey – that Church is about spending time together, eating and drinking and praising God.

Acts 2:43-47 *Life among the Believers*
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Our young families begin to understand that as Christians we are called to work together to create a happy community and they are asked to reflect about how they can let their friends and families know about the welcome they will receive here at St Peter's when they

My First Holy Communion Mass

Please come to my First Holy Communion Mass, to hear about Jesus' message of peace and love.

On my special day I would love you to do these four things for me:

- ❖ Bless yourself with Holy Water when you come into church, then kneel in the bench and quietly say a prayer for me
- ❖ Help me to join in with the prayers and singing, by praying and singing alongside me
- ❖ Watch and pray as I receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion
- ❖ As we go out at the end of Mass let's show people how to love by the way we live

Lots of love from

St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove

come to their First Holy Communion Mass in May.

They share ideas with their parents and go away to make a banner of welcome.

During the second Sunday, the emphasis is on giving thanks to God, understanding how Jesus feeds us and beginning to understand that we are called to serve each other in our daily lives. The children are guided to think about the ways in which we can say thanks to others – a goodnight hug, saving up money to buy a present, saying a prayer, sharing sweets, listening and talking to others and inviting

people round for tea. It is a timely reminder to all of us present that we give ourselves when we give a gift and that our faith is one that serves us all when we share it.

In the busyness of everyday lives the young families spend time reflecting on our faith as one that is rooted in a sense of belonging, community, welcome, giving thanks and service to others.

This message is one that lies at the core of our Church community at St Peter's and St Philip's, where all are welcomed, all are valued and all are loved.

The journey begins

Having moved to London over three and a half years ago to advance my career in the corporate banking sector and achieving notable accolades along the way, I on reflection shouldn't have been so surprised when I felt something was missing in my daily working life.

In 2018 I decided to explore what I maybe was missing and took a sabbatical from my work. This gave me the opportunity to step away from my professional commitments and help those in need. On Monday 5 January 2018 I embarked on a trip to West Africa for a duration of two months. In that time I acted as a consultant for a small charity based solely in Sierra Leone called Save the Needy, alongside their Director, Violet Lenger-Fofanah.

Violet is Sierra Leonean and based just out of the capital Freetown in a place called Godderich, Metcham and is the mother to two boys Adonis, 13 and Mac, 18. Over the past 20 years Violet has witnessed the devastation of civil war, the outbreak of HIV/AIDS that has swept across the country, the Ebola crisis and most recently in August 2017 mudslides in the capital that claimed the lives of over 1,000 people. Enduring all this heartbreak Violet decided early on that she wanted to build a better life not just for herself, but for her community and her country. In 2011 she set up Save the Needy with a vision to get children and women empowered through access to education, proper hygiene and sanitation, income generating skills and gender empowerment. It has been down to hard work, determination and in Violet's own words "God's grace" that the charity has been able to stay alive and has continued to complete projects on an annual basis since 2013.

Poverty is an everyday struggle in Sierra Leone, but seeing it first hand is a heartbreaking experience.

Thank you St Peter's from **Sierra Leone**

Tom Thiele set out on a new path at the start of this year.

What he encountered knocked him for six at first.

Here he shares his journey to West Africa and the impact he has had.

Children of the American Calgary Baptist school welcome me with songs and a wonderful gift.



Save the Needy
Sierra Leone

Together as one we can serve humanity



The new website for Save the Needy

Violet's reaction to seeing the website for the first time



Impact on arrival

From the moment I arrived at Freetown airport and was met with chaos, it became quickly apparent that I would need to acclimatise to my new surroundings as soon as possible. Total confusion and a terrifying boat journey to my new home quickly catapulted me into the realities of what I might be faced with in the coming weeks.

What I witnessed on my first morning are images which have remained the strongest with me throughout my trip and still remain with me now. Looking out the dorm window and being met with a vision of a line of tiny children no more than 6 or 7 years old, in rags and covered in dirt carrying 5 gallon buckets on their heads, dragging themselves up a hill in the blistering heat to collect water from the well. Like many of us, I had seen the news and read articles about the plight of people in countries where poverty is an everyday struggle. But until I had experienced this reality face to face, I would never have been able to describe the truly heartbreaking and overwhelming feelings I was left with. It was this experience which set a fire in my heart to be as productive and helpful to Violet and Save the Needy during my stay.

Early stages

Having had lots of conversations with Violet before I left the UK, we had already established that the Charity needed to raise its profile and would need to establish a website and logo, so I started drawing on some home grown talent (thanks Mum and Dad!). We were quickly up and running.

Having arrived with £2,000 of generous donations from St Peter's parishioners, from family and friends, it was important to visit all the schools and talk to the Head Teachers to establish where this money should be best allocated.

I was given an amazing welcome by all the children and staff; the spirit of the children, their determination to succeed, their passion to learn and their appreciation of all that school and education has to offer, was so clear to see.



Construction begins on the new library

The library construction

After many discussions we decided to build a much needed library at the American Calgary Baptist School. The library would enable the primary school children to study for their higher education exams.

Workmen were hired, materials were sought and work was underway in no time. The aim was to have the library completed and opened before I left to return to the UK.



Work is going well and on time!



The library is completed!

We did it!! On 12 February I was invited to the opening of the completed library, along with the the children, the Head Community Chief, the Secretary of Education, the head teacher and staff, as well all the board members of Save the Needy. There was great excitement as the library was stocked with books donated by Book Aid International. The children sang songs, presented me with gifts and performed a wonderful drama piece based on the alphabet – a fantastic day with lots of fun for all. American Calgary Baptist School is now the only primary school in the whole district with a library. (The district is approximately the size of Greater Manchester!)



The children enjoying their first day in the library



On the wall of the library, a permanent thank you to St Peter's and everyone who helped make it happen

A big thank you!

I would just like to thank everyone for your kind donations, prayers and support on a truly remarkable journey. Your donations have made an incredible impact on so many young lives now and in the future.

And finally, in the words of Violet and the children of Sierra Leone . . .

"TELL PAPA GOD TANKE"

What next . . .

As Save the Needy is based solely in Sierra Leone they have faced many obstacles when trying to raise funds. Therefore now I am back in the UK I am currently in the process of setting up a UK partnership with Save the Needy after linking up with experienced charity fundraisers who gave me my first introduction to Violet. This will enable us to attempt to raise substantial funding from UK donations.

A thank you from the people of Sierra Leone for your generosity!

I hope you can all join me on the Sunday 15th April after 10am Mass in St. Peter's parish centre where I would like to share more interesting and exciting stories of my visit to this amazing country and the wonderful people I met along my journey.



Then and now

Peter Whittam, one of our long standing parishioners, looks back at life in the parish as he knew it and how he finds it now.

In September 1996, Fr Pat Monroe came to St Peter's and, on the same day, my wife, Joan and I moved to Hazel Grove from Cheadle Hulme – St Ann's parish. There were three priests, not surprising considering the size of the parish, the chaplaincy at Stepping Hill hospital, three primary schools and later augmented to include St Vincent's parish, Bramhall.

Joan died in 2004 and when I re-married I went to live in Glossop where my new wife, Colleen lived. We had ten very happy years together before Colleen died on the feast of the Epiphany, 2017. By chance, Fr Pat was standing-in for Fr Peter and he gave both of us the Sacrament of the Sick and anointed us during the evening before she died.

Prior to that, Colleen had been in a care home in Cheadle, so I decided to come back to my place in Hazel Grove that I had rented out when I re-married. It was good to be back to meet up again with people I had left behind nine years before and, of course, to meet so many people I didn't know as well. St Peter's is a lovely parish and we are fortunate to be under the care of Fr Peter Sharrocks who is an excellent parish priest. The biggest change I noticed when I came back was that Fr Peter was here on his own instead of having any assistant priests to help with the workload. He is still Chaplain to Stepping Hill hospital which has grown

enormously since Stockport Infirmary closed down. Other local priests help out there when necessary but it's still a burden. St Vincent's, Bramhall is now in the care of Fr Geoff O'Grady from St Ambrose parish but Fr Peter has St Philip's, Offerton on his watch. To add to this list are three primary schools.

Fr Peter is clearly a well organised priest and is blest by having such a strong, active Parish Pastoral Team and so many other parishioners busily involved in lots of various activities within the parish. If it's a while since you saw the Parish Handbook, why not take a copy now and you'll see all the details relating to my comments here. You'll find them in racks on the inside of the church door. You might find something you'd like to help with or be involved in. You'll also see the list of every parish activity at the back of this magazine.

I'd never come across a parish which had its Masses televised. Yet another plus for St Peter's. If you can't physically get to Mass but have a PC,

iPad, tablet or a smart phone you can follow the Mass on the screen and join in the singing and prayers. It's not like being there but it's a chance to participate even if you're on your own.

Fr Peter is such a jolly man and usually has some apposite comment to make in his homilies or notice-giving that brings a laugh from us all. He himself makes a comment or two about his holidays, particularly the ones in Lyme Park! Does he really go there or is it just a fairy tale or a cover for some other more appealing place? What does he do there? I'd love to know!

Wherever he goes we hope that he has a restful break and comes back fully refreshed. I have no doubt that he spends time praying for us – thanks, Father. Let us remember him in our prayers and Masses.

I don't think I've ever lived in such a busy, well organised, well run parish. Thank you, Fr Peter for all you do for us. May God bless you, keep you well and may He make sure the bishop doesn't decide to send you elsewhere!

Here's a list of the parish groups and activities at St Peter's

Celebrating Liturgy

Altar linen

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Fr Peter, for now

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