

Parish Prayers

Monday	The HATT family
Tuesday	The HAY family
Wednesday	Brenda HERBERT and family
Thursday	The HINDS family
Friday	Olive HOME and family

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NEWSLETTER

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Thought for the week

Nature's Easter Liturgy

The natural rhythm of the seasons should be a source of constant delight. Every tiny flower, every little animal, the rays of the sun, the chirp of birds, everything that spring brings back to us should inspire sentiments of joy and gratitude over our good fortune.

However, we must not remain on the plane of nature; for us nature is a holy symbol. It is a picture-book given by God to his children, in which they may see his beauty and his love; a picture-book which tells of another world which now at Easter is likewise celebrating resurrection.

Spring with its transformation of hill and meadow is, accordingly a great symbol of an event in sacred history and of an event now taking place within the church. Springtime is nature executing her Easter liturgy. Neither poetry nor art can even approximate her grand display. In every corner of her vast cathedral a thousand voices are shouting Alleluia, the voices of creatures that have come to life. Yes, nature holy, sinless, eternal, is holding her Easter rites. Oh, that we had eyes to see this mystery!

Pius Parsch *The Church's Year of Grace* 1954

Noticeboard

CHURCH CLOSURE All churches have joined the national effort to halt the spread of coronavirus by shutting down not only public worship but also private prayer and community activities. St Peter's will maintain a praying presence in our community, from our hearts and from our homes. *Please send requests for a candle to be lit in church by Julia.*

HOME WORSHIP The Church of England will signpost you to a variety of resources for worship at home. *Worship at Home* offers a pattern of daily prayers

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Please share your suggestions for ways to worship at home.

ST PETER'S PASTORAL NETWORK The Pastoral Team is offering neighbourhood support. If you would like a Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to have your contact details, please let them know directly - see *Pastoral Network* for more information. No contact details of church members will be passed on without permission.

GROWING YOUNG LEADERS GROUP Savannah Leighton-John and Matthew Bull are planning a link-up with young people at St Anne's - watch out for more information.

PRAYING WITH THE IMAGINATION Watch out for a series of meditations for Eastertide to help praying with the imagination.

COVID-19 NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT Local volunteers are ready to help anyone in De Beauvoir unable or worried to leave home - errands, shopping, dog-walking or just a friendly chat. No volunteer will enter your home or ask for donations or access to bank cards.

For help - Call Text or WhatsApp on 073 9407 5597

To volunteer - Email info@debeauvoir.org.uk

Not Out and About

We give thanks for the life and death of JOHN HATT who passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning at his care home in Kentish Town (not Covid-19 related) and we hold in our prayers LIZ HATT and ALEX grieving for him in these difficult times

ALISON WRIGHT is amongst many struggling to care for frail parents in challenging circumstances and grateful for some Easter light

It's good to hear AMANDA DAVIES, now half-way through her 100 days stem cell treatment and off chemotherapy, is definitely feeling stronger and in good spirits

BRENDA HERBERT is very thankful for her garden, even though she seems to have lost all energy for digging

PETER DAY has been busy photographing spring while ROMEE DAY has been delivering Easter greetings

HILARY DALTRY has been making paste eggs and dyeing them with onion skins and flowers them polishing with butter to make them shine - an old Cumbrian tradition

KIRSTY NORMAN has noticed the consumption of dark chocolate has gone up in their household

JAY WILKES has been sharing St Peter's home worship resources with friends and family in Taunton and Greenwich

MAYA BHOSE send Easter greetings to everyone at St Peter's and reports that LILA is being brilliant about everything, including doing school-work without complaint

The DE ROSEE FAMILY - JULIEN, SOPHIE, MARGOT, LUDO and LARKIN - send good wishes and look forward to seeing everyone when things settle

WASIU ELESHIN says Shalom