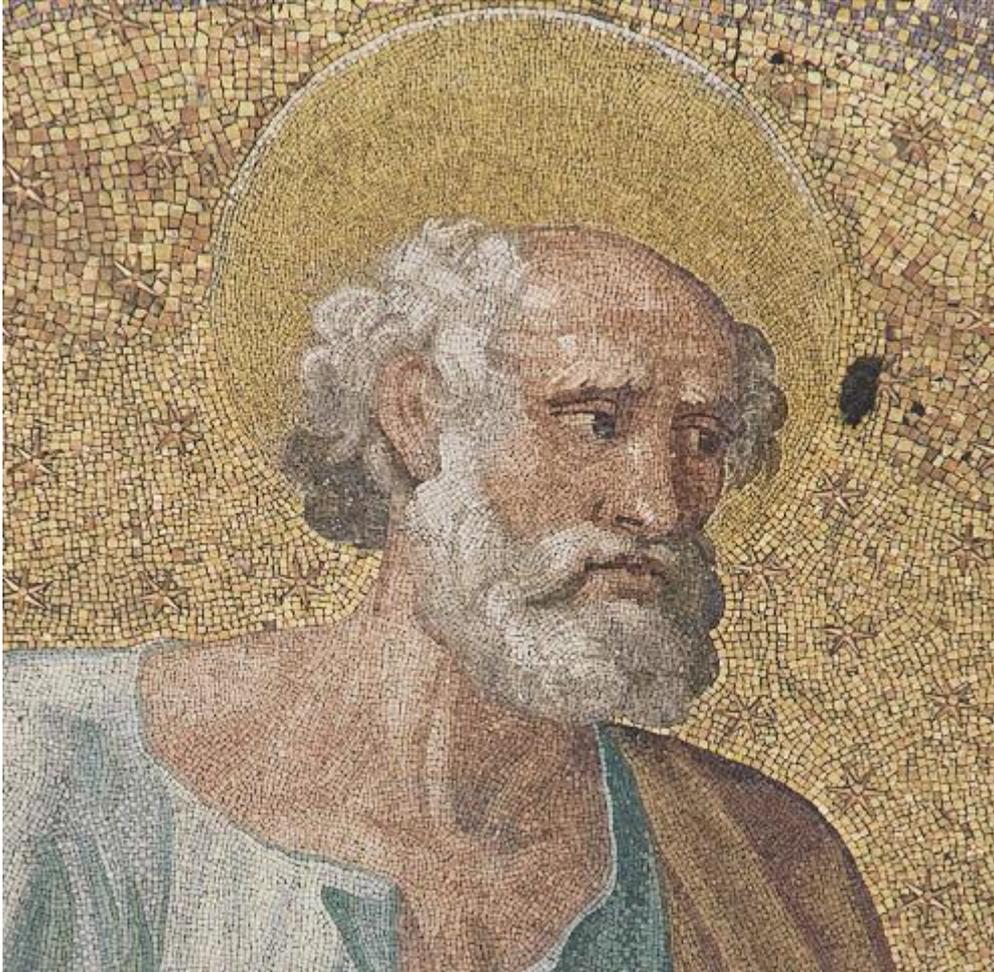


St Peter's Day



Celebration
and thanksgiving

27th June 2021

ST PETER
DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

Today we welcome back Julia Porter Pryce who was our vicar until February this year. In the midst of COVID restrictions we could not say goodbye properly at that point. Now, despite some on-going restrictions, we can worship together again on our patronal festival, and celebrate and give thanks for Julia's ministry here at St Peter's. We also welcome Irena Edgcumbe who will preside this morning.

Julia preached her farewell sermon at Candlemas, so instead of a sermon this morning, Julia and Irena will talk about St Peter's and celebrate what the community of St Peter's has meant to them over many years. They were both members of the congregation before training for ordination. Irena served her curacy at St Peter's and was ordained priest here on St Peter's Day twenty five years ago. Julia served her curacy at St Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington Common. She was then parish priest at St Luke, Isle of Dogs, before returning to be Vicar here for eighteen years.

ABOUT ST PETER

St. Peter was one of the twelve Apostles who were befriended and mentored by Jesus. One aspect of Peter's personality that shows up time and again through the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles is his zeal. He is always striving to do what is right, but even when he makes mistakes, he does all things wholeheartedly.

The life of St. Peter is documented in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Peter's original name was Simon. He was a fisherman who was called by Jesus to be one of the twelve Apostles along with his brother, St. Andrew. During one conversation, when Jesus asked who the people said He was, Simon said that He was the Son of God, a truth that had been revealed to him by the Father, but unknown to the other Apostles.

Jesus called him *Cephas* or Peter, which means Rock, and told him that on this rock He would build His Church, and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. St. Peter's remains are buried under St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, where the current Pope often says Mass.

Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Spirit that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

**Most merciful God, Father our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not love you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

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

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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

Almighty God
who inspired your apostle St Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time on and for evermore.
For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous may not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.
Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.
But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

Gospel Reading Matthew 16.13-19

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Instead of a sermon.....

A celebratory reflection on St Peter's

Intercessions Prayers for the church and the world

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us
with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds
up our common life.
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn Amazing grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

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Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendor, and the majesty; for everything on
heaven and earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we
give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us but came
to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us
to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him
and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and
gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave
you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for
the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of
me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is 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 body of Christ

Amen.

*All are invited to receive communion or a blessing.
Please remain in your places, unless you are seated in
the gallery, in which case please follow directions
from the stewards.*

*For the time being we continue to share the bread
only at communion; it is given and received in
silence.*

Music during communion

Darius Thompson (violin):

Georg Friedrich Telemann, *Fantasia* no. 2 in G major:
Largo, Allegro, Allegro.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen

Blessing

God of our beginnings and endings,

we celebrate all we have shared

and ask your blessing as we continue our journey.

May the love that is in our hearts

be a bond that forever unites us, wherever we may be.

May the power of your presence bless this moment of our leave-taking;

This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Great Redeemer.

Amen.

We praise and thank you, God of the Journey,
for our sister, Julia, who is leaving us.
We entrust her into your loving care,
knowing that you are always the faithful traveller
and companion on the Way.
Shelter and protect her from all harm and anxiety.
grant her courage to meet the future,
and grace to let go into new life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

May Julia's journey in life -and ours - shine with a
star's delight.
May our days and our years weave together a
wondrous tapestry.
May our unfolding story dance with the grace of every
blessing.
Always and ever, may we rest in God.
Always and ever, may God rest in us.

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

Hymn Guide me O thou great redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The celebrations continue in the gardens...