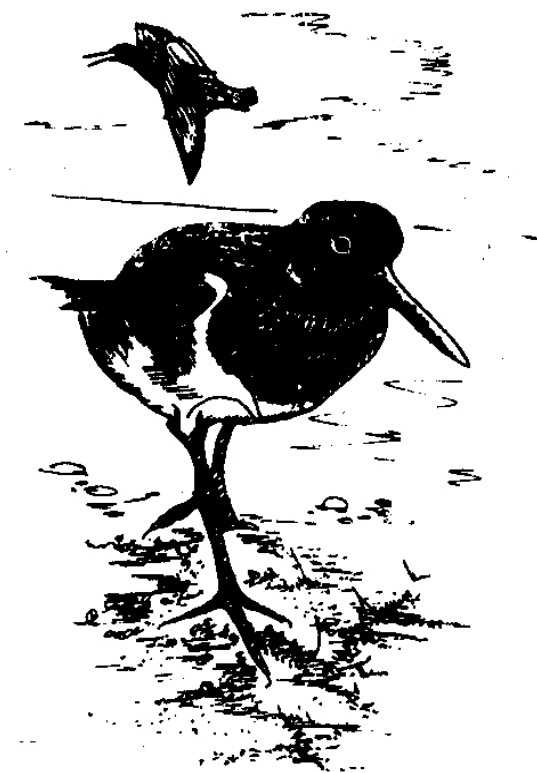


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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends,

In the Episcopal tradition, we often speak of faith as a journey — one that unfolds through the changing seasons of life and through the rhythms of the Church year. We mark time together: Advent waiting, Christmas joy, penitence during Lent, the hope of Easter, the gift of Pentecost, and the long, faithful growth of the months that follow. Through all these seasons, we discover that the Christian life is not a path we walk alone. We travel together as whole the people of God.

This might seem a truism, but it is not. I have recently read a report about the future of the Christian of Scotland. It has a sober title, “Report into the Causes of our Decline,” and was debated by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May. The authors broadly recommend that the Church of Scotland should focus primarily on encouraging individual Christians to talk about Jesus and not the Church. Of course, as Christians we are certainly called to centre our lives around Jesus, seeking always to follow Jesus more truly and serve our neighbours in his name. It unsettles me that a church report actually needs to say so.

Where the report is absolutely wrong is making a distinction between following Jesus as individuals and being the Church. To be blunt, Jesus founded the community of disciples; he founded the Church. This understanding has always been fundamental to our identity as Episcopalians. Through our bishops—the link between the house of bishops consecrating their successors—we trace our community back to the first Christians. This understanding is known as “the Apostolic Succession,” the doctrine which roots us in history right back to the founding of the Church. Bishop Nick is rightly proud that he can trace his succession back to St Kentigern, and then through Kentigern to the apostles.

Christ invites us into the Church. By coming together to celebrate Mass each week we are following the teaching of Jesus who tells us that whenever we meet together, we are to share the Eucharist, the Supper of the Lord. The Church is not something which is secondary to being a Christian. On the contrary, it’s a gift from the Saviour, a community which nourishes our faith and supports us, a community where we meet him in the Sacraments, Holy Scripture, prayer, and service.

The Prayer Book tradition beautifully shapes our common life. We confess together, proclaim our faith together, pray for the world together, and kneel together to share in the Holy Communion. Whatever we carry—uncertainty, joy, grief, or perhaps a new calling—we come not as isolated individuals but as fellow

pilgrims. The Church is certainly not a gathering of perfect believers; it is a group of ordinary sinful people learning, stumbling, growing, and seeking God side by side. As St Paul puts it, formed by Christ we are drawn together into one body.

What's more, in a culture of fragmentation where many people feel isolated and lonely, the community of the Church is of vital importance. We underestimate just how powerful it is to be such a community, where we strive so that everyone can find a welcome, a place to belong, and a voice. Is our calling at St Bride's to develop ever more deeply our identity as the People of God gathered around Christ? And is this a vision which we can share joyfully with our brothers and sisters in the Church of Scotland?

Respectfully, therefore, I disagree with the authors of this recent Church of Scotland report. Our future under God is surely not to set aside the Church as somehow an obstacle to faith or an irrelevance, but to claim our identity as the People of God travelling together, sinful but redeemed, honouring our foundation by the Lord, and looking forward in hopeful faith.

Yours in Christ,

Peter

Fr Peter

FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

This month, two applications were submitted to the Diocesan Property Committee.

The first application was for a grant from the Provincial Green Rectory Fund to repair windows in the Rectory. The DPC has commended this application and has passed it to the Provincial Building Committee for decision.

The second application was for the SWaNZ project (that's the South Wall and Net Zero project). This second application is for part funding of the first stage, the planning stage, of this project. The DPC has also commended this application and passed it to the Provincial Building Grants board. When we know the outcome, we will begin approaching local trusts.

Fr Peter, Carol and Anne



VARMRÖKT LAX MED GRAVLAXSÅS OCH PRESSGURKA
(Cold smoked salmon with sweet mustard sauce and cucumber salad)

The June recipe comes from none other than our own Father Peter Bradley, and it's a tempting cucumber salad, ideal for warmer months. 'For seven or eight years I've offered summer cover to the Anglican/Episcopal Chaplaincy in Stockholm – St Peter and Sigfrid's Church,' says Father Peter. 'The Sunday Mass is followed by very strong coffee with an abundance of Swedish biscuits and cakes.'

'My favourite cake is called a 'vacuum cleaner' (*'dammsugare'*), a delicious chocolate, coconut, and rum centre covered with green almond icing and dipped in dark chocolate. As you might guess, it resembles an old-fashioned cylinder vacuum cleaner. They are not the slimmer's choice! *Dammsugare* are rather elaborate, so here's a simple summer dish instead. Despite the frightening name it's easy to make and delicious on a hot day.'

'First make the sweet mustard sauce:

2 tablespoons of mustard (Dijon or wholegrain: English mustard is too strong)
2 tablespoons of sugar, brown for preference
1.5 tablespoons of white wine vinegar
75 ml of a neutral oil
½ a bunch of dill, chopped
salt and pepper to season

'Mix mustard, sugar and vinegar together in a bowl, dissolving the sugar as well as you can

Season well with salt and pepper

Drizzle in the oil bit by bit until the sauce has thickened

Stir in the dill

(easier in a blender: just dissolve the sugar in the vinegar with the other ingredients and whizz together. In this case there's no need to chop the dill beforehand)

‘Then make the cucumber salad:

1 medium cucumber
0.5 tsp caster sugar
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
½ a bunch of dill, chopped
a small pinch of salt to season

‘Wash the cucumber thoroughly. Slice into long strips using a potato peeler and put in a bowl with plenty of space
Mix vinegar, sugar and salt together to dissolve the sugar as much as you can
Gently toss the dill and vinegar mixture with the cucumber.

‘The salad’s best after sitting for fifteen minutes but it will keep longer in the fridge. Serve with cold fillets of cooked hot smoked salmon or trout, and freshly boiled new potatoes, anointed with butter. You could also poach some fresh salmon and serve this hot or cold. Serve dill sauce on the side or elegantly swirled on the plates.’

Finally, Father Peter suggests ‘This is good with a crisp white wine, or perhaps some very cold vodka straight from the freezer!’ Sounds PERFECT!

If you’d like *your* favourite recipe to appear in a future *Oystercatcher*, please speak to Gilly on a Sunday, or email drgilymcd@gmail.com. All contributions welcome!

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Leave a Legacy That Speaks of Your Faith

Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy to St Bride's Church?

Perhaps a lasting legacy by contributing to a particular project, or simply to be put towards wherever the need is greatest.

Legacies can benefit the Church in so many ways, helping St Bride's to continue being a home of prayer and worship for future generations.

Leaving a legacy can be arranged quickly and easily; it does not have to involve a lot of paperwork.

If you would like to explore this further, please speak to myself or e-mail me on paul.carberry@yahoo.co.uk

Paul Carberry

Sing for your Life!

In the next *Sing for your Life!* session (Thursday 11 June) we'll be asking you to *Accentuate the Positive*, search for *Pennies from Heaven* and *Always look on the Bright Side of Life*. *Pack up Your Troubles in your Old Kitbag* because it's a *Wonderful World*. *You'll never Walk Alone* if you *Bring me Sunshine* and *Simple Gifts*.

Free and open to all, as usual, 2.00 for 2.15-3.15 p.m. Do come and help us 'latch on to the affirmative' in song. "This is not a choir and it's not a rehearsal" - just friendly fun, followed by refreshments.

Alan Tavener



St Bride's Episcopal Church
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7 June 2026 at 1.00pm

Organ Recital

Pavlos Triantaris (St. Swithin's Cathedral of the Traditional Anglican Church)

Free admission – donations to our Robert Lamont
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Ciacona in C minor, BuxWV 159	Diderich Hansen Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Sinfonia from Cantata No. 76 "The heavens declare the glory of God"	J S Bach (1685-1750)
Voluntary No. 6, in C major	William Boyce (1711-1779)
Chorale Prelude "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness", BWV 654	J S Bach
Chorale Improvisation "Now thank we all our God", Op. 65 No. 59	Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Romance in D minor	Hugh Blair (1864-1932)
I. The majesty of Christ praying to His Father that He be glorified & IV. The Prayer of Christ	
ascending unto His Father (Symphonic meditations "The Ascension")	Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
Litanies	Jehan-Ariste Alain (1911-1940)



Pavlos Triantaris studied music in Greece where, for a number of years, he was Organist and Director of Music at the Protestant Church of Foinikas, Thessalonica. This was followed by a period of further study in Bristol, and Organ Scholarships at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Brentwood, and the Church of St. Peter and Paul in Chingford. He now combines the position of Assistant Director of Music at St. Swithin's Cathedral of the TAC with recital work throughout England, and also acts as Organist for *Poscimum*, a travelling choir which sings services in cathedrals throughout England. Pavlos has also been studying the Chinese zither *guqin* since 2023, and the theorbo since April 2026.

Our thanks to you, our audience, for your support of our Organ Recitals series!
Today's Recital is the final programme in the current series, and a new, monthly lunchtime series on the first Sunday of each month will be launched by Christopher Nickol on Sunday 6 September.

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...at 3.30pm on Sunday 21 June: Choral Evensong
sung by St Bride's Choir with Michael Bawtree (organ).
Music by Stanford, Elgar and Vaughan Williams.



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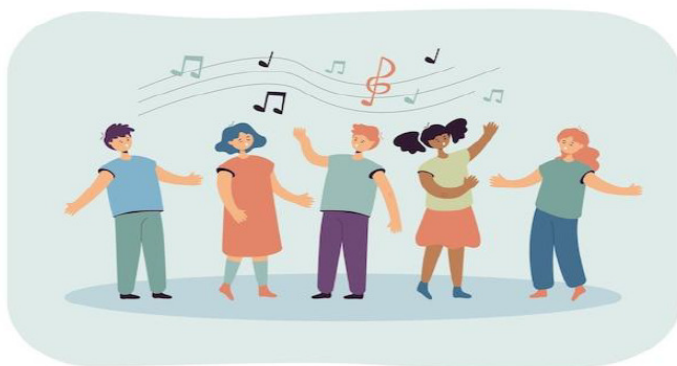
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READINGS FOR CHORAL SERVICES IN JUNE

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursday 4 June</i> CORPUS CHRISTI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Exodus 16, v 9-15 Psalm 116, v 11-16 1 Corinthians 10, v 16-17 John 6, v 53-58 <i>(My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink)</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday 7 June</i> First Sunday after Trinity (Week of Proper 10)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hosea 6, v 3–6 Psalm 50, v 1, 8, 12–15 Romans 4, v 13–25 Matthew 9, v 9-13, 18-26 <i>(Jesus said to Matthew, 'Follow me')</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Harry Dunlop Annie Blackwood</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday 14 June</i> Second Sunday after Trinity (Week of Proper 11)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Exodus 19, v 2–6 Psalm 100 Romans 5, v 1-8 Matthew 9, v 35-10, v 8 <i>(The harvest is rich but the labourers are few)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gilly McDougall Andrew Lockyer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday 21 June</i> Third Sunday after Trinity (Week of Proper 12)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 20, v 7-13 Psalm 69, v 8-11, 17-19 Romans 6, v 1b-11 Matthew 10, v 24-39 <i>(Do not be afraid of those who kill the body)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Choral Evensong</i> Psalm 49 Jeremiah 10, v 1–16 <i>(The Living God)</i> Luke 8, v 26–39 <i>(Jesus and the Gerasene)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jonathan Moss Annie Blackwood Jonathan Lord Elizabeth Moignard</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday 28 June</i> Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Week of Proper 13)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 28, v 5–9 Psalm 89, v 1–2, 16–19 Romans 6, v 12–23 Matthew 10, v 40–42 <i>(Whoever welcomes you welcomes me)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Sinclair Jonathan Lord</p>

MUSIC FOR JUNE

Date	Readings	Setting	Motet	Psalms	Hymns	Voluntary Before	Voluntary After
Thursday 4 th 19.00 Corpus Christi: Choral Eucharist	Exodus 16.9-15 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 6.53-58	<i>Jackson</i> Communion Service in G	<i>Mozart</i> Ave verum Corpus	116. 11-16	310, Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All, 271, 307, Laud, O Ston	<i>Boëllmann</i> Premier Verset sur l'Adoro Te <i>William Briant,</i> <i>Organist</i>	<i>Boëllmann</i> Deuxième Verset sur l'Adoro Te <i>William Briant,</i> <i>Organist</i>
Sunday 7 th 10.30 Trinity I: Choral Eucharist	Hosea 6.3-6 Romans 4.13-25 Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26	<i>Cabena</i> Mass in the Dorian Mode	<i>Brian Coleman, arr</i> <i>John Barnard</i> As Water to the Thirsty	50. 1.8, 12-15	74, 485, 308, 334, Laud, O Ston	<i>Purcell</i> Voluntary on the Old Hundredth (words at NEH 334)	<i>Hendrik Andriessen</i> Theme and Variations
Sunday 14 th 10.30 Trinity II: Choral Eucharist, RSCM Music Sunday	Exodus 19.2-6 Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8	<i>Joanna Forbes</i> <i>L'Estrange</i> The St Helen's Service	<i>Anthony Baldwin</i> When, in our Music, God is glorified	100	394, 373, 336, 436	<i>Franck</i> Pastorale at NEH 334)	<i>Robert Prizeman</i> Songs of Praise
Sunday 21 st 10.30 Trinity III: Choral Eucharist	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39	<i>Harris</i> Communion Service in F	<i>Rebecca Groom te</i> <i>Veldt</i> Take up your Cross	69, 8-11, 17-19	238, 295, 431, 433	<i>Parry</i> Melcombe (words at NEH 238)	<i>Salomé</i> Grand Choeur in A
Sunday 21 st 15.30 Choral Evensong	Jeremiah 10.1-16 Luke 8.26-39	<i>Stanford</i> Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in B flat	<i>Vaughan Williams</i> O how amiable are thy Dwellings	49	150, 267	<i>Elgar</i> Adagio (Cello Concerto in A minor, Op 85)	<i>Elgar</i> Imperial March, Op32 <i>Michaël Bawtree,</i> <i>Organist</i>
Sunday 28 th 10.30 Trinity IV: Choral Eucharist	Zachariah 4.1-6a, 10b-14 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16.13-19	<i>Darke</i> Communion Service in E	<i>Lezger</i> O Master, let me walk with Thee	125	376, 302, 305, 484	<i>Durufle</i> Méditation de Longpont, Op 31 No 21	<i>L Vierne</i> Carrillon de Longpont, Op 31 No 21 <i>William Briant,</i> <i>Organist</i>

KALENDAR FOR JUNE

June

1	Mon	The Visit of the BVM to Elizabeth	The Primus
2	Tue	Feria	Readers and Intercessors
3	Wed	<i>Charles Lwanga and his companions, 1886, Janani Luwum, Bishop, 1977, Martyrs of Uganda</i>	The Churches of Uganda
4	Thu	Corpus Christi	All priests
5	Fri	<i>Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary and Martyr, 754</i>	The Bishop
6	Sat	Feria	Choir and Musicians
7	Sun	First Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
8	Mon	<i>Ephrem the Syrian, Teacher of the Faith, 373</i>	Hymn writers
9	Tue	Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597	St Columba's, Largs
10	Wed	Feria	The Church's witness in Scotland
11	Thu	Barnabas, Apostle	General Synod of the SEC
12	Fri	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	General Synod of the SEC
13	Sat	Feria	General Synod of the SEC
14	Sun	The Second Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
15	Mon	<i>Members of the Church who suffered under the Penal Laws</i>	Christian Unity
16	Tue	Feria	Eucharistic Assistants
17	Wed	Feria	Altar Servers
18	Thu	<i>Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896</i>	Province of Central Africa
19	Fri	Feria	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
20	Sat	<i>Fillan, Abbot, c. 750</i>	St Fillan, Kilmacolm
21	Sun	The Third Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
22	Mon	<i>Alban, Martyr, c. 303</i>	The Church of England
23	Tue	Feria	Pastoral care
24	Wed	The Birth of John the Baptist	Peace in the Holy Land
25	Thu	<i>Moluag of Lismore, Bishop, 592</i>	Diocese of Argyll & the Isles
26	Fri	<i>Robert Leighton, Bishop, 1684</i>	The College of Bishops
27	Sat	<i>Alexander Jolly, Bishop, 1838</i>	Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney
28	Sun	Peter and Paul, Apostles	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
29	Mon	Feria	The unity and mission of the Church
30	Tue	Feria	Church Cleaning Team