

Prayer & Worship

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Prayer

Anniversary of Baptism: Ruby Haynes (23/05/2021)

Those in need of our prayer:
Claire, Connie, Jenny Radnedge,
Jonathan, Joy, Margaret Rowe,
Margaret Townsend, Richard,
Ros, Sue, Tom, Val Rope,
Verner Pedersen.

Year's Mind

Those who have died in the last 10 years:

Oaul Comer, Margaret Geeson,
Leon Halcomb

Others whose name appears in our book of remembrance from earlier years:

Margaret Chase, Robert Hood,
Eric Reynolds, Kay Segger,
Vivienne Johnson, Richard Johnson,
Jean Hanton, Mary Hawker,
Kathleen Sword, Edith Anderson.

Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Andrew Parsons,
with sermon given by Brian O'Rourke

5.00pm Evensong
led by Fiona Haworth,
with sermon given by Catherine Waddams

This Week

Tuesday 19th May

1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Naomi Tuma

Wednesday 20th May

7.30am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
 led by Fiona Haworth

Thursday 21st May

1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Fiona Haworth

Sunday 24th May Pentecost

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Fiona Haworth,
with sermon given by Andrew Parsons
5.00pm Music and Words for Pentecost
led by Gill Persicke

Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich



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Can You Help Bring Norwich Market to Life as it Celebrates 900 Years?



ON THE HUH!
900 YEARS OF
NORWICH MARKET



Norwich Market has stood beside St Peter Mancroft for centuries and remains one of the oldest and largest open-air markets in the country. Traders have gathered here since the Norman period, with people coming to buy food, cloth, livestock and household goods - and, just as importantly, to exchange news, gossip and stories.

The market has always been lively, noisy and colourful. In Victorian times especially, it was packed with carts, traders calling out their wares, musicians, street entertainers and crowds celebrating public events.

It is this atmosphere that **On the Huh!** hopes to capture as performers bring moments from Norwich's past vividly back to life. We at St Peter Mancroft Church are contributing to the production with a short dramatic recreation of an event that took place in the market on New Year's Eve 1872 - right in the shadow of Mancroft Church.

To help bring the scene to life, we are looking for volunteers willing to become part of a bustling Victorian crowd: banging drums, blowing instruments, singing, shouting and generally creating plenty of joyful noise. No acting experience is needed - enthusiasm matters far more.

We are also looking for:

- Drums and percussion
- Brass or wind instruments
- Victorian-style costumes

Performances take place from **21-25 July (evenings) and 26 July (afternoon)**. If you could help with two or more performances, that would be especially appreciated.

For more information, or to offer help, please contact Rachel Hobson
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Celebrating Mancroft Life

Free Holiday Art and Craft at Mancroft!



Looking for something creative to do during the school holidays? St Peter Mancroft Church will host free arts and crafts activities for children and families on **Thursdays and Fridays during the holidays, from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.**

Sessions begin in the May half-term holiday, on **Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May**, and everyone is warmly welcome to drop in, get creative and enjoy spending time in the beautiful surroundings of the church. Expect hands-on activities, imagination, colour and plenty of opportunities to make and create together.

Spread the word among family, friends, neighbours and anyone who might enjoy a relaxed and friendly holiday activity.

We need a few extra helping hands. If you are able to come along to help with any morning or afternoon session during the holidays—whether regularly or just once or twice—that would be absolutely wonderful.

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Fiona is preaching at St Mark's Lakenham at 10 am on 17th May.

YMCA Looking for Hosts



The YMCA is looking for Hosts to step up and be part of their Supported Lodgings project.

Do you have a spare room? Could you make a difference in a young person's life?

This isn't just fostering or renting a room. We want our Hosts to show a young person who may not have had the best start in life what a safe, stable, caring home can be, before they go on to the next stage in their life.

We're dealing with non-violent, low-risk young people who may not have experienced a stable home life before, but would benefit greatly from the chance to do so. They may need guidance on life skills - anything from learning how to cook simple meals, filling in job applications, to doing the washing up.

You can play a central role in making them ready to go on and lead full, independent lives.

Each Host receives around £640 per month, plus training and continual support from the supported lodgings team. If you think you could help, or have questions about this project, please email us at:

supportedlodgings@ymcanorfolk.org
or call the YMCA on 07561 293026.

Simon Lawford, organ, 23rd May



Organist Simon Lawford is the next recitalist in the Mancroft Music Series. He will be coming on **Saturday, 23rd May at 1.00 pm.** He has been Assistant Organist at Chichester Cathedral, followed by similar roles at Canterbury, Magdalen College, Christ Church, Oxford, and Peterborough. He is organiste titulaire of the Église Notre-Dame de France in Leicester Square, London.

Notices and Forthcoming Events

A Million Acts of Hope



Look out for A Million Acts of Hope cards and write on one what you have done. The organisers want to collect a million. Speak with Catherine Waddams if you would like to do this.

Christian Meditation



We are meeting at 1.30 pm on the following dates in the Quiet Chapel of the church.

Wednesday 20th May
Wednesday 3rd June
Wednesday 17th June
Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 15th July

If you would like to find more peace and focus in your daily life, and to draw closer to God in quietness, why not come along and join us - all are welcome, particularly "beginners"!

Forthcoming Recitals



The Mancroft Music Saturday lunchtime recital series 2026 is now well underway. All start at 1.00pm and are free for anyone to attend. There is a voluntary retiring collection.

May 23rd **Simon Lawford, organ**
May 30th **Jessica Summers, soprano**
June 6th **Aurora Consort, a Capella**
June 27th **Krassimira Jeliazkova, violin**
July 4th **Future Generation Organists**
July 18th **Lizzie Gutteridge, folk**
August 1st **Zaira Palumbo, soprano**
August 8th **Katie Bycroft, flute**
August 15th **Emilija Karaliute, kankles**
August 22nd **Karen Verrechia, clarinet**
September 5th **Gordon Pullin, voices**
September 12th **Julian Haggett, organ**
September 19th **Lewis Kingsley Peart, piano**
September 26th **Katy Thomson, soprano**
December 5th **St Cecilia's Singers**

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