

Prayer & Worship

Collect for the Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in
their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our
own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Prayer

Those in need of our prayer:
Brian Forder, Claire, Connie,
Hilary Wakeman, Jenny Radnedge,
Jonathan, Joy, Margaret Rowe,
Margaret Townsend, Richard,
Val Rope, Verner Pedersen.

Recently Died:
Roger Whittaker

Year's Mind

Those who have died in the last 10 years:

**John Kingsley, Jules Bevis,
Constance Hood,**

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

**William Woodrow, Richard Kemp,
Vera Smith, Julian Aldous,
Edward Stevenson, Bill Bell, George Smith,
Mary Youngs,**

Sunday 27th September Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter

 10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Edward Carter

with sermon given by James Pearce-Higgins

5.00pm Service of Words & Music
for Harvest led by Gill Persicke
with sermon given by Fiona Haworth

This Week

Tuesday 29th September

1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Edward Carter

Wednesday 30th September

7.30am Communion
led by Edward Carter

 1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Edward Carter in conversation
with Ruth Steadman

Thursday 1st October

1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Edward Carter

Friday 2nd October

Memorial service for Cathy Al-Bay
 at St Peter Mancroft at 2pm.

Sunday 4th October 18th after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

10.00am Sung Eucharist
 led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Brian O'Rourke

5.00pm Diocesan Service for
Black History Month
led by Revd Canon Karlene Kerr
with sermon given by Dr Dave Neita

Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich



27th September II Harvest Thanksgiving

Annie Joins the Ministry Team



The Revd Annie Blyth has joined the Ministry Team at Mancroft this month, having recently retired from her Self-Supporting Assistant Priest role at other city churches. She and Raymond have been worshipping at Mancroft since April this year. In addition to sharing in the ministry at St Peter Mancroft, Annie will continue in her roles as the Bishop of Norwich's advisor for women's ministry and as Chaplain to the Matthew Project.

Speaking recently, Annie said: *"Raymond and I are very happy to have found a home in this beautiful, prayerful community - thank you for welcoming us. I'm thrilled to be included in the Ministry Team and will do my best to love and serve as God's gospel of love is proclaimed and lived here in the heart of the city."*

Safeguarding Survey

A Safeguarding Group appointed by the Archbishop's Council is carrying out independent external audits of Church of England dioceses and cathedrals to help ensure they are safe and respectful places for everyone. Norwich Diocese will be audited in January 2027. Before then, everyone involved in parish life is invited to complete a short safeguarding survey by INEQE, sharing what is

working well and what could be improved. Participation is optional, anonymous and confidential.

You can access the survey using the QR code, and it will remain open until 11 November. To receive the survey by email, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Gill Knox, at safeguarding@mancroft.org.uk.

Hard copies are also available in church or from the church office and can be returned anonymously, marked for Gill's attention.



PCC Update

The Parochial Church Council met last Monday evening to oversee the life of the church. A significant part of the meeting was given over to a discussion of safeguarding and the church culture at Mancroft, led by Gill Knox the Parish Safeguarding Officer. This was linked to an audit of safeguarding in the diocese which is currently underway. The PCC also warmly approved a proposal that the Revd Annie Blyth should join the Ministry Team, and noted with pleasure the plan for a small group from Mancroft to pay a visit to Denmark this November.

Other updates were also received from across the various strands of the church's life.

Celebrating Mancroft Life

Ministry Experience Service



Last Sunday, as part of Evensong at Mancroft, three young adults were commissioned by the Bishop of Thetford for a year on the Ministry Experience Scheme.

Pictured are Bishop Ian, The Lord Lieutenant; Lady Dannatt, who attended the service; and the Revd Dr Fiona Haworth, who, as Mancroft's Associate Priest, is also the MES Coordinator for the Diocese.

Peace Camp



Last Monday a 'Peace Camp' was held at the Octagon and out on Hay Hill. This was supported by various groups who campaign and work for peace, and was attended by the Lord Mayor.

African Choir of Norfolk



The African Choir of Norfolk will be at Mancroft next Sunday.

The **5.00pm Service on 4th October** will focus on Racial Justice, with the Bishop of Lynn, Dr Jane Steen. The African Choir of Norfolk will sing at the start and end of the service – they helped lead the worship at the Archbishop of Canterbury's installation earlier this year.

All are very welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served after the worship.

Climate Cafe, 10th October



Ruth Steadman and Annie Blyth are hosting a 'Climate Café' in the Octagon on **Saturday 10th October between 10.30am and 12.00noon**. This will be an informal community conversation about the climate and related concerns, with refreshments provided.

All are welcome. For more information: rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk

Crocus Appeal Reminder

We would be pleased to receive some crocus bulbs of any colour (or a small donation) to enhance the memorial garden on the north side of the church.

Please leave contributions at the church office.

Notices and Forthcoming Events

Harvest Survey



One of the images guiding the Rebirth of Belief project is the Tree of Life. So, to celebrate harvest, and with autumn's leaves falling outside, we're inviting you to take part in the short survey below, to help fertilise our soil for the year ahead.

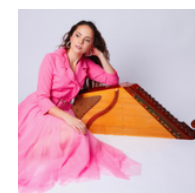
You can send replies via email to rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk, or if you prefer to be anonymous there will be a box with survey slips at the back of the church for the next three weeks.

1. *What is most important to you about the Christian life we share at SPM? **Be specific.***
2. *What hopes do you have for SPM's future? **Be bold.***
3. *Is there anything we might need to prune in order to focus on the item(s) named above? **Be honest.***
4. *Do you have a story of a rebirth of belief you would be open to sharing? If so, please provide your email address so Ruth can be in touch.*

Mancroft Music Recitals



The penultimate recital of the series will be given by Katy Thomson, soprano, on **Saturday 26th September at 1.00pm.**



A return visit from Lithuanian Kankles player Emilija Karaliute will round off the series on **Saturday 3rd October at 1.00pm.**

Harvest Appeal

Specific items the Foodbank need at the moment are:

Microwave Rice, Wrapped Biscuits
Instant Mash, Tinned Meat
Jam and Peanut Butter
Deodorant, Shampooo

Financial donations are also welcomed

Christian Meditation

We are meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesdays, downstairs in the Processional Way, on the following dates:

7 and 21 October

4 and 18 November

All are very welcome

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