

## Prayer & Worship

### Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the  
salvation which is given  
through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.

### Year's Mind

**Those who have died in the last 10 years:**

***Elizabeth King, Trudy Kimm.***

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

*Doreen Keymer, Mary Ward,  
Sidney Ingate, Joy Gibson, Evelyn Wisdom.*

### Sunday 4th October Eighteenth 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

### This Week

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
1.00pm CW Communion,  
led by Andrew Parsons

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
7.30am Communion  
led by Fiona Haworth

 1.00pm Live-streamed reflection  
led by Edward Carter

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
1.00pm BCP Communion,  
led by Richard Capper

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October Nineteenth after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion  
led by Edward Carter

 10.00am Sung Eucharist  
led by Edward Carter  
with sermon given by Edward Carter in  
conversation with Ruth Steadman  
5.00pm Evensong  
led by Catherine Waddams  
with sermon given by Catherine Waddams

## Mancroft News

### The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich

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### Black History Month Service



Today, **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm**, Saint Peter Mancroft is hosting a special diocesan service for Black History Month entitled '*Honouring our Communities*'. The service has been planned by the Revd Canon Karlene Kerr, the Bishop of Norwich's lead officer for racial justice. The preacher is Dr David Neita, a well-known lawyer, poet and international speaker. The Bishop of Lynn, Dr Jane Steen, will give the final blessing. Members of the Racial Justice Action Group will lead the prayers. Mancroft's choir will sing an anthem. The African Choir of Norfolk who sang at Canterbury Cathedral for the enthronement of the Archbishop. will sing at the start and end of the service -

The service will be followed by refreshments, and all are very welcome.

### Vicar at St Stephens

Today, Sunday 4th October, Mancroft's Vicar, Canon Edward Carter, is preaching at the morning service at St Stephen's Church in Norwich. This follows a visit to preach at Mancroft by the Vicar of St Stephen's, the Revd Heike Prentice, in August.

# SPM

### Climate Cafe, 10<sup>th</sup> October



**Climate Café**

An informal community conversation about the climate and related concerns, with refreshments provided.

 **Saturday 10th October**  
10.30am – 12.00noon

 **The Octagon**

**All are welcome.**

 For more information:  
[rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk](mailto:rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk)

Climate change is a huge subject, and it can be hard to know what to think, say or do about it. A Climate Café offers something simple: a friendly, informal space to talk. No lecture, no pressure, and no need to be an expert, led by Annie Blyth and Ruth Steadman.

Come along to share thoughts, ask questions, hear different perspectives or simply listen. It's a chance to explore what climate change means for us, our community and the wider world - over refreshments.

## Celebrating Mancroft Life

### A month in Palestine

Two talks entitled *Stories of Solidarity* and *From Iona to Tent of Nations* will be given by our Associate Priest Fiona Haworth.



Fiona spent a month in Palestine during her sabbatical.

She joined a solidarity tour, meeting Palestinian and Israeli activists Christian, Jewish and Muslim, including three Nobel Peace Prize nominees, Mazin Qumsiyeh, Jeff Halper, and Issa Amro.

The remainder of her time was spent volunteering at Tent of Nations, a Christian family farm outside Bethlehem.

There will be two opportunities to hear about Fiona's experiences:

**October 14th 7pm – 9pm**

**October 17th 10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Both will be in the octagon at SPM**

### Burundi Zoom

The next call to Burundi will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm. Please see Fiona for joining details.

### Hope Happens Here



Last Sunday morning various members of the congregation helped prepare strings of 'Hope Happens Here' cards, which are now displayed in church during October.

These contain messages of hope written by members of the community here in Norwich, and are part of the 'City of Sanctuary' project.

Many thanks to Catherine Waddams and all who helped with this display.

### Half Term Craft Club

After a successful summer run, the holiday craft club is back for autumn half term, with free seasonal craft activities for all ages.

Everyone welcome (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

**Fridays 23rd and 30th October, 11am-3pm**  
no booking required.



## 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](mailto: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.*

### October Podcast Release



Our new podcast came out on 1<sup>st</sup> October. In it, Edward talks to Ruth Steadman, who recently joined us as Rebirth of Belief Coordinator.

### Survey Reminder

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. Access this survey using the QR code until 11 November.

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



### 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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