

**A festival for June:  
Corpus Christi**

Introduced in the twelfth century the Feast of Corpus Christi, the 'body of Christ,' gives an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist which is also a feature of Maundy Thursday. Until recently celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but now often on the Sunday following, churches which keep the day often end their principal eucharist that day with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, giving an opportunity to adore the wonderful presence of Jesus. This year Corpus Christi is observed on Sunday June 18th.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives the fruits of  
your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**St. Augustine of Canterbury,  
Highgate**

**CHURCH NEWS**



**June 2017**

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

I write five days after the bombing at Manchester Arena. The abhorrence I feel at the taking of life, some so young, does not make for cool thinking. At this moment still very little is known publicly about the motives of the perpetrator. So I can only speculate about motivation, whether religious or political. Yet I will say this...

If *religion* lies behind the bombing, then part of that religious approach is a distorted view of God, and it matters not what religion is claimed as the justification for taking a child's life or indeed any human life. If something believes God requires this then their God is a monster of their own making, and does not exist. Christians must never lose sight of their core understanding of God—love.

If *politics* is paramount (and religion and politics are not, I know, in separate boxes) then it is an ideology that shows not even a little common humanity. It shares much with totalitarianism which cares nothing for human life.

Where is *hope*? For me it is focussed in the person and work of Jesus who went beyond the usual actions and reactions of human beings, and showed that we can be freed from them. Actions of random kindness following the bombing have something of Christ about them. Today I pray for the victims, and with thanks for good actions, and for the softening of violent hearts.

With my best wishes and prayers,  
Fr. Peter

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**Enquiries with regard to baptism, weddings  
and banns of marriage should be made to  
Fr. Peter**

## Looking ahead

### July

- 1 Ordination of Matthew Topham as a deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral at 3pm
- 2 St. Augustine's Festival—Parish Mass at 10am and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm
- 3 Parochial Church Council meets at 8pm preceded by Mass at 7.15pm
- 4 New group for study and reflection meeting downstairs at church at 8pm with soup supper at 7.15pm

### August

- 6 Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm
- 7 New group for study and reflection meeting downstairs at church at 8pm with soup supper at 7.15pm

### September

- 3 Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm
  - 4 New group for study and reflection meeting downstairs at church at 8pm with soup supper at 7.15pm
- Parochial Church Council meets in the Vicarage at 8pm

## The Vicar's Notices

### **MATTHEW TOPHAM**

Matthew has finished his training for ordination at St. Stephen's House, Oxford and will be ordained deacon on Saturday July 1st at 3pm at St. Paul's Cathedral to serve in the parish of St. Mary, Tottenham. Please pray for him and all those who will be ordained with him.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY**

We gave thanks for our patron saint on Sunday July 2nd, as 'St. Augustine's Festival.'

### **AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN**

Following this year's Lent group, I've responded to the request to continue with an a group to explore, discuss and learn more together about the Christian faith. This will be down stairs at the church at 8pm, once a month, beginning on Tuesday July 4th and continuing on Monday August 7th and usually on the first Monday of the month. Each evening will be preceded by a light supper. Is there any aspect of faith you've wondered about and would like to explore? Let me know.

### **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

From July 2nd, again following on from Lent, there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

## Calendar for June 2017

3	Mass at 12 noon
4	Pentecost Parish Mass at 10am
7	Mass at 10am
10	Mass at 12 noon
11	Trinity Sunday Parish Mass at 10am
17	Mass at 12 noon
18	Corpus Christi Parish Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10am
21	Mass at 10am
24	Mass at 12 noon
25	Second Sunday after Trinity
28	Mass at 10am

## Bible readings for the Parish Mass

4	Pentecost Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17
11	Trinity Sunday Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 John 3.16-18
18	Corpus Christi Genesis 14.18-20 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 6.51-58
25	Second Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39