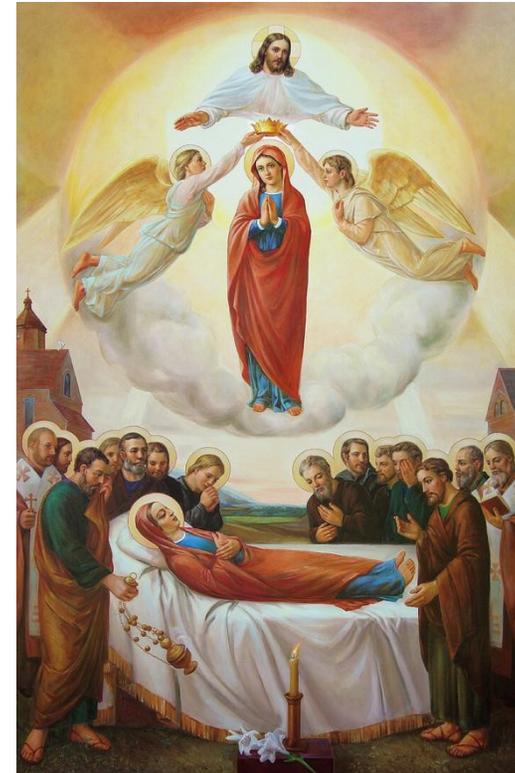


**A festival for August  
John Bunyan, 1628-1688**

Born at Elstow in Bedfordshire in 1628, John Bunyan was largely self-educated and used the Bible as his means of education. He read very few other books, and they were all piously Protestant in nature, yet he produced *Pilgrim's Progress*, probably the most original text of spiritual genius that century, telling the story of the man Christian on his journey through life to God. It was not written while he was a prisoner in Bedford gaol, as often stated, but during a confinement some years later. History tells us little of the man but what is clear from his writings is that the salvation of the soul was what mattered most to him. He died on August 30th in 1688. The hymn 'He who would valiant be' is based on his words and sometimes his original words are used 'Who would true valour see.

God of peace,  
who called your servant John Bunyan  
to be valiant for truth:  
grant that as strangers and pilgrims  
we may at the last  
rejoice with all Christian people  
in your heavenly city;  
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.

**St. Augustine of Canterbury,  
Highgate**



**CHURCH NEWS**

**August 2017**

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

During July, the media coverage of events surrounding the awful illness and death of Charlie Gard were intense. Emotions usually expressed in private were on show on the public stage, personal sadness broadcast around the world. Wider moral and ethical issues were also involved with debate around the relative rights of parents and children, the role of the state, the powers and responsibilities of a hospital. None of this made for easy reading or viewing, and there were no 'winners' here.

With such a loss in mind, and each and every day this occurs whether it be due to illness, poverty, war or other causes, I simply offer this prayer from the Funeral Service for a Child, and you might like to use it, with parents in mind, clearly, but others, too, such as medical staff:

*Heavenly Father,  
you alone can heal our broken hearts;  
you alone can wipe away the tears  
that well up inside us;  
you alone can give us the peace we need;  
you alone can strengthen us to carry on.  
We ask you to be near those whose time of joy  
has been turned into sadness.  
Assure them that with you nothing is wasted  
or incomplete,  
and uphold them with your tender love.  
Supported by your strength,  
may our love for one another be deepened  
by the knowledge of your love for us all.  
Amen.  
Fr. Peter*

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

## Looking ahead

### September

3 Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm  
4 New group for study and reflection meeting at 8pm  
Parochial Church Council meets in the Vicarage at 8pm

### October

1 Harvest Festival: Parish Mass at 10am and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm  
15 Dedication Festival

### November

1 All Saints' Day Mass at 10am and 7.30pm  
2 All Souls' Day Mass at 10am and 7.30pm  
5 All Saints' Sunday  
12 Remembrance Sunday  
19 Bishop of Edmonton joins us for the Parish Mass at 10am  
26 Christ the King with Parish Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10am

## The Vicar's Notices

### FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE CRYPT

Work is continuing to repair pipework that is damaged, but it looks like Thames Water have removed the possible cause of flooding. Once repairs are finished, refurbishment will continue downstairs.

### THE REVD. OLAKUNLE AYODEJI

...is the new Vicar of St. Michael's and will take up his post on September 19th. Prayers also for All Saints', Highgate also looking to appoint a new priest to follow the Revd. Bryce Wandrey. All good wishes to Bryce and his family as they return to the USA with much appreciation and thanks.

### STUDY GROUP

The group will definitely start on Monday September 4th. Please listen out for notices about the location. It will start at 8pm.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday October 1st and once again we will be contributing items for our neighbouring parish of St. Andrew, Whitehall Park's cold weather shelter. Notices in due course about what to bring.

## Calendar for August 2017

- 2 Mass at 10am  
5 Mass at 12 noon
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord  
Parish Mass at 10am  
Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm
- 9 Mass at 10am  
12 Mass at 12 noon
- 13 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Parish Mass and Baptism at 10am
- 16 Mass at 10am  
19 Mass at 12 noon
- 20 Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
Parish Mass at 10am
- 23 Mass at 10am  
26 Mass at 12 noon
- 27 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
Parish Mass at 10am
- 30 Mass at 10am

## Bible readings for the Parish Mass

- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord  
Daniel 7.9,10,13,14  
2 Peter 1.16-19;  
Luke 9.28-36
- 13 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Revelation 11.19-12.6, 10  
Galatians 4.4-7  
Luke 21.46-55
- 20 Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
Isaiah 56.1, 6-8  
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15.21-28
- 27 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
Isaiah 51.1-6  
Romans 12.1-8  
Matthew 16.13-20