

The Moat



**The magazine for St. Mary's Parish Church
and the local community of Hobs Moat**



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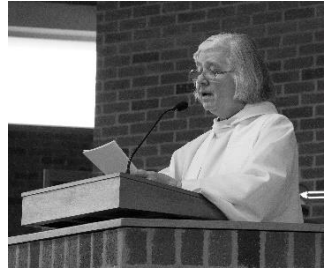
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Focal Point...

September usually finds things getting started again after the summer break. However, this year many things will not be re-starting and some may be back to a 'new' normal. We began holding a Sunday Service in Church on July 12th, albeit very different from what we were used to. It was still good to be able to meet again and worship together.

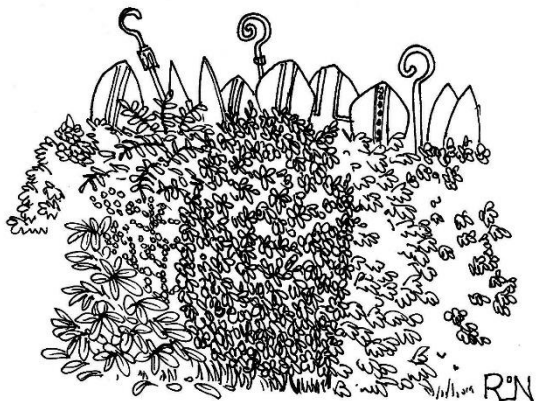


If things are OK, I hope that by September we may be able to re-start our midweek service. However, this will have to be in the main Church rather than the Chapel to enable proper social distancing.

There has been a lot of care for others during the pandemic and I hope that will continue. Some of our neighbours may still be isolating and fearful of going out again, these especially will still need our care and help.

The one thing we can be sure of is that our God of love continues to care for each one of us. As we trust in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, so he will guide us into the future and whatever the 'new normal' turns out to be.

Yours in Christ,
Linda.



*The bishops had formed a
'support bubble' all on their own.*

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Thought for the Month

You have brains in your head.

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Dr. Seuss



St. Mary's Market and Car Boot Sale



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Rev. Peter Harold Roe

As we reported in the last edition of The Moat, Rev. Peter Roe, former vicar of St. Mary's, sadly passed away at the age of 82 following a battle with cancer on 11th June 2020. Peter was vicar at St. Mary's from 1973 until 1990 and many members of St. Mary's, both past and present, have requested to share some of their memories of him, so here are some of the messages that we have received, along with comments from our Facebook page:



Rev. Peter Roe

Peter Roe succeeded Rev. Raymond Ross, and came here with his wife Butty and his daughters Fran and Jo. He was a devoted minister delivering inspirational sermons, and giving unstinted help to all people on their own personal problems. He introduced us to having annual PCC residential courses, missions, etc. He enjoyed our social activities, and at one time abseiled down a wall at a summer fayre to raise funds for the church, and played the part of Thomas Becket in the Moat Players' production of "Becket" in the church. We have many happy memories of his time with us, and send our love to his family.

Roy Middleton (ex. Churchwarden)

Born in Humility

Peter Roe was not the sort of vicar to stand at the door every Sunday morning and to ask after the wellbeing of the family. For this he was sometimes criticised. Few people knew how deep were his Christian roots. His work with the Samaritans was tremendous but one of the oaths of Samaritans is to keep one's membership quiet. When my life was stressful i.e. when I tried to bring up three little boys instead of playing the bass guitar, I would pop to the vicarage to be supported by Peter and Butty and when my son Felix died, Peter became my rock. God bless him.

Megan Brady

To many, Peter was somewhat of an enigma as he could appear to be rather distant. Peter was not interested in idle chatter or gossip and felt that people should not be going to church because of loyalty to the “Vicar” but should be attending as part of their Christian ministry. His command of the English language was second to none and his sermons and the written word were beyond reproach. His wry sense of humour was enjoyed by many in his annual Christmas letter which he wrote after he moved away. During his time at St. Mary’s he went on a “Church Course” at Windsor where one of the exercises was to read a section of a book and then reduce the essence of each page to one line, then to reduce each sentence to one word and then one word for the lot. The object of the exercise was to focus on the message without any clutter.

One of my first recollections of Peter was when he took the lead role in a play about Becket within St Mary’s Church. It was a most gripping performance. Later on, much to my surprise, he asked me to be his Churchwarden, a position I held for 12 years which remains a period with many memories. During this time, he was a regular visitor to the 3rd Solihull St. Mary’s Scout Camp and he could be relied upon to write a humorous account of his visit. One in particular was to the Dan yr Ogof Caves where the young Guide was continually reminding us that everything was “by courtesy of the management”. Then at the church summer fair he was persuaded to abseil down a tower erected by the scouts. He also took part in the Scout Gang Show where we did a double act - one in particular was “The Gas Man Cometh”, with Peter in an ancient wheel chair. These instances illustrated his sense of humour and letting his hair down.

Peter was also involved in the wider church affairs and secular organisations - he was Chairman of Solihull Council of Voluntary Organisations and he established the Solihull Samaritans whose first base was in the upstairs room in the hall.

Whilst his commitment to church and the community were important facets of his life, his family, Butty, Jo and Fran, were his anchor and were of paramount importance to him.

Those of us who had the privilege of sharing some of our life with Peter are extremely grateful.

Lyndon Morris



Peter appearing as Thomas Becket in the Moat Players production of "Becket" performed in St. Mary's Church - 1977

Working for Solihull Health Authority in 1980's we always dreaded the monthly visits by the four Governing teams.

However, when the 'A' team visited, made up of various dignitaries, I was always happy as this team included my favourite Governor, the Reverend Peter Roe.

As a ward manager I was used to showing the group around the services and introduce them to staff and residents. Peter was always very interested in our specialised care of both Children and Adults who had additional needs.

I never told the staff that at home we were in fact good friends and they never understood why I enjoyed the usually tedious and laborious visits.

I also have never shared that in 1972 I went into a very dark place, one that would take me many years to get over. It was at that time that Peter Roe gave me strength and courage to soldier on. Following this he with a few close friends and my parents formed the first Samaritans group in Solihull.

I will be ever grateful to Peter for the comfort he gave to me and my sisters on the passing of both our parents.

God bless you Peter, now home with your precious Butty.

Dawn Davies

As a family we were always impressed with Peter's Pastoral ministry, he had a very caring nature, if anyone was suffering or in trouble he would always be there with advice and support.

I experienced this especially when Michael died, he and Butty, even though they had moved away, were in regular contact to make sure we were coping.

It was this caring side that encouraged him, along with others, to open the first Solihull Samaritans in the upstairs clubroom.

The kettle was always on at the Vicarage and a warm welcome given to all visitors. Michael and I were regulars in the early days, as babysitters for Jo and Fran, and if we couldn't do it Mum, Dorothy would readily jump in.

Peter enjoyed her visits, especially when she used to take some of her homemade produce, the date and walnut sandwiches were a firm favourite of his!!!!!!

We will remember him with fondness, and will always remember his dry sense of humour.

Naomi and all the Hodgkinson Family.

Peter Roe performed the wedding ceremony for Rob and I on 29th August 1981. He was a good friend of mum and dad (Pauline and John Williams). So much so he gave us "mates rates" and cut his holiday short to be able to take the service. He put Rob and I well at ease when we had the pre wedding "talk", and very politely sent mum packing when she turned up at the wedding rehearsal...bobbing up from behind the already arranged flowers she was pretending to arrange. He quietly suggested she was probably more important that she be at home to finalise arrangements with the menfolk. She did what she was told bless.

He had such a soft authoritative air about him. I am honoured to have been asked to share a memory.

R.I.P. Peter. God bless - Debbie Henry (nee Williams)

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And finally, from our Facebook page ...

He christened two of
my children, RIP

Rest in peace

Sending love and thoughts to
his family. X

He was a lovely man. So supportive when my dad committed
suicide and gave me an explanation of why he did. Which made me
understand the mind of someone who takes their own life. RIP



*Peter abseiling during one of St. Mary's
Summer Fayre to raise funds for the
church*

Such sad news. With love
and deepest sympathy to all
the family x

He married us. God bless
him and love to his family x

Sorry to hear the sad news.
Our thoughts are with the
family at this time x

Sad news thoughts with his
family. God bless him

Saint Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull

PRAYER DIARY

*Lord God, through our prayers help us to purify our desires & our worship;
help us in all things to seek your purpose for us. Amen.*

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Sept 1** Pray for Wellsford Ave., Harvard Road, & Melton Ave.
For all who care for the sick, the lonely and the homeless.
- Sept 2** Pray for Beamans Close, Lyndon Rd., Campden Green
For Schools in the parish, Governors, Staff and pupils.
- Sept 3** Pray for Daylesford Rd., Eastbury Dr., Blaythorn Ave.
For those who dust and clean St Mary's Church.
- Sept 4** Pray for Dallimore Close, Norbury Grove, Cloudsley Grove
For all who are in employment & those unemployed.
- Sept 5** For all organisations who use our Hall each week.
Pray for Ulleries Rd., Burford Close, Colesbourne Rd.
- Sept 6** Trinity 13. Holy Communion 10am.
Pray for Elkstone Close, Brackleys Way & Moordown Ave.
For those who are housebound especially Church members.
- Sept 7** Pray for Windrush Close, Hobs Meadow Hobs Moat Road &
Evenlode Rd.
For the witness of St Mary's Church to all who pass by.
- Sept 8** Pray for Westcote Close, Winchcombe Rd., Broadwell Rd.
For the staff and work of Lyndon Clinic.
For Linda our Priest in Charge and Revd. Sue Shewring.
- Sept 9** Pray for Castle Lane, Greyfort Cres., & Arundel Cres.
For our servers and those who assist at Communion.
- Sept 10** Pray for Dene Court Rd., Knightsbridge Rd., The Dell
For all who have disabilities which restrict their lives.
- Sept 11** Pray for Onslow Cres., Summerfield Rd., Kimberley Rd.
For all who contribute to the music for our worship.

- Sept 12 Pray for Highwood Av., Oakham Way, Gosford Walk**
For those who work at Land Rover Factory and all who
travel through the Parish to work each day.
- Sept 13 Trinity 14. Holy Communion 10am.**
Pray for Berwood Grove, Rodney Rd., Dursley Close
For those who prepare “The Moat” Parish Magazine Editor,
Printers, Assembly Team, Distributors and Readers
- Sept 14 Pray for Dovehouse Lane, Dovecote Close, Redfern Close**
For the elderly & their pets who help them.
- Sept 15 Pray for Castle Close, Faulkner Rd., Trinity Close**
For Shop keepers and their assistants
For the Pastoral Team who visit the sick.
- Sept 16 Pray for Cranhill Close & Rodney Close**
For those who wash and clean the altar linen at St Mary's.
- Sept 17 Pray for Old Lode Lane, Jillcot Rd., Jeremy Grove**
For those who beautify St Mary's Church with flowers.
- Sept 18 Pray for Ebrington Ave., Glenside Av., Windsor Drive.**
Pray for all Doctors & Specialists & all who care for the sick and
lonely.
- Sept 19 Pray for Merevale Rd., Odensil Green, Tanhouse Farm Rd.**
Doctors & Staff at Hobs Moat Medical Centre and Meadowside
Surgery.
- Sept 20 Trinity 15. Holy Communion 10am.**
For all sick people especially those in hospital.
Pray for Mayswood Rd., Linsey Rd., Cophams Close
For Sidesmen & women who welcome all who come to St Mary's
services.
- Sept 21 Pray for Arlescote Rd., Frankton Close, Leafield Rd.**
For God's blessing on all mothers, fathers and single parents and
grandparents.
- Sept 22 Pray for Charingworth Rd, Leam Cresc., Lammas Close.**
For those who serve coffee after our 10am services.
- Sept 23 Pray for Evenlode Close, Lode Lane, Hillhampton Close.**
For those who are sick at home or in hospital.
For Lyndon Residents Association.

- Sept 24** Pray for Kelham Place, Kempsey Close, Farmstead Rd.
For those who advertise in 'The Moat' Parish magazine.
- Sept 25** Pray for St Mary's officials – Greg & Marina our
Churchwardens, Marina our PCC secretary, Vernon our
Treasurer.
Pray for Highcroft Close, Norgrave Rd. Woodhall Croft.
- Sept 26** Pray for Meadow centre and its staff, for congregation members
living outside the Parish, all who use the Fitness Centre & Ice
Rink.
- Sept 27** Trinity 16. Holy Communion 10am.
Pray for members of PCC.
For Parkview Day centre.
- Sept 28** Pray for HBCT; Hobs Moat URC, Lyndon Methodist, St Thomas
More RC, Sheldon Community Church, St Giles, Sheldon, St
Nicholas, Elmdon, St Mary's, Hobs Moat, Hermon Mar Thoma
Church.
- Sept 29** Pray for all children, especially those who are vulnerable.
Cubs and Beavers who meet in our hall.
- Sept 30** Pray for the Emergency Services' Police, Fire and Ambulance.
Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and other ministries within
the Church.



If you have items, subjects or topics for inclusion in St. Mary's Monthly PRAYER DIARY, please send them to Revd. Linda Granner, either by Telephone 0121 743 4955 or Email: vicar@stmaryschurchhobsmoat.org



The Moat Players

We held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom at the end of July which was well attended, where we elected our new committee, heard reports from last seasons productions, as well as hearing our hopeful plans for the coming season.

We continue to meet on a regular basis via Zoom for quiz evenings, etc., and we are coming up with plans for carrying out some play readings online, as well as holding an online Halloween performance evening in October, where members will be able to perform a pre-rehearsed routine to the rest of the group.

If you are missing being able to see us perform, you can always look back at our past productions and relive your memories via our website at www.moatplayers.co.uk/past-productions. We are always on the look out for material to add to our archive, so if you have anything of interest to the group, please get in touch with us.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining one of Solihull's longest running amateur drama groups, drop us a line at hello@moatplayers.co.uk, and we will let you know when we are able to meet up again. If you use either Facebook or Twitter, you can keep right up to date with the group's activities by Liking us on Facebook or Following us on Twitter, or by visiting our website - www.moatplayers.co.uk .

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“Cathedral of the Month” - September

St. David's

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The present cathedral was begun sometime between 1180 and 1182 and is the culmination of centuries of rebuilding and expansion. Constructed in the Transitional Norman style using fine-grained, purple Cambrian sandstone, it has survived both the collapse of its tower and an earthquake in the 13th century, although today the floor slopes noticeably, the arcades veer from the vertical, and the east and west ends of the building differ in height by about four metres! The Cathedral's foundations are still shifting, albeit minutely, but it remains a solid and lasting testament to the glory of God, enthralling and inspiring the many thousands of people who visit it each year.

St David's Cathedral as we see it today has been extended and altered over the centuries by many individuals, but its appearance was probably most influenced by Bishop Gower in the 14th century, and later, in the 19th century, by the renowned architect, Sir George Gilbert Scott, who undertook a significant restoration of the fabric of the building. In the 20th century, the ruinous St Mary's Hall was restored for use as a parish hall and in the 21st century the restoration of the cloisters has made our own very significant impact on the appearance of the Cathedral.

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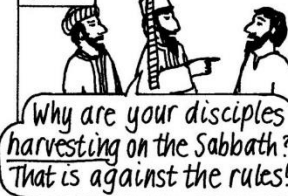
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



Don't you understand when God says 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place.



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



The Pharisees left and made plans.



Hobs Moat Library

Coronavirus

On Friday 20th March, the Government gave additional advice to reduce social interaction between people in order to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). In light of this, all Solihull Library sites will remain closed to the public until further notice.



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Steve Myatt - Secretary



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St Mary's Diary for September

Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	6 th	10.00 am	TRINITY 13 Parish Communion
Thursday	10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13 th	10.00 am	TRINITY 14 Parish Communion
Thursday	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20 th	10.00 am	TRINITY 15 Parish Communion
Thursday	24 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27 th	10.00 am	TRINITY 16 Parish Communion

Bible Readings for the Month

Readings for September:

- 6th Romans 13: 8-end; Matthew 18: 15-20.
13th Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35.
20th Philippians 1: 21-end; Matthew 20: 1-16.
27th Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32.



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The final date for submissions of articles for the October issue of The Moat is Monday 31st August 2020.



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