

# *St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël*

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A congregation of the Church of England's  
Diocese in Europe and a member of the  
World-Wide Anglican Communion.

St. John's is an inclusive congregation and  
welcomes everyone to worship with us.

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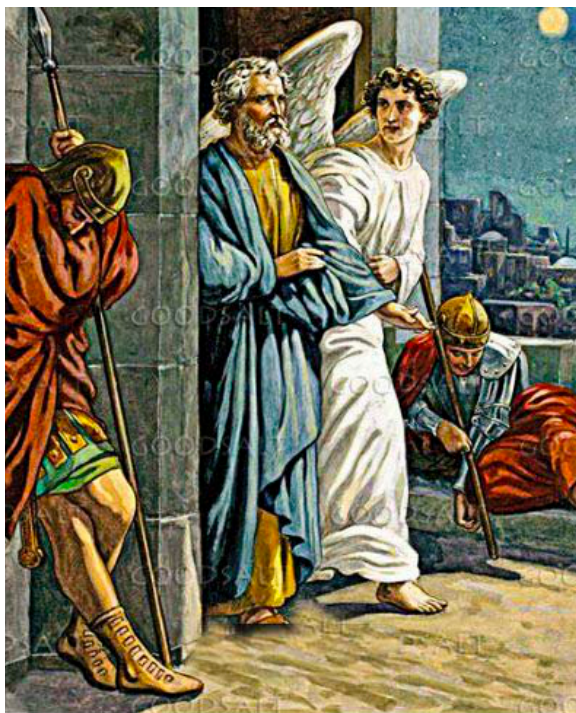
Une congrégation de L'Église d'Angleterre dans le  
Diocèse d'Europe et un membre de la  
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le monde est bienvenu.

**A VERY WARM  
WELCOME TO  
OUR SERVICE  
THIS MORNING**

**An Angel leads Peter from  
Herod's prison**

**Acts 12:6-11**



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity / Festival of St. Peter**

**Chaplain (Locum)**

**Warden**

**Music Director & Lay-Chair**

**Secretary**

**Congregational Worship Leader**

Bishop Patrick **Rooke**

Béregère **Ross**

Shirley **Rowson**

Peter **Owen**

Alastair **Ross**

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# COMMUNION SERVICE

## NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

## OPENING HYMN # 702 The Church's one foundation

## WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

## CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

## COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A**lmighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

(4:1-6a,10b-14)



The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me,

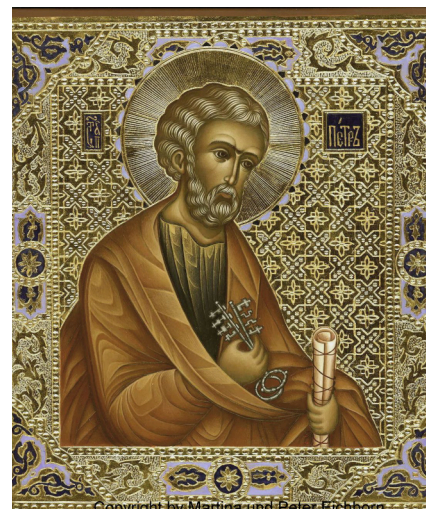
'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

(12:1-11)



*Icon of St. Peter*

**A**bout that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL HYMN # 404 Jesus, the name high over all

*Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you*     **All: And also with you**

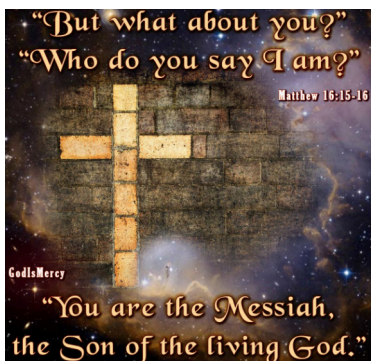
*Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(16:13-19)

**N**ow when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this



to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

*Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
All: Praise to you, O Christ

## SERMON

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

## THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## OFFERTORY HYMN # 350 Immortal love, forever full

**The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## FINAL BLESSING

## FINAL HYMN # 238 God has spoken - by the prophets

## SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

**The service is followed by coffee**

## NOTICES

1. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Patrick back in September and are grateful to him for his ministry with us these last two weeks.

**Service for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July : (Fifth Sunday after Trinity )  
Communion with Canon Doug OUSLEY**

**Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**