Prophet Elias - Quarterly

Orthodox Church of the Holy Prophet Elias in Devon
News and Views

May - June 2025

Christ is Risen!



He is Risen Indeed!

ORTHODOX PARISH OF THE HOLY PROPHET ELIAS IN DEVON

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2025 SERVICES IN MAY

Saturday	3	Vespers	6.00 pm
Sunday	**4**	*3rd Sunday of Pascha ~ Sunday of the Myrrhbearers*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am
Saturday	10	Vespers	6.00 pm
Sunday	**11**	*4th Sunday of Pascha ~ Sunday of the Paralysed Man*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am
		Followed by Bring & Share Lunch	
Saturday	17	Parish Pilgrimage to Glastonbury	See poster for details
Sunday	**18**	*5th Sunday of Pascha ~ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am
Sunday	**25**	*6th Sunday of Pascha ~ Sunday of the Blind Man*	
		No Service	10.30 am
Wednesday	28	*Leavetaking of Pascha* *Forefeast of the Ascension*	
		Vespers	6.00 pm
Thursday	29	*ASCENSION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am
Saturday	31	Vespers	6.00 pm

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2025 SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday	1	*7th Sunday of Pascha ~ Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*	
		Divine Liturgy Followed by Bring & Share Lunch	10.30 am
Saturday	7	*Saturday of Souls*	
		Vespers	6.00 pm
Sunday	8	*8th Sunday of Pascha* *HOLY PENTECOST*	
		Divine Liturgy Followed by Vespers and Kneeling Prayers	10.30 am
Saturday	14	Vespers	6.00 pm
Sunday	15	*1st Sunday after Pentecost ~ All Saints*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am
Saturday	21	Divine Liturgy in Combe Martin	10.30 am
Sunday	22	*2nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ All Saints of Britain*	
		Divine Liturgy Followed by Bring & Share Lunch	10.30 am
Saturday	28	Vespers	6.00 pm
Sunday	29	*3rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Holy, Glorious & All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter & Paul*	
		Divine Liturgy	10.30 am

Combe Martin

The address for the House Church of The Righteous Elder Simeon and the Prophetess Anna is Touchstone, Shute Lane, Combe Martin EX34 0EU. Access to the church is via a gate at the side of the house. There is limited parking available near the house – but more parking can be found further in the village.

We celebrate…

1 May 2025 Right-believing Tamara, Queen of Georgia
We remember Tamara B – May her memory be eternal!

2 May 2025 Translation of the relics of Saint Athanasios the Great (373)

3 May 2025 Martyr Timothy the Reader and his wife, Maura, in Egypt (3rdC)

4 May 2025 Saints Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Susanna, Mary and Martha the sisters of Lazarus, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (c290)
We wish Suzanne F a Happy Feast and Many Years!

5 May 2025 Great Martyr Irene of Thessaloniki (1st-2ndC)
New Martyr Ephraim the Newly Revealed (1426)
We wish Matushka Dawn, Matushka Irina, Irene K, Irina R, Ira S, Irina S and all Irenes, Irinas and Irinis a Happy Feast and Many Years!
Birthday Greetings to Matushka Val – 98 today!

7 May 2025 Saint Nil Sorski (1508) Leader of the Non-possessors (nestyazhateli)

8 May 2025 Synaxis of Saint John the Theologian
We remember Joanna T – May her Memory be Eternal!

9 May 2025 Translation of the relics of St Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari.
Saint Christopher of Lycia (c250)
We wish Christopher T a Happy Feast and Many Years!

10 May 2025 Holy Apostle Simon Zelotes

11 May 2025 Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodios (885) Enlighteners of the Slavs
We wish Kirill G a Happy Feast and Many Years!

16 May 2025 Saint Brendan the Voyager (c575)
We wish Fr Brandon a Happy Feast and Many Years!

17 May 2025 New Martyrs and Confessors of Butovo

18 May 2025 Martyr Photini, the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well.

20 May 2025 Entrance of Saint Nino (Nina) the Enlightener into Georgia

21 May 2025 Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles the Emperor Constantine (337) and his mother Helen (330)
We wish Eleanora F, Konstantina D, Helen O, Yelena G, Yelena K and all Konstantinas, Konstantinos, Ellens, Elaines, Eleanors, Helens, Helenas and Yelenas a Happy Feast and Many Years!
We remember Eleni HL and Harriet Elaine O – May their Memory be Eternal!

23 May 2025 Holy Myrrhbearer Mary the wife of Cleopas

25 May 2025 The Third Finding of the Honourable Head of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (850)

26 May 2025 Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of the English (c605)

27 May 2025 Holy Confessor John the Russian (1730)
Saint Melangell, Hermit at Pennant Melangell, Gwynedd (c590)
Saint Bede the Venerable of Jarrow (735)

28 May 2025 Saint Germanus, Bishop of Paris (5th-6thC)

29 May 2025 Saint Alexander Archbishop of Alexandria (328)
We wish Doug Alexander a Happy Feast and Many Years!

We celebrate…

1 June 2025 Nun-Martyr Wite (Witta) of Whitchurch Canonicorum in Dorset (?7th C)
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

3 June 2025 Martyr Lucillian and Virgin Martyr Paula (c270)
Saint Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough (618)
We remember Paula M – May her Memory be Eternal!
Anniversary of Fr Brandon's ordination to the priesthood 2023

4 June 2025 Righteous Martha and Mary of Bethany, sisters of Lazarus
Saint Petroc of Padstow, Master Builder of the Faith in the West (6th C)
Saint Sophia of Ainos (2ndC)
We wish Bethany S and Daphne L a Happy Feast and Many Years!
We remember Jenny Mary O – May her Memory be Eternal!
We wish Sophie G a Happy Feast and Many Years!

5 June 2025 Saint John of New Valamo (1958). Author of Christ is in Our Midst: Letters from a Russian Monk. (Darton, Longman and Todd 1979)
Saint Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Apostle to the Germans (754)

7 June 2025 Holy Martyr Priscilla of Rome (c305)
Holy Martyr Valeria of Caesarea (c300)
We wish Scilla W a Happy Feast and Many Years!
We wish Matushka Val a Happy Feast and Many Years!

9 June 2025 Saint Cyril of Alexandria (444)
Saint Columba of Iona, Enlightener of the Scots (597)

10 June 2025 Martyrs Alexander and Antonina at Constantinople (c313)

11 June 2025 Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas
Saint Luke of Simferopol (1961)

15 June 2025 All Saints

17 June 2025 Saint Nectan of Hartland, North Devon (6thC)
St Botolph of Iken (7thC)

19 June 2025 Holy Apostle Jude, the Lord's Brother

20 June 2025 Saint Nicholas Kavasilas (1391) Author of The Life in Christ and A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy

22 June 2025 All Saints of Great Britain and Ireland
Saint Alban, First Martyr of Britain (c209)

23 June 2025 Saint Mark of Ephesus 'Pillar of Orthodoxy' (1445)

24 June 2025 The Nativity of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke, New Martyrs and Confessors of Bulgaria

26 June 2025 St Brannock of Braunton (6thC)
We remember Bernard Brannock G - May his Memory be Eternal!

27 June 2025 Holy Myrrh-Bearer Joanna
Saint Austell, Hermit in Cornwall (6thC)

29 June 2025 Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul
We wish Pavlik F and Salem Murjaneh a Happy Feast and Many Years!
We remember Father Peter and Peter F – May their Memory be Eternal!

30 June 2025 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

On Lazarus Saturday (12th April) 5 new members of our community were baptised by Fr Brandon and Fr Trayon with Deacon Philip.

Congratulations and Many Years to the newly illumined servants of God - Deborah, Veronica, Moses, Gabriel and Christopher!



Memory Eternal to Archpriest Nicanor.

Our beloved Fr Nicanor Wilkins reposed on 13 March at the age of 94, having grown increasingly frail over recent weeks and just one day short of the 29th anniversary of his early mentor, Archimandrite Barnabas. He had last attended the Liturgy in late October, but Fr Brandon and Deacon Philip paid regular visits, bringing Holy Communion to him and to Val.

On 8th April Fr Brandon led the funeral service for Fr Nicanor in St Andrew's Church in Tiverton. Deacon Philip and Fr Brandon served with Fr Trayan from the Torquay Parish and Fr Gregory from the Plymouth Parish.





Among recent tributes we have received the following:

Father Deiniol (Blaenau Ffestiniog): *He was a wonderful person. It was a huge blessing to know him and to have had him as a colleague in the holy priesthood. One could see the warmth of his personality as soon as one met him. He showed in his person and life that we from non-Orthodox backgrounds could have the possibility of becoming with God's grace Orthodox Christians without losing our cultural identity.*

Clare Baxter, long-time friend of the parish: *I was so blessed to catch up with him for the first time in years last summer: he oozed the Love of God, a steadfast witness to his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Memory eternal!*

Andreas Antonopoulos, former parishioner and altar server: *May our dear Father rest in peace! No wonder that his 40th day falls on Monday of Easter. Such an honour has been bestowed by our Lord to one of his humblest servants!*

The following two articles appeared in the July 2020 Newsletter celebrating Fr Nicanor's 90th birthday but won't have been seen by those who have joined the parish since then.

Father Nicanor – In it from the Beginning

It is no exaggeration to say that were it not for Father Nicanor our parish would not exist. It was he who told Archimandrite Barnabas that there was a property for sale in Willand that could be a suitable site for the monastery Fr Barnabas was determined to set up. So it was that fifty-three years ago now, the community was born which was in time to become the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias in Devon.

The story of how young Norman Wilkins discovered Orthodoxy is told elsewhere in this issue. He began to attend the Liturgy at Ennismore Gardens on a weekly basis, riding up from Devon to London on his motorbike, and was in due course received by Metropolitan Anthony, who put him in touch with Fr Barnabas. After a period of regular correspondence, he found the property at Willand and told Fr Barnabas about it.

Fr Nicanor recalls:

On the day Fr Barnabas arrived in Willand, (31st July 1967) we unloaded the furniture van. The iconostasis had been loaded last, so we were able to take it straightaway and erect it in the stable, which we swept out and cleaned up. That evening at 6pm Fr Barnabas celebrated Vespers and Matins. The services continued from that moment and the monastic life was established. I used to visit and assist at the Monastery three days a week.

On 2nd August 1968 (Holy Prophet Elias feast day O.S.) Bishop Anthony with Archbishop Anthony of Minsk consecrated the monastery church, and during the Liturgy Norman was ordained deacon, taking the name of Nicanor – one of the original seven deacons of the Church, whose feast day (28th July) coincided with the new deacon's birthday.



Fr Brandon with Fr Nicanor on his 94th birthday 28th July 2024

After a quarter of a century of faithful service as a deacon, Father Nicanor was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Basil of Sergievo on 3rd October 1993. He was honoured with the title Archpriest by Archbishop Job of Telemessos at the celebration of our Patronal Feast on July 20th 2014, and in 2018 Archbishop Jean of Charioupolis granted him the right to celebrate the Liturgy with the Royal Doors open until the Lord's Prayer.

No outline of Father Nicanor's life of service to our parish would be complete without paying tribute to his wife Val, his loyal and patient companion throughout. Just as our parish would not have come into being without Father Nicanor, it is equally certain that he could not have achieved what he has without Val's support through their seventy years of marriage.

I became an Orthodox because I didn't have an umbrella!

Excerpts from an interview with Father Nicanor on July 1st 2001, by Vassilis Dimitrakis and Konstantina Dogani, published in ΠΑΡΕΜΒΟΛΗ, the magazine of the Greek Christian Students' Union under the title: ***Έγινα Ορθόδοξος γιατί δεν είχα ομπρέλα!*** *The original article can be found at:*

http://www.oodegr.com/oode/ierapostoli/empeiries/agglikanos1.htm

Christ is a God of surprises. His ways of appearing to us and inviting us to love and follow Him are unique.



Fr Nicanor - Paschal Vespers in St James Hall 2022

When we were in Exeter for our postgraduate studies in 1999, more than any experience in the city we were happy to be part of was the existence of the Orthodox parish of Saint Anna. At that time we could not imagine the existence and our encounter with British Orthodox believers and priests. We felt like members of the same family from the first moments!

We were also impressed by the eldest priest of the parish, father Nikanor Wilkins. He was always a humble, modest and sweet person, with a permanent smile on his face. We were wondering what his journey of becoming an orthodox Christian and a priest of God was. When he told us his story we gave the title to it: "I became an Orthodox because I did not have an umbrella".

"I was in Paris. It was raining and I had to go somewhere to stay dry. I saw a door near me and went in. As it was raining, I couldn't tell it was the outside of a church; I just saw the door and went in. If it hadn't been raining, I wouldn't have gone in! Opening the outside door, I tripped and fell against another door, before entering the church. As I didn't want to disturb anyone, I sat back in the corner and watched. As I gained more confidence I moved further in, trying to see what was going on there. I saw the icons, and the crosses, and thought that it must be a church. Then I wondered if it was a Synagogue, because I had never seen people wearing vestments in such a beautiful way or heard such beautiful singing. I really liked the whole visual impression of the service, with the choir, the incense and the vestments, and did not want to leave. I heard the choir singing in a completely different language from my own. It was not even in French! And I wondered, what language do they speak here? It was Slavonic. Then I just sat and looked at the icons. If anyone had told me then that in eight years' time I would do the same, as a Deacon, I would not have believed them. All the time I was in the church, watching the way the procession was unfolding in front of me, with the order of priests and believers, I felt that I was in Heaven. Then I thought: "If there is a God" - because I was wondering until then if he really existed – "this is the way he should be worshipped".



Fr Nicanor - Sunday 26th January 2020.
With Frs Peter and Brandon (then Deacons)

Since then, in our parish, they say that "Nikanor entered the church to protect himself from the rain from heaven, and he found himself in Heaven!". I always say to anyone who comes to the Orthodox Church for the first time: "Come into the church, walk to the middle of the church and you will see the gates of Paradise in front of you!"

Before I became an Orthodox, I was a believer, in the English sense of the word: God was always there! I knew I could pray when I wanted to. As I came from a military family, I had the mentality that "If God is good enough for the Royal Navy, that is good enough for me"! That was the extent of my theology!

Back in England I heard that there was an Orthodox bishop in London named Anthony Bloom, but I did not pursue things. Then one day I was watching a movie about the French Revolution on TV. At that time the television schedule ended at midnight and the BBC used to invite someone to give the "epilogue" of the day. The "epilogue" that night was some prayers presented by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh, of the Russian Orthodox Church. I was about to turn off the TV, but I stumbled on the carpet in front of it and I did not turn it off. Listening to the prayers I was surprised and sat down to watch the rest. Then the images from the church in Paris came into my mind!

I did not have his address, but I wrote him a letter saying, "I heard you on TV last week and I am interested in becoming Orthodox. Could I meet you at some point?". I wrote on the envelope "Bishop Anthony Bloom, Russian Church, London". I knew nothing else. Neither address nor a post code. I thought that there should not be many similar churches in London! He responded to me and I met him for an entire afternoon. He later suggested I should get in touch with a priest [*Father Barnabas, who was to found the monastery at Willand*]. I communicated with this priest by correspondence about issues regarding the Orthodox faith. In other words, we had something like courses on orthodoxy through correspondence! Something like catechism.

We continued this communication for some time and one Easter I became an Orthodox, then a few years later I became a deacon … and a few years after that, a priest! ".



Fr Nicanor (sheltered by an umbrella) at Fr Peter's funeral- September 2020 with Frs Patrick and Brandon (then Deacon)

Prophet Elias Parish Pilgrimage to

Glastonbury Abbey

Saturday 17th May 12pm



For more information and details on how to book a ticket online go to https://www.glastonburyabbey.com/abbey-admission.php

Lower rates for students, children and over 60s. You can also pay on the day for a slightly larger fee.

We will celebrate an Akathist in honour of Our Lady of Glastonbury and all the Saints venerated there in the open-air crypt Chapel



The icon of the Glastonbury Mother of God

Icons of the Mother of God are generally of three basic types. There is the icon known as "Tenderness" where Christ is embracing his Mother. The famous Vladimir Mother of God is a familiar example of this type. Then there is the type known as "The Sign." In this icon, Our Lord is depicted in a circle or oval in front of his Mother. This icon is typically found in the center of what is known as "the prophets' tier" on a Russian iconostas. It recalls the prophecy: "The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son...." The third type of the Mother of God is called Hodigitria, "showing the way." In this type of icon, Christ Emmanuel sits on the lap of his Mother, his hand raised in blessing. With her right hand, the Virgin gestures toward the Son of God, directing us to him.

The icon of the Glastonbury Mother of God is of the last type. In this particular icon, she also holds in her hand a branch of the Glastonbury Thorn, the flowering hawthorn, which blooms twice a year. According to pious legend, this is the plant which grew from the staff planted in the ground by St Joseph of Arimathea.

In the margins of the icon, we find many of the saints of Glastonbury:

Saint Michael the Archangel is at the top of the icon, as the Chapel of Saint Michael surmounts Glastonbury Tor. Michael has long been associated with high places as, for example, Mont Saint Michel in France, Skellig Michael in County Kerry, Ireland, and Saint Michael's Mount in Cornwall.
Feast Day: 29 September
Feast Day: East, 8th November

Saint Joseph of Arimathaea brought Christianity to Britain, establishing a community on the twelve hides of Glastonbury and building the wattle and daub chapel dedicated to Our Lady and known until its destruction in the Great Fire of Glastonbury in 1184 as the *Ecclesia Vetusta* (the Ancient Church).
Feast Day: East, 31 July; West, 17 March;

Saint Aristobulus was a companion of Saint Paul and first Bishop of the Britons, having been consecrated by his brother, Saint Barnabas. He was martyred at Glastonbury in the year 99 and is buried there.
Feast Day: 15 March

Saint Patrick (5th century), Apostle to the Irish, was Abbot of Glastonbury in his later years. There is a tradition, disputed by the Irish, that he is buried at Glastonbury.
Feast Day: 17 March

Saint David (6th century), Patron of Wales, had a "great passion for Glastonbury." He was a great benefactor of Glastonbury and may have founded his own monastery there.
Feast Day: 1 March

Saint Brigid (6th century), "Mary of the Gael," lived near Glastonbury for a time, founding a monastery at Beckery, just beyond Wearyall Hill.
Feast Day: 1 February

Saint Gildas (6th century) wrote of the early coming of Christianity to Britain, giving credit to Glastonbury as the fountain of Christianity in England.
Feast Day: 29 January

Saint Beon (often confused with Sts. Benignus and Benen) was Saint Patrick's right hand man. He followed Patrick to Glastonbury and lived there for a time as a hermit. He is said to have been Patrick's successor as Abbot of Glastonbury.
Feast Day: 9 November

Saint Collen (7th century) lived as a hermit beneath a rock on Glastonbury Tor and drove away the fairies. He is said to have been Abbot of Glastonbury.
Feast Day: 21 May

Saint Indract and Saint Dominica (Drusa) were brother and sister and were of Irish nobility. They were martyred near Glastonbury while on pilgrimage at the beginning of the 8th century.
Feast Day: 8 May

Saints Kea, Fili, and Ruman (Rumon) were missionaries from Glastonbury who traveled into Devon and Cornwall in the 6th century, founding Christian centers.
Feast Days: St. Kea, 5 November; St. Fili, unknown, but now commemorated at Glastonbury on St. Dunstan's Day, 19 May; St. Rumon, 30 August

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The original of this icon was painted for the House Church of The Righteous Elder Simeon and the Prophetess Anna in Combe Martin.

Letter from Fr Daniel Kaddu – The Parish of St Cyprian in Uganda

24th March 2025

Greeting as usual full of love in the name of our merciful Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for all you do for us but more especially for your love. May the good Lord reward you for that abundantly.

Life here is not so bad. Old age has started to disturb me. My body is not as strong as it used to be, and my sight is not good enough for me to read well more especially when there is a little darkness. But God is continuing to protect us.

Thank you for the contribution. As yet there has been no letter to accompany it, but I hope it came from your side. *(I write to inform Fr Daniel as soon as the bank transfer is requested, but letters can take anything up to four weeks to reach him. MO)*

As before, the church is experiencing great setbacks as more and more priests join the Russian Orthodox Church. The Metropolitan seems to have no answer. *(The Moscow Patriarchate has been aggressively poaching priests from the Kamapala Archdiocese -- and elsewhere in Africa - ever since the Patriarch of Alexandria recognised the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in 2019. MO)*

We are now experiencing the rain season and are busy putting seeds in the soil.

Greet everybody for me. God bless.

Fr Daniel

"PEACE BE WITH YOU . . . "

"In the present crisis, which is a crisis of meaning, we must learn to see the Church once again as essentially the mystery of sanctification, abounding in paschal joy and the peace 'which the world cannot give', which 'passes all understanding'. It is the chief task of the Church to nourish us with that peace and joy, renewing the Church in the parishes, making them real eucharistic communities where people can learn to live in communion. In places like this we could take refuge from a life which is both frenzied and solitary, where all we are offered in compensation is anarchy and the chance to lose ourselves in instant sex or political extremism. Coming to these places without any ulterior motive, we could at last find beauty and tenderness, and the knowledge that death has been overcome, that there is no more need for scapegoats; being united in adoration, we could talk to each other freely."

Olivier Clément: *On Human Being* (1986/2000) p 94f

An Encounter with Orthodoxy by Esmeralda Xhoni Kotso

My 10-year-old daughter, Melina, decided a few years ago that she wanted to embrace Christianity. After many heartfelt conversations with her, it became clear to me that this is something she truly desires and understands. Her faith feels deeply genuine, and it's clear that she holds a love for God and feels His love in return. To support her, I invited my best friend from Greece to become her godmother—a decision that added even more meaning to this spiritual journey. Since then, I've watched Melina's faith blossom. She has grown kinder, more understanding, and stronger in her convictions. She often reflects on Jesus' teachings, choosing to respond to unkindness with forgiveness, as He did. Through her, I find myself feeling a connection to God as well, even though I have not been baptized myself. We attend church together whenever we can, and those moments are incredibly special. Hearing the Greek prayers takes me back to my childhood in Greece, filling me with a sense of comfort and nostalgia. I'm grateful for the supportive Christian Orthodox community here in Exeter, where kindness and fellowship are evident, and I can see how much joy these gatherings bring to Melina. As her mother, I feel it is my responsibility to nurture and support her faith journey. Being by her side not only strengthens our bond but also makes me feel as though I am under God's care through her prayers. Watching her live her faith so authentically inspires me, and I'm proud to witness her commitment to something so meaningful.

'What does going to church mean to me' by Melina Haxhiaj

Hello, my name is Melina, and I'd like to share why I go to church.

First of all, going to church helps me forget my worries. I always feel incredibly grateful for the church and for all the kind, lovely people who help there, including the priests.

Another reason is my faith in the Lord. I truly believe I am always in good hands, and that He loves me and all Christians. When I'm feeling upset, I know I can turn to Him and trust in His plans for me. The Lord guides my heart, and thinking about the beauty of Christianity fills me with joy. My faith feels alive and happy, like it's dancing inside my heart.

I hope you have a blessed and wonderful day, and that your faith grows stronger with each passing day.

Goodbye!

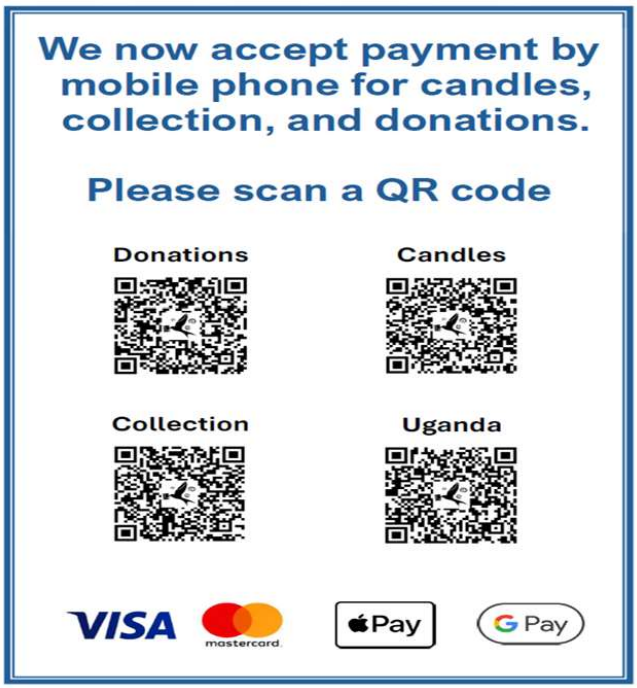
If you would like to contribute something to the next newsletter, please either send it to **Hugh Allen** by email to hughallen188@gmail.com or give it to him in person.

The Newsletter will be published **quarterly** going forward.

Contributions for the next edition (July-August-September) must reach Hugh by **31st August**.

The schedule of services will be published and sent out separately every other month. The next schedule will be sent out in mid-June.

Please remember that we also take payment by mobile phone! The QR codes are all easy to find in the church on the candle desk and collection basket.



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