

## Peter Wells

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**From:** Fr Richard Lamey  
**Sent:** 23 June 2020 18:05  
**To:** St Pauls Parish email  
**Subject:** 99 Red Balloons/ ice cream with a flake/ apparently, a human male clone of Baba Fett in Clone Wars/ where's my wine?



### A Short Reflection on Yesterday from Richard

During the day over 1100 people came into St Paul's Church to light a candle, to write a prayer on a post-it note, to fill in the paper leaves the School was using for its Memory Book and to sit and be still.

Some came in small groups, some came alone, some of the pupils came with a parent.

At times the pews were empty as everyone was queuing up to light a candle- at others people were sat in pews in silence, reflecting, praying.

What stood out for me was the deep sadness and shock people were experiencing, the sense of comfort they were getting from being together, the way in which the parish rallied round to clean and welcome and that many local Church colleagues came to offer support and help (and make emergency candle deliveries) and, above all, the way in which the whole School community was remembering and grieving for a remarkable colleague, teacher and friend. It was a privilege to be able to support the School family in this way.

Sometimes being the Church in the world is everything- and sometimes having a building people can come to in moments like this is an absolute privilege.

Thank you especially to Louise who worked so incredibly hard to organise things, and to everyone who came along to help welcome, and to others who offered as well. It was a response the whole parish should be proud of.

### Also...

If today is 99 then tomorrow must be one more than that- don't miss out on your thrilling Centenary edition, coming soon to an Inbox near you. And then we are going to move to roughly 4 emails a week- one focused on what you need for Sunday, one focused on Church life, one focused on community and a general one to sweep up anything else.

## Dates, resources and forthcoming excitements

St Paul's Church is now open daily for **private prayer** from 11 to 3, every day of the week. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help- we are really grateful. Do make a special visit and do pop in if you are passing.

### Prayer for New Communities locally

Hannah Higginson will be holding a prayer meeting for us, it will be 7pm on Thursday 25th June for about 30mins. It is proposed that the meeting will include a bit of reflective bible study and quiet prayer time. I hope that you will all be able to join us.

Topic: New Communities Prayer: Jun 25, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81158617835?pwd=WHpSL2Ryb1FoLzVLUHlvT1ErWE5ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 5861 7835 Password: 638323

### Church magazine

I am starting to gather material together for our next online magazine which will appear sometime in July depending on how much interesting material I receive! News of what you have been doing (or Zooming), pictures of your garden, poems and reflections, news of church family members, I am happy with any of this. As always via my email: [valerie.weedon@btinternet.com](mailto:valerie.weedon@btinternet.com)

Thanks, **Val**

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