
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 11th February

- 9:00am BCP Communion Service (*church*)
- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
- 10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
- 10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
- 7:00pm Ignite: Games, Puddings & Questions (*hall*)

Monday 12th February

- 7:00pm Standing Committee Meeting (*vicarage*)
- 7:30pm Ladies' Book Club (*CO1 2RX*)

Tuesday 13th February

- 7:45pm Tuesday Bible Study Group (*vicarage*)

Wednesday 14th February

- 10:45am Coffee & Chat (*mercury café*)
- 11:00am Communion Service (*freda gunton lodge*)
- 2:00pm Wednesday Bible Study Group (*vicarage*)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Communion (*church*)

Thursday 15th February

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

Friday 16th February

- 11:30am Funeral: Marie Holt (*crematorium*)

Sunday 18th February

- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
- 10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
- 10:30am Communion Service (*church*)



St Peter's Update

10th - 11th February 2024

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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Next month, we will again be seeking to raise money for our two sponsored children, as part of the *Make a Mother's Day* initiative from Compassion UK.

To continue our sponsorship of Mary in the Philippines and Richard in Brazil, we are looking to raise £768 on Mother's Day (which this year is on Sunday 10th March), since it will cost just over £60 each month. Please consider if you might be in a position to give generously to support them, their mothers, and their families.

As in previous years, any additional money raised will go to support Compassion's *Child Survival Programme*. Further details can be found online, or in the publicity that will be out shortly.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

SUNDAY MORNINGS OVER HALF TERM

The next two Sunday mornings (18th and 25th February) will be slightly different, over the Half Term weekends:

- the Family Room will be open as usual, showing the livestream of the service;
- Half Term Holiday Club will be in the Hall for those up to / including school year 4 (ie. Bible Tots and Diggers age);
- Spark and Ignite (ie school year 5 and above) will be remaining in church;
- and the main church service will have a more informal feel for those two weeks.

NOMINATION FORMS FOR CHURCHWARDENS & PCC MEMBERS

At the Annual Church Meetings on Wednesday 20th March, we will be electing:

- 2 Churchwardens to serve for the year ahead, and
- 3 members of the PCC to replace those whose three-year term has now expired.

If anyone would appreciate an informal conversation about what these roles involve, please feel free to talk directly to the Vicar or to any member of the PCC. Meanwhile, nomination forms (which give further information about eligibility and process) will be available in church this Sunday, or on request from the Church Office, or by download from the church website.

CAN YOU HELP?

As we look ahead to the summer, when Mark will be on sabbatical for three months (27th April to 27th July), there are some specific areas of church life where we could do with some additional assistance. Do please let Bernice Watts (details overleaf) know if you might you be able to offer help in any of the following areas:

1. unlocking the church and the church hall first thing on a Sunday morning. *Arrangements will need to be made for this to be done before 9:15am each Sunday; 'training' can easily be arranged!*
2. livestreaming the Morning Service, so that it can be watched in the Family Room in the Hall. *This is currently done via Facebook Live, so (unless someone is able to offer a viable alternative) needs someone with a sizable data package.*
3. creating the slides for projection onto the screen in church services. *Currently, this is done using Keynote (for Mac), but the templates could easily be amended for Microsoft PowerPoint instead.*

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Copies of our Lent book, *Finding Mercy on the Way of Sorrow*, are still available in church if you haven't got your copy yet. They are free gifts from the church to all its members (and visitors!), but please feel free to make a donation towards costs (£1) if you wish; via the wooden box at the back of church.
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' at the Mercury Theatre Café will be on Wednesday 14th February, from 10:15am. All welcome!
- There will also be a short service of Holy Communion in church on Ash Wednesday, at 7pm.
- The funeral for the late Mrs Marie Holt, who will be remembered by many from Freda Gunton Lodge, will be at the Crematorium on Friday 16th February, starting at 11:30am. All are welcome.
- The deadline for returning application forms for the Electoral Roll is Thursday 29th February. For more information, please see the Application Forms in church on Sunday, or contact the Church Office.
- The next Men's Breakfast is being planned for Saturday 2nd March (8:00am until 9:25am).

GIVING TO ST PETER'S...

The ministry at St Peter's is enabled and sustained by the generosity of church members, and we are deeply grateful to all those who give regularly and sacrificially. Where possible, we encourage people to give by Standing Order, and (where appropriate) to maximise the value of their gift by completing a Gift Aid Declaration. For those who would like to set up a Standing Order, the relevant details are: St Peter's PCC; sort code 09-01-54; account 36051087; Santander bank. For assistance with Gift Aid or help with questions, please contact the PCC Treasurer, Richard Lawn, directly (contact details overleaf).

Please note that we do not take up a collection during the service, but there is a wooden collection box at the back of church.