
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 10th May

- 9:00am BCP Communion (church)
- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
- 10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
- 10:15am SPK Registration (hall)
- 10:30am Morning Service (church)

Monday 11th May

- 7:30pm PCC (hall)

Tuesday 12th May

- 7:30pm Life Explored (hall)
- 7:45pm Drury Road Group
- 8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 13th May

- 10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)
- 1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
- 7:00pm Communion Service (church)

Sunday 17th May

- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
- 10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
- 10:15am SPK Registration (hall)
- 10:30am Communion Service (church)

The full church calendar, with further details of locations etc, may be viewed online [via the website](#) or via ChurchSuite.



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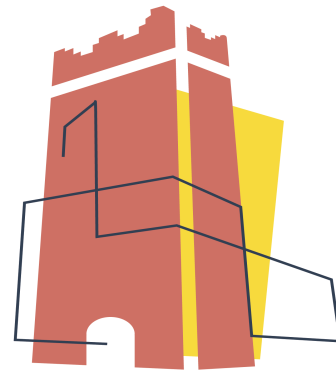
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 10th May 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Thursday is Ascension Day, when we remember that the risen Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and now reigns at the right hand of the Father. It is sometimes a day we can overlook, but it is full of comfort and hope. The Jesus who died and rose again has not withdrawn from us; he rules over all things, intercedes for his people, and pours out his Spirit upon his church.

That means we do not face the world, or our own fears and burdens, alone. Christ is Lord, his kingdom is secure, and his purposes will not fail. Ascension Day lifts our eyes from ourselves to our reigning Saviour, and teaches us to live with confidence, prayerfulness, and hope.

Do join us for our Ascension Day Communion Service this Thursday (14th May) at 7.00pm, as we worship the risen and ascended Lord together!

With best wishes,



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS – NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place in church on Monday 18th May, starting at 7:30pm. The meetings are an important opportunity to give thanks for the past year, to look together to the year ahead, and to pray for the Lord's blessing on our shared life and ministry - and I hope you will be able to join us.

Please look out for the Annual Report and Accounts, which will be sent out by email shortly after they have been approved by the PCC on Monday 11th May. Paper copies, if needed, will be available on request from the Office. Please note that, in order to comply with new regulations, the Annual Report will be in a different form from previous years.

Meanwhile, nominations and elections this year will include:

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| 1. Churchwardens * | 5. PCC Treasurer |
| 2. Deanery Synod representatives * | 6. Parish Safeguarding Officer |
| 3. PCC members * | 7. Lead (Safeguarding) Recruiter |
| 4. PCC Secretary | 8. Electoral Roll Officer |

Please note that nominations marked * are open to members of the Electoral Roll only, and require the relevant form (available in church, or from the Office). Nominations remain open until just before the meeting - but it would help significantly if they could be completed before 3pm on Sunday 17th May.

If you have questions about any of these roles, or about the nomination process itself, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

FIRST AID COVER FOR CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

We are hoping to make sure we have appropriate first aid cover in place for church services and events. If you already hold a current first aid qualification and would be willing to let us know, it would be very helpful as we put together a list of those who may be able to assist if needed. Equally, if you do not currently have a qualification but would be interested in receiving first aid training, please speak to Lizzie Wallace. Thank you very much for helping us care well for one another.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Please note that the 'in-person' Prayer Meeting on Monday 18th May will be in church (not at the Vicarage), and that there will be no evening Prayer Meeting that day due to the Annual Church Meetings.
 - Do download the *My ChurchSuite* app to get connected – contact the Office if you need an invite or password reset...
 - *A note from John Hartwell, as Churchwarden:* Please could any church-related admin messages – rotas, unavailabilities, bookings, notices, forms etc – go to the Office phone (07947 136 048) rather than to Lizzie's personal phone. This will help Lizzie keep work messages in one place and enable her to have proper time off when she is not working. Thank you!
 - Encouraging news from the Cantonese-speaking Good Shepherd Church who meet in our Church Hall on Sunday afternoons: the congregation is growing and now includes a teenage Bible study group. Please keep Victor and Queenie in your prayers as they lead this fledgling church.
 - Surplus books from the church library are available to take away for free – please browse and help yourself to anything useful, or to pass on to someone else. Look out especially for *Every One a Winner* and *Real Lives*, along with other books we hope will be enjoyed, shared, and used to encourage faith in Christ.
 - The recent 'tidy-up' in church uncovered several umbrellas! If one might be yours, please take a look at the back of church...
 - We do not take up a collection during services, but a card reader is available at the back of church for Sunday donations. If you consider St Peter's your church family, we warmly encourage you to consider regular giving, which enables the church to plan wisely. Please also consider Gift Aid, which increases your gift at no extra cost to you.
 - St Peter's is looking for a new Church Treasurer. You do not need to be a professional accountant, but some confidence with numbers is important, and there will be a full handover and support. Please prayerfully consider whether you (or someone you know) could help, and contact the Vicar or Churchwardens as soon as possible.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST PETER'S KIDS THIS SUNDAY?

Thank you to all our wonderful *St Peter's Kids* leaders and helpers! Here's what will be going on in *SPK* this coming Sunday...

- Spark (in the Vestry) are continuing their '*Bible Overview*' series, looking this week at '*Living in the Wilderness*';
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) begin a new series entitled '*Jesus on Mission*' looking this week at Matthew 5.10-16;
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be learning about hidden treasure from Matthew 13!

Do please pray for all our children and young people, and for all those leading, teaching and caring for them.