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Notes & News

Sunday 27 September 2020 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

* MISSION GIFT DAY FOR CHERITH TODAY! *

Today we will be holding a Gift Day for our Mission Partner, Cherith Withington, who used to be our Children's and Families' Worker and now works for the Church Army sharing the Gospel in Norris Green, Liverpool. Cherith has recorded a video message for our services today (online and in church) so we can find out more about her ministry and there is an update from her below.

We aim to raise £1000 for each of our Mission Partners each year so, if you are able to, please consider prayerfully giving towards her work. This can be done in one of three ways:

- ☑ online at www.stpeterwoking.org/giving which will direct you to our KindLink page where you can make a donation
- ☑ in any of our church services this Sunday and next Sunday where all our collection will go towards supporting her (except blue envelopes). There are dedicated envelopes which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation
- ☑ sending a cheque made payable to 'The Parish of St Peter, Woking' to the Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JF, indicating it is for Cherith.

* UPDATE ON CHERITH WITHINGTON – MISSION PARTNER *

Cherith is one of our mission partners working with Church Army as an evangelist in Liverpool. It's been very encouraging to hear that in spite of Covid-19 and all the restrictions it has brought about on gatherings, Cherith has managed to carry on proclaiming Christ via the wonders of Zoom. In the last month alone, she has managed to lead a very successful summer play scheme that had over 50 families attend. She currently runs a Toddler Church once a week with between 15 to 20 families attending and she is still doing assemblies in at least three schools via Zoom together with other pre-recorded material that is played during these assemblies. Like many of us, she is grateful that technology has enabled mission to carry on, using it to witness and disciple God's people.

She still needs our prayers and support. Prayers for among other things, more opportunities and means to minister, prayers for Liverpool as it's currently on the 'Covid watchlist'. Please do support her as well by giving financially towards her ministry. Prayers and support will be greatly appreciated.

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MISSION GIFT DAY FOR CHERITH WITHINGTON

All Souls' 9.30am Holy Communion (CW)

HYMNS

Love Divine
 The Kingdom of God
 Thy hand O God has guided

For the EPISTLE Acts 28: 16-31

GOSPEL Mark 16: 15-18

SERMON What happens next?

St Peter's 10.00am "ENERGISE" A service for families

St Mark's 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

HYMNS

Love Divine
 Christ be in my waking
 Thy hand O God has guided

Readings and Sermon as for All Souls'

St Peter's 6.30pm – Evening Prayer (BCP)

HYMNS

The kingdom of God
 Thy hand O God has guided

PSALM 123 Read from the church Bible (p623)

CANTICLE Cantate Domino

FIRST READING Acts 28: 16-31

SECOND READING Mark 16: 15-18

SERMON What happens next?

10.00am Online Morning Worship

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew
 and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.

HYMNS

Love Divine
 Waymaker
 Christ be in my waking
 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

FIRST READING Mark 16: 15-18

SECOND READING Acts 28: 16-31

SERMON What happens next?

*** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX SUNDAY – 1 NOVEMBER 2020 ***

In spite of Covid-19 we shall again be participating this year and our boxes need to be ready by Sunday 1 November. Details of what can (and cannot) be included in the boxes are given in the leaflets that are now available in the churches, together with flat-pack shoeboxes.



Full details are also available on the OCC website – <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> where you can also find details of how to pack a box online, choosing the gifts that you would like to be included and a video that shows how excited the children are when they receive a box. Each shoebox needs to be accompanied by a donation of £5 to cover distribution costs etc. **New for this year! Hand-made or knitted stuffed toys can be included, providing they are stuffed with commercial stuffing and not, for example, old stockings or beans.**

Each online shoebox costs £20, which includes the £5 for shipping and distribution costs.

If you have any questions or need further information, please give me a ring or drop me an email. Sue Harvey 714632, svharvey@btinternet.com

*** VICAR'S VIEW**

Another week, another major government announcement on changes to restrictions, this time restricting opening hours of bars and restaurants and encouraging people to work from home again. It doesn't look as if it will affect our services in church for the time being but on top of the 'Rule of Six' introduced last week it will clearly affect the day to day lives of many and threaten a number of jobs.

It feels like a large step backwards, after the easing of restrictions over the summer, but with the number of Coronavirus cases increasing rapidly again the government clearly felt they had to act decisively.

Reading Psalm 30 this week I was struck by verse 5 – "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." This pandemic is lasting much longer than most of us thought and hoped and will clearly affect us significantly for some time to come. But in God's eyes it is just a moment (and I'm not suggesting that the pandemic has happened because of God's anger!) and whilst not trying to minimise the effect it has on us, especially for many young people whose life is on hold, it will not last for ever. The morning will come when there will be the rejoicing that we usually enjoy and the most important thing is to know God's favour – his presence with us – which lasts a lifetime and strengthens us through these uncertain times.

God calls us to persevere, as people throughout history have done through war, famine and persecution and to seek his presence with us and enjoy his everlasting favour.

Jonathan

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

We meet every morning via Zoom for half an hour, pray, study the Bible and encourage one another. If you haven't already and wish to join, please do get in touch with me and I will take you through the very simple steps of how to join. In the meantime, find below, next week's Bible readings.

If you have a prayer request, a testimony, an encouragement, be it yours or someone else's, that you would like us bring up at morning prayer, please do let me know by email, text or call on the details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 47	Acts 19: 8-20
Tue	Psalm 138	Revelation 5 (St Michael and All Angels)
Wed	Psalm 59	Acts 20: 1-16
Thu	Psalm 63	Acts 20: 17-38
Fri	Psalm 38	Acts 21: 1-16

Morning Prayer on Monday and Wednesday each week will be held in St Peter's and St Mark's Churches respectively at the usual time of 9.00am. These will be live streamed as well for those who would wish to join in via the Zoom app. If you wish to join us in church, please do carry along your own Bible (on your gadget or a physical Bible). And if you would wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam, Curate

* PASTORAL SUPPORT *

Everyone who attends our services has been assigned a Link Person who will keep in touch with you by phone or email. If you have not heard from your Link Person or would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or brendaatn07@gmail.com.

* COVID-19 RULE OF SIX *

This is the new 'Rule of Six', which we thought would be helpful for everyone to know,

In England, the limit of up to six people from multiple households meeting up applies both indoors and outdoors, and to all ages.

When seeing friends and family you do not live with you should:

1. meet in groups of six or less
2. follow social distancing rules
3. limit how many different people you see socially over a short period of time
4. meet people outdoors where practical; meeting people outdoors is safer than meeting people indoors because fresh air provides better ventilation.

As well as the above, venues following COVID-19 secure guidelines will be able to continue to host more people in total - such as religious services in places of worship - but no one should mix in a group of greater than six. For more specific information please see www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ... *

for the family and friends of Bob Ilsley, aged 79, Margaret Doyle's brother and for the family and friends of Graham Daborn, Frances Daborn's son and also for Eileen and Peter Bliss, John Hunter, Catherine McCormack (Doreen McKinnon's daughter), Olive Park and Joy Storkey.

* REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

CLOSING DATE IS TODAY - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER *

As the Revision of the Electoral Roll was not completed in the spring, we are re-opening it in case of any new entries. So if you are resident in the parish or have attended public worship regularly online and/or at one of our churches in the past six months and you are baptised and aged 16 or over, you can now be added to the Electoral Roll.

You just need to fill in an application form, sign it and return it to me or one of the churchwardens. You can then attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the churchwardens and the parish's representatives for the Deanery Synod and also vote for PCC and DCC representatives at the Annual Church Meetings.

if you are already on the Electoral Roll please let me know if any of your details have changed since last year, **The closing date is TODAY- 27 September 2020.**

Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking

* QUIZ/BAKE OFF EVENING - Saturday 3 October at 7.00pm *

On this Saturday evening we will hold a Quiz /Bake off evening on Zoom, where the plan is for you to bake something using seasonal products. There will be a competition to guess the baked item and for the best looking one. There will also be a Harvest-themed quiz.

All are welcome, whether you are baking or not. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are coming in advance by contacting Martin Maguire on 07850 287669 or h4mvm7@gmail.com

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/585531880> or open Zoom and use meeting id 585531880



* CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER *

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are now open for private prayer. Please make use of our churches if you would like to and have no Covid-19 symptoms and abide by the rules for everyone's protection.

St Peter's is open: Mon to Fri 9.00am-12.30pm
Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

* CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS *

St Mark's DCC will be on Tuesday 29 September. The meeting will be via Zoom

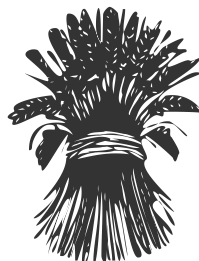
Next Sunday 4 October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

St Peter's – 10.00am Parish United
Morning Worship

St Peter's – 10.00am "Forest Church"
(in the churchyard)

10.00am – Online Morning Worship



*** HARVEST THANKSGIVING – Next Sunday 4 October ***

We will be celebrating Harvest across our parish in our online service and at the service in St Peter's at 10.00am. All are welcome to come to St Peter's from any of our churches and either join in with the service in church or the outdoor 'Forest Church' service in the churchyard (see other notice).

Gifts of non-perishable food items will be welcome and will be donated to the South Woking Foodbank as we will not be doing Harvest boxes this year.

*** FOREST CHURCH – Sunday 4 October @10.00am ***



Forest Church isn't just 'normal church outside', it attempts to participate with creation and meet with God through creation. Bruce Stanley, a leading advocate for Forest Church, writes that 'The worship will happen when your heart is caught up in the beauty of the moment.' Forest Church is suitable for all ages and will take place whatever the weather (unless we are actually at risk of being blown into Oz!) so please dress for the weather on the day and

for walking around. If you want to explore the wilder reaches of the churchyard then covering your arms and legs would be advisable. You may find it helpful to bring a plastic bag to sit on.

If you would like to help with planning this or if you want more information please speak to Rachel.

*** WEDNESDAY EVENING CONNECT GROUP ***

We are a small group who currently meet on Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7.45 to 9.00 pm. We are enjoying a varied series of short 'Stand-Alone' Bible Studies, followed by a time for discussion and chat; we end with a short time of prayer.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come and we would be very pleased to welcome new members. There is no pressure to come every week and no series of studies to keep up with; just join in whenever you can.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact Rosemary McCrum at rosemary.mccrum@ntlworld.com or call 01483 772735 for details.

*** ANNUAL MEETINGS ***

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was postponed from May, but will now be held on **Tuesday 20 October at 7.45pm in St Peter's** where we will be reflecting on 2019 and electing our churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives.

In addition brief Annual Church Meetings, where Parochial Church Council and District Church Council members are elected, will be held after services on these dates:

- ♦ Sunday 11 October – 10.15am at All Souls'
- ♦ Sunday 11 October – 11.45am at St Mark's
- ♦ Sunday 18 October – 11.00am at St Peter's

Please put these dates in your diaries. For those not able to attend we aim to have a link via Zoom at all churches except All Souls' where there is no internet connection.

Nomination forms for all elected positions are available in each church from this Sunday so please can all those on our councils put their names on the forms and get someone to propose and second them before these meetings.

If you were asked to do a report for the Annual Report **please send it to Helen by this Monday 28 September.**

*** ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES ***

- via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube and other information about the service
- subscribe to the Parish of St Peter Woking *YouTube* channel (click the Subscribe button below the video) to get direct access from *YouTube* without needing to go via the website
- listen via telephone for those without internet access. It is simple so please give it a try. Just before the service call **0330 0885830**, enter the meeting id as 585531880 when prompted then press #, then when asked for a participant id press # again and you will be able to listen to the service. It is a local call cost which is free for most people.

For those watching live via *YouTube* use the chat facility to talk to one another before, during and after the service. If you can't watch it live, it will be available online afterwards, but not by phone.

If you would like to meet face to face and chat after the online service, join us on Zoom with your coffee or tea. Use the Sunday Live meeting id of **585 531 880**

If you receive N&N by email you can download the service sheet from www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive or email the office for a copy.

If you have any problem or need technical help, please contact Sam on 07923 331108.

*** SOCIAL MEDIA ***

In a time when it is much more difficult for us to meet together in person, social media is a wonderful tool to keep us connected. We will be sharing updates on things we are doing, how we can help you, useful resources, and ways to connect with each other. Please do come and find us on:

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