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Notes & News

Sunday 21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION – TUESDAY 23 MARCH – NEW



Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the first UK lockdown. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both as a result of Covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them. The Marie Curie charity has organised a National Day of Reflection to acknowledge grief and loss over the last year, which is being

supported by the Church of England.

We are being encouraged to observe a national minute's silence at 12 noon on 23 March to create a moment that shows support for the millions of people who've been bereaved. St Peter's Church will be open from 9.00am to 6.00pm for anyone who would like to go in and pray; there will be a prayer tree in the church where you can tie a yellow ribbon in memory of someone you have lost.

If you know of someone who is grieving you might like to send them a card or call them on that day to show them your love.

*** ENERGISE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES AT ST PETER'S - NEW ***

All families are very welcome to join us for our monthly Energise service next Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday - at St Peter's at 10.00am.

We will have our usual mix of lively music, story and prayer as we worship God together.



Sunday 21 March
Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Peter's 10.00am – Morning Worship

HYMNS

O for a thousand tongues to sing
As the deer pants (Video)
I heard the voice of Jesus say

PSALM 51:1-13

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 44; 1-5

NEW TESTAMENT John 4: 5-18, 28-30

SERMON **Living Water**

10.00am Online Morning Worship on YouTube

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew
and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.
There will be a Zoom chat after the service

HYMNS

O for a thousand tongues to sing
Every move I make
As the deer pants for the water
I heard the voice of Jesus say

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 44; 1-5

NEW TESTAMENT John 4: 5-18, 28-30

SERMON **Living Water**

*** THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...***

also for Eileen and Peter Bliss, Patrick Chapman, Enid Hardman, Martin Maguire, John Hunter, Lynda Kirk, Trevor Lloyd (Barbara Lloyd's son) Catherine McCormack, Olive Park, Joy Storkey and Malcolm Pritchard one of our Mission Partners.

*** LEGACIES – NEW ***

One of the best ways you can help support this parish in the long term is to leave a legacy in your will; these are exempt from inheritance tax. Legacies have enabled us to undertake many building projects and employ our Children's and Families' Minister so they make a massive difference. They are particularly useful if they have no restrictions on them so the parish can use them where they are most needed at the time.

If you would like to consider leaving a legacy in your will go to <https://www.churchlegacy.org.uk/> for more information or contact our treasurer Allen Taylor on 01932 340816 or allen@ajcontactus.co.uk

*** REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL ***

Spring is on the way, and we are entering another period of revision of the Church Electoral Roll which needs to be revised before the Annual meetings.

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 11 April 2021. – Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking, GU22 9AW email: brigitte.morton@sky.com

*** VICAR'S VIEW ***

The tragic death of Sarah Everard recently has highlighted for many men the issue of women both being and feeling safe, especially when out walking at night, and the lengths to which they go to feel safe. It has been heartening that this issue has risen to prominence through this tragedy, that women are speaking out about their experiences and that men are recognising that we all have a role to play in a much needed culture shift to help women feel safer and to speak out against sexist banter which fuels sexist attitudes.

Jesus was an incredible advocate for women in a culture and time when women were very much second class citizens. Our story this Sunday from John 4, when Jesus meets the Samaritan women at the well, shows this, as do his many encounters with other women such as the woman caught in adultery in John 8, the woman who anointed Jesus in Luke 7, his friendship with Mary Magdalene and the fact that women, considered to be unreliable witnesses then, were the first to witness his resurrection. We are all called to be more like Christ, so men how are we going to respond?

Jonathan

*** ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES – REVISED ***

If you have need technical help, please contact Sam on 07923 331108. There are different ways of accessing our variety of services as explained below

The Sunday morning YouTube Services at 10.00am *

There are three ways to access these:

- ♦ **via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive** which provides a link to **YouTube**, a service sheet 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.** Just before the service call 0330 0885830, enter the meeting id as 585 531 880 when prompted then press #, then when asked for a participant id press # again and then when asked for the password enter 1090 followed by #. You will then be able to listen to the service. It is a local call cost, which is free for most people.

If you would like to meet face to face and **chat** after the YouTube service, join us on Zoom with your coffee or tea. Use the Sunday Live meeting id of 585 531 880 and password of 1090 or click this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/585531880?pwd=eEt5aDFiVjhqa2EzNXhtckQzRjlRQT09>

The Evening Prayer (BCP) Services (twice monthly) via YouTube at 5.00pm.

These services when they take place in church are livestreamed via YouTube.

There are two ways to access these:

- ♦ **via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive** which provides a link to **YouTube**, a BCP service sheet and information on hymns and readings
- ♦ **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.

Please note: There is no phone in facility for these evening services.

*** DON'T FORGET FILL IN YOUR CENSUS FORM NEXT SUNDAY ***

The 2021 Census is to be taken on Sunday 21 March when you will need to record everyone who is present in your home that night. You will have received a letter giving details of how to complete it online, together with an access code. If you prefer, you can also ask for a paper copy of the form to fill in.

*** CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ***

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

Sunday 28 March – PALM SUNDAY
(Clocks go forward 1 hour)



9.30am	All Souls'	Morning Worship
10.00am	St Peter's	Energise Service for families
11.00am	St Mark's	Morning Worship
5.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
10.00am	Online All-age Worship (YouTube)	

*** MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – UPDATED ***

We meet every Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 9.30am via Zoom on the days below.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 73	John 11: 28-44
Tue	Psalm 64	John 11: 45-57
Wed	Psalm 85	John 12: 1-11
Thu	Psalm 111	Romans 5: 12-21 <i>Annunciation</i>
Fri	Psalm 126	John 12: 20-36a

If you wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam – Curate

*** EVERYDAY FAITH ***

We may be still in lockdown, but God hasn't stopped moving in our everyday lives. Therefore from this Sunday in our online services and for the next few weeks we are inviting people to take time to share how you have seen/experienced God at work in your everyday life over the previous few weeks.

This new initiative we are calling 'Everyday Faith'. The aim is to share where God is at work in our lives, at work, home, school with the family etc whether in a large way or a small way, not only giving God all the glory and praise, but also encouraging us to be aware of where God is at work in our own lives.

We're aware it's not an easy thing to do for many of us, but think of the many you might be blessing by taking the courage to share, and in doing so you will be blessed. So if you have something to share, please let me or Jonathan know and we'll ask you to record a short video. (Or we can do it via Zoom or in your garden soon) of where you have seen God at work.

Thanks.

Sam

* CHURCH BUILDINGS REOPENING FOR WORSHIP *

At the PCC away morning we agreed to restart services in our church buildings in March, but with a gradual, phased approach so that each of our congregations has an opportunity to be in church before we celebrate Easter in each church. We will return to our pre-Christmas service pattern of twice monthly services in each church after Easter. Services in church in March are as follows:

Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday)

- 9.30am Morning Worship at All Souls'
- 10.00am Energise (for families) at St Peter's
- 11.00am Morning Worship at St Mark's
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Peter's

Our 10.00am YouTube services will continue every week and our Evening Prayer services will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

EASTER SERVICES

Our services over Easter will be a mixture of in person worship in our churches and online services.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

- 7.00pm Last Supper re-enactment on Zoom for all-ages

Good Friday 2 April

- 10.00am Online reflection on YouTube
- 11.00am All-age outdoor service at St Mark's

All Souls' Church will be open between 10.00am and 4.00pm for personal reflection with guided notes and music.

Easter Sunday 4 April

- 6.00am Sunrise service on Zoom
- 9.30am All-age Communion at All Souls'
- 10.00am All-age Communion at St Peter's
- 11.00am All-age Communion at St Mark's
- 10.00am Online Easter celebration on YouTube

All services on Easter Day need to be booked. For more information and to book Easter Day services go to www.stpeterwoking.org/easter or call the Parish Office on 01483 755852.

* SPRING HARVEST 2021: UNRIVALLED – WHY WE WORSHIP – NEW *

In 2020, the Spring Harvest team pulled together some fantastic content at very short notice as the main events at Minehead, Skegness and Harrogate had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus.

This year they have been able to be better prepared. "Spring Harvest Home 21" will be running from Easter Sunday – 4 April to Thursday 8 April and available online via their brand new, custom made platform. More information can be found at <https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21> including a short video explaining the plans and this year's theme "Unrivalled – Why we worship".

Tickets can be purchased online and there are two levels available, here's what you get:

Spring Harvest Home 21 - £55

- Full access to Spring Harvest Home 21
- Live streamed content
- Interact with others
- Available for catch up until the end of April 2021
- Log in on up to two devices at once. Yes, your whole family could watch SH Home 21 for just £55 on up two devices.

Spring Harvest Home 21+ - £75

- Full access to Spring Harvest Home 21
- Live streamed content
- Interact with others
- Available for catch up until the end of June 2021
- Log in on up to three devices at once
- Price also includes a one year subscription to EC-GO - a brand-new online hub for Christian resources. Content includes new teaching, live worship music, home group materials, kids' resources and much more.

If you want to sign up but would find the cost a challenge, there may be support available from the church. Please contact Jonathan.

Please check out the website or contact Caroline on clh01@tiscali.co.uk for more details.

