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St Peter Woking
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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 2 October 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

* HARVEST FESTIVAL – TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY *

Our Harvest services and events are for all ages and as follows:

All Souls' – Today 9.30am

followed by Harvest refreshments

St Mark's – Today 11.00am followed by Harvest Lunch

There is still space if anyone would like to stay on for the lunch and has not signed up. At the lunch Beth Lemprière will be speaking about her trips helping Ukrainian refugees.

St Peter's – Sunday 9 October 10.00am followed by Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm. Cost £10 or a donation.

Please sign up in church or contact Helen in the Parish Office if you would like to come - and invite friends and neighbours. (Please see the menu on page 6). At the lunch Beth Lemprière will be speaking about her trips helping Ukrainian refugees

Harvest Gifts

Please bring tins, packets and toiletries to the services, which will be donated to South Woking Foodbank



Sunday 2 October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

All Souls' 9.30am		HARVEST THANKSGIVING
<u>HYMNS</u>	106	Come you thankful people come
	170	Give thanks with a grateful heart
	153	For the fruits of his creation
	732	We plough the fields and scatter
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Genesis 41: 41-43, 46-49, 53-57 (p46)	
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 (p1162)	
<u>SERMON</u>	Joseph – a leader of equality and generosity	
St Peter's 10.00am		HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School
<i>This service will be livestreamed</i>		
<u>HYMNS</u>	528	O worship the king
	400	Lead us heavenly Father lead us
	975	Before the throne of God above
	41	At the name of Jesus
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Judges 7: 1-15 (p249)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Matthew 14: 22-33 (p981)	
<u>SERMON</u>	Gideon: Weakness turned into strength	
St Mark's 11.00am		HARVEST THANKSGIVING
<u>HYMNS</u>	732	We plough the fields and scatter
		My God is so big
	170	Give thanks with a grateful heart
		Guardian
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* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...*

Mary Angus, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Peter Eales, Angela Eaton, Margaret Etheridge, Jan Kinnell, Lynda Kirk, Trevor Lloyd, Barbara Lloyd, Mick Moorse, Carol & Brian Whitehorn and Mary & Geoff Williams.

* WALK THE WEY – SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER – REVISED *

This has been postponed until next year due to the train strike on that day

* OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOXES – REVISED – *

We are supporting this initiative again this year. Leaflets giving details of what can (and cannot) be included are now available in all three churches so please do take one. Flat-pack boxes are also available in the churches.

Shoobox Sunday will be October 30 when there will be a Parish United Service at St Peter's. Knitted hats, soft toys and hand puppets are welcome as are small toys/dolls and stationery items.

Further details can be found on <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> where you can also see videos of children receiving boxes in previous years

* CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES *

- We encourage people to take a lateral flow test before coming to church.
- We encourage face coverings when moving around church, but they can be removed during the service
- Please continue to use hand sanitiser as you come into church and be sensitive to other people's wishes regarding social distancing

* VICAR'S VIEW *

I reluctantly took up running again over the summer after Mason, our foster child, left us, feeling I needed to get a bit fitter and do something constructive with the extra time I now had rather than just stay in bed a bit longer! It's always hard motivating myself to go for a run and it always hurts about a minute into running, but the feeling when it's over is one of achievement and although I'm in some pain my body feels invigorated.

The saying 'No gain without pain' is very true, whether in exercise or almost any walk of life. It's true spiritually too. Setting aside time to read your Bible and pray, come to church, give generously to God's work, serve him in a form of ministry, share your faith all require some form of 'pain', maybe a hurdle to overcome, a giving up of 'free time', an increase of vulnerability etc. But my experience is that it is because we go through pain and make sacrifices for God that he blesses us and enriches our lives.

And God encourages us in these times, as he did Joshua before he entered the Promised Land,

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Jonathan

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

Mon 3 October	Psalm 44	Acts 17: 1-15
Tue 4 October	Psalm 47	Acts 18: 1-21
Wed 5 October	Psalm 51	Acts 18:22 – 19:7
Thu 6 October	Psalm 53	Acts 19: 8-20
Fri 7 October	Psalm 54	Acts 19: 21-41

All days are on Zoom except Thursdays when we meet in St Peter's Church .
To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

*** HARVEST LUNCH AT ST PETER'S – NEW ***

The menu will be:

<u>Starter</u>	Carrot and Coriander soup
<u>Main</u>	Roast Chicken (or vegetarian option)
	New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Chicken sauce.
<u>Dessert</u>	Apple Crumble and Custard

Please sign up in church or contact Helen in the Parish Office if you would like to come – and invite friends and neighbours. Cost £10 or a donation. At the lunch Beth Lemprière will be speaking about her trips helping Ukrainian refugees

ALL SOULS'DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE –NEW *

Sunday 30 October at St Peter's at 4.00pm

Please note the date of our annual service to remember those whom we love who have died. The book of names will be available in St Peter's Church from next week. More details to follow.

LIGHT BEACONS AT HALLOWE'EN – NEW *

We will be having a Light Beacon on Westfield Common on Monday 31 October in the evening to bring light to the families who are trick or treating in the Westfield area as we provide hot dogs, warm drinks, craft activities etc.

If you are able to help set up, serve refreshments, oversee craft or talk with families please let Jonathan know as we need to get a team together.

Sunday 9 October 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

All Souls'	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
St Peter's	10.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
St Mark's	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
St Peter's	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

WHAT'S ON

St Peter's is open Monday-Friday 9.00am -12.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10.00am-6.00pm All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

CONNECT GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 October	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Tuesday 4 October	Tots Toddlers Group	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 4 October	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Tuesday 4 October	St Peter's Ch Council	Church Centre	7.45pm
Friday 7 October	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm
Saturday 8 October	Marriage Blessing	St Peter's	12.30pm

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets this Sunday 2 October, 6.00-7.30pm at St Mark's, for food, fun and discipleship.

Contact Sarah Thomas via vicar@stpeterwoking.org or Jenny Jones on jennydickin98@gmail.com for more information.

*** SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ***

From 9 October our evening services at St Peter's will start at 5.00pm rather than 6.30pm as the nights draw in. We have decided to start it at the beginning of October this year rather than after the clocks go back at the end of October as in previous years.

They return to 6.30pm when the clocks go forward at the end of March.

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ - NEW ***

Connections Café meets this Friday 7 October from 2.30pm to 5.00pm in St Peter's Church Centre, all welcome, please invite your friends.

A space to chat and do various activities whilst having a cup of tea or coffee. Sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm.

Please contact the parish office on 755852 for further details or if you require a lift.

*** ST PETER'S - ARRANGING FLOWERS FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL - NEW ***

We will be preparing baskets of flowers and decorating the church on Saturday morning 8 October from 9.00am -11.30am. Any help will be gratefully received, flowers and greenery provided, please bring your scissors or secateurs with you.

For any further information contact Lynne Moore on 01932 351029.

*** HELP NEEDED WITH DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS- NEW ***

We will be distributing the St Peter's Church Harvest floral arrangements around the parish on Monday 10 October.

If you are able to help either by driving or assisting someone in their car, please arrive between 9.30am and 10.00am.

Pauline Wilde

*** PARISH SUPPORT FUND - NEW - ***

We recognise that there are huge financial pressures on many people at the moment with the cost-of-living crisis so would like to remind you we have a Parish Support Fund which can make one-off payments to help people through a difficult time. We are also able to refer people to the South Woking Foodbank.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this or if you need help yourself please contact Mark, Pauline or Jonathan for more details.

*** RIDE AND STRIDE - NEW - ***

Thanks you to all who sponsored us for Ride and Stride 3 weeks ago, we have raised almost £300 to be split between Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and St Peter's Chancel Reordering Fund. If you haven't yet paid your sponsor money please see Jonathan today, drop the money at the Vicarage or pay online at <https://donate.kindlink.com/parish-of-stpeter-woking/4951>.

*** GIVING TO THE CHURCH - NEW - ***

We are grateful to all who give to the ministry of our churches as an outworking of their faith, especially in these difficult times. Jonathan will be giving a presentation on our financial situation during the Harvest services, which shows that our regular giving has been steadily reducing especially this year.

We recognise for some of you the financial situation is very difficult but, if you are able to, could you **please** do one of the following?

□ Increase your regular giving. Whether in line with inflation or a little more, it would make a huge difference to our income this year

□ If you are not a regular giver could you consider becoming one - either by joining our Parish Giving Scheme (www.parishgiving.org) or else giving by standing order. Forms are available in each church.

□ If you have not been able to come to church for a while and would normally give an offering are you able to send a cheque from time to time, made payable to "The Parish of St Peter Woking" to St Peter's Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JE?

For more information please contact Jonathan, the Parish Office or one of our treasurers:

St Peter's - Louise Webb (treasurer@stpeterwoking.org)

St Mark's - Chris Heisig (chris@hullbrook.net)

All Souls' - Patrick and Barbara Phillipps (patbar.phillipps@gmail.com)

*** LEGACIES - NEW ***

One of the best ways you can influence the kingdom of God for good in the long term is to leave a legacy in your will to this parish, which is exempt from inheritance tax. Legacies have enabled us to undertake many building projects, enable vital ministries and help us through sticky patches 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 Jonathan or our treasurer Louise Webb (treasurer@stpeterwoking.org)

*** ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES ***

The Sunday morning services are livestreamed from St Peter's most weeks on YouTube at 10.00am except the 4th Sunday when they usually come from St Mark's at 11.00am via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube, a service sheet and other information about the service