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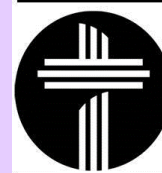


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Notes & News

Sunday 31 March 2024

EASTER DAY

* **HAPPY EASTER!**

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter as we celebrate the marvellous resurrection of Jesus today. In a world full of hatred and violence, human and natural disasters, and personal struggles we need to be uplifted by this very wonderful and real event which points us to the true hope of God's eternal purposes for his creation, where sin and death will be overcome.

But it is not just a future hope, it is very much a present hope, that God is with us today and that life with him at the centre is much better and more full of purpose than life without him, however we are feeling, and I know for many of you life is really hard right now. Our world likes to pretend Easter is about chocolate eggs, bunnies and spring flowers, but none of those give us hope or purpose, just temporary relief.

Only faith in a risen Jesus makes sense of this world and gives us hope. May we know the risen Jesus in our lives this Easter and point others towards him.

Jonathan



* **ANNUAL MEETINGS – NEW ***

This year we are again combining our annual church meetings, usually held at each church, with our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be held after our Parish United Service on Sunday 28 April at 10.00am at St Peter's when there will be no Morning Services at All Souls' and St Mark's.

Nomination forms for council roles will be available from next week.

**Sunday 31 March 2024
EASTER DAY**

(DON'T FORGET that clocks go forward by one hour today!)

6.30am Sunrise Service, outdoors at St Mark's

**Be up with the sun to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection
around a fire, followed by a cooked breakfast!**

All Souls' 9.30am ALL-AGE EASTER COMMUNION

HYMNS 357 Jesus Christ is risen today
109 Crown him with many crowns
In Christ alone
689 Thine be the glory

For the EPISTLE Acts 10: 34-43 (p1104)
GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

**St Peter's 10.00am ALL-AGE EASTER COMMUNION
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt
(This service will be livestreamed)**

HYMNS 357 Jesus Christ is risen today
See what a morning
In Christ alone
689 Thine be the glory

For the EPISTLE Acts 10: 34-43 (p1104)
GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

St Mark's 11.00am ALL-AGE EASTER COMMUNION

HYMNS 76 Christ the Lord is risen today
109 Crown him with many crowns
In Christ alone
689 Thine be the glory

For the EPISTLE Acts 10: 34-43 (p1104)
GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

St Peter's 5.00pm HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

HYMNS 76 Christ the Lord is risen today
315 I will sing the wondrous story
536 On a hill far away
689 Thine be the glory

For the EPISTLE Acts 10: 34-43 (p1104)
GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

*** ST PETER'S PREMISES COMMITTEE –**

NEW MEMBER REQUIRED *

Do you know of someone who knows a bit about buildings, DIY or gardening? St Peter's needs a new member of the premises committee who can advise on and maybe help with issues to do with the church buildings and churchyard. We meet three times a year. If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact Pauline or Jonathan.

*** 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

*** LUCY'S LETTER ***

I've been into three different schools and a nursery in the last week to tell the Easter story to children aged between 2 and 11. It's been a harder task than I anticipated, and I've really grappled with the theology of Jesus' death and resurrection as I've been thinking about how to communicate the message with these wonderful young people. When the children are really little, I've told them: "It's a really sad story at times, but don't worry – there is good news at the end!" and I've been wondering if that is what we need to hear sometimes, too.

We all go through sad bits in life, and the Holy Week story takes us to a very sad place indeed. But there is good news at the end: there is hope, there is resurrection, there is life. However the Holy Week story tells us that we are not to skip ahead to the joy: we first have the sorrow of Good Friday and the bleak waiting of Easter Saturday. These are important moments of despair, uncertainty and sadness written right into the heart of the Christian faith. God is with us in the difficult parts and promises us the hope of resurrection in the future. It's a really sad story at times, but don't worry – there is good news at the end!

Lucy

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

Easter Season Service Sheets

Monday 1 April	BANK HOLIDAY – No Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 2 April	Psalms 111	Exodus 12: 1–30
Wednesday 3 April	Psalms 112	Exodus 12: 31–end
Thursday 4 April	Psalms 114	Exodus 13
Friday 5 April	Psalms 116, 117	Exodus 14

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom

enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's.

*** GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME – NEW ***

If you want to give something back to your community come and find out about helping with a new Good Neighbour Scheme for the Hoe Valley area. There are over 100 good neighbour schemes across the county, providing community-based support for people who need help with some of the basics of day-to-day living or who may not have easy access to transport.

A new scheme for Hoe Valley may include:

- Transport to visit friends or to attend doctor, dentist, hospital or optician appointments
- Shopping
- Prescription collection
- Form filling
- Anything a good neighbour would do

Anyone interested in finding out more about setting up a new scheme is invited to attend an informal meeting on Tuesday 9 April (10.30am–11.30am) or Tuesday 16 April (7.30pm–8.30pm) at Old Woking Community Centre, Sundridge Road, GU22 9AT.

For more information, contact Jonathan.

*** DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ***

We will be having a churchyard working party to tidy the churchyard and the church centre car park on Saturday 27 April from 9.00am to 12 noon. Please keep this date free. More details nearer the day. Pauline Wilde

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

Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Alison Cole, Lynda Kirk, Eric Rice, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, and Mary & Geoff Williams.

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ ***

Connections Café meets this Friday 5 April from 2.30pm to 5.00pm in St Peter's Church Centre. There will be an opportunity to chat over tea and coffee; sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm.

Our activity this month will be board games. For further information or if you require a lift contact either Pauline Wilde – 722098 or the parish office.

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

We are entering another period of revision of the Church Electoral Roll, which needs to be revised before the Annual Meeting on 28 April. If you are resident in the parish or have attended public worship regularly 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 our Electoral Roll, which is like a membership list. Please fill in an application form, available in each church, 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 church council representatives. 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 7 April 2024. – Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking, email: brigitte.morton@sky.com

*** UKRAINE MISSION – REVISED ***

It was great to have Beth and Rhys update us on Ukraine Missions work last Sunday. There are wire baskets in each church where First Aid materials can be donated for future trips. If you wish to give financially to support future trips donate online at www.stpeterwoking.org/ukraine.

* FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – THURSDAY 11 APRIL

4.30pm at ST MARK'S *

Another one of our popular FREE movie nights with popcorn, nuggets & chips and drinks. Sign up at www.stpeterwoking.org/movienight and invite friends. The film will be "The Prince of Egypt".

* PIANO CONCERT WITH MATTHEW RICKARD *

Sunday 21 April at 3.00pm at St Peter's

Many of you know that our former organist, Matthew Rickard, plays for Farnham Youth Choir, who have given concerts at St. Peter's before. In July, the choir (with Matthew) will be travelling to New Zealand to compete at the World Choir Games. A bit like the Olympic Games for choirs!

To help raise funds for this tour, Matthew will be giving a piano concert at St. Peter's at 3.00pm on Sunday 21 April. The concert will last for around 50-60 minutes and will feature music by Bach, Brahms and Schubert. Matthew will be joined by a small ensemble from the choir, who will also perform a few items.

Entry will be free with a retiring collection for the choir's New Zealand tour fund. Do come along if you're free.

* PCC HIGHLIGHTS *

Some of the highlights from the last meeting are:

- ◆ The 2023 financial accounts were presented and approved. They show a small £4,000 surplus, which is encouraging, mainly due to an increase in calculation of Gift Aid owed.
- ◆ Approval was given for a Community Garden at St Mark's, which Lucy is organising with a team from church and the local community. Plans will be presented to St Mark's DCC in May.
- ◆ A modified service pattern to start in June was agreed. More details will be given after Easter, but key differences are:
 - ◆ A new monthly service 'Wild Church' at St Mark's in the afternoon aimed at attracting new people. This will be instead of a morning service at St Mark's on the 3rd Sunday of the month
 - ◆ Replacing Morning Worship with Holy Communion at St Peter's on the 3rd Sunday of the month
 - ◆ A Morning Worship service at St Peter's on the 4th Sunday of the month, replacing Energise Plus. Energise will continue and will meet in the Church Centre.

* RESPONSE TO STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY *

If you were planning on responding to our Stewardship Sunday letters by becoming a regular giver or increasing your giving to the church it would be very helpful if you can do so by the beginning of April.

Letters are still available in each church if you didn't receive one or have lost yours or go to www.stpeterwoking.org/giving for more information.

* THE MIKADO – ST PETER'S CHURCH SATURDAY 4 MAY 6.00pm *

We are delighted to welcome back *Opera Anywhere*, featuring Matthew Rickard, to St Peter's to perform the Mikado.

Tickets are now available from www.stpeterwoking.org/mikado and are available to give to friends and neighbours. If you are able to help with serving refreshments or making cakes please let Jonathan know.

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.

Friday 5 April	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm
Sunday 7 April	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Thursday 11 April	Family Movie Night	St Mark's	4.30pm
Saturday 13 April	Repair Café	Old Woking Community Centre	10.00am-1.00pm
Sunday 14 April	CMS Mission Gift Day for Sarah and Simon Cawdell		
Sunday 21 April	Piano Concert-Matthew Rickard	St Peter's	3.00pm
Saturday 27 April	Churchyard working party	St Peter's	9.00am-12noon
Saturday 4 May	Opera Anywhere 'The Mikado'	St Peter's	6.00pm
Sunday 12 May	Parish Bring and Share Lunch		
		St Peter's Church Centre	12.30pm
Saturday 18 May	Community Garden Party	St Mark's	2.30pm- 4.30pm
Saturday 29 June	Priesting of Rachel and Lucy at Guildford Cathedral		
		(Time to be confirmed)	

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm for food, fun and discipleship. Contact Lucy Bush at curate@stpeterwoking.org