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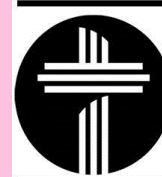


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**St Peter Woking**  
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**Notes  
& News**

**Sunday 28 April 2024**  
**Easter 5**

**\*PARISH UNITED SERVICE AND APCM TODAY \***

Welcome to all three of our congregations as we gather together at St Peter's at 10.00am for a United Service followed by our APCM. It will be a shortened service and we hope everyone can stay for our Annual Meeting as we elect various positions, reflect on last year and look forward together. There will be no refreshments after the service this morning.

The 2023 Annual Report, the 2023 Financial Report, the APCM Agenda, and last year's minutes are available in the church so please take a copy.

**\* THE MIKADO – NEXT SATURDAY 4 MAY – REVISED \***  
**6.00pm in St Peter's**

If you haven't already bought tickets for this fun light opera and are planning to come please do so in advance. Tickets will be available on the door if you need to make a last minute decision, but it really helps to know numbers in advance.

Please continue to invite friends and neighbours and deliver leaflets to your neighbours; we would love to have a good turnout.

If you are able to make cakes or biscuits for refreshments, please let Jonathan know. We need a few more offers.

**\* LOCAL ELECTIONS – POLLING DAY – THURSDAY 2 MAY – NEW \***

Next Thursday St Peter's will be in use from 7.00pm until 10.00pm. Don't forget that you will need to provide photographic ID to enable you to vote on the day.

**Sunday 28 April 2024**  
**Easter 5**

**ST PETER'S 10.00am      PARISH UNITED SERVICE**  
*Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meetings  
and Commissioning of PCC and DCCs*  
*The service and meeting will be livestreamed*

HYMNS

496    O for a thousand tongues to sing  
809    Blessed be the name of the Lord  
         Our Father everlasting (This I believe)  
705    Thy hand O God has guided

PSALM 22: 25-31    said from the church Bible (p555)

FIRST READING    John 15: 1-8 (p1083)

SECOND READING    Acts 8: 26-40 (p1101)

**Please note: There are no morning services at All Souls'  
or St Mark's today**

**St Peter's 12.15pm Baptism of Zoe Anne Rose Leary**

**St Peter's 6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

HYMNS

187    God is love, let heaven adore him  
269    I do not know what lies ahead  
975    Before the throne of God above  
159    Forth in thy name O Lord I go

For the EPISTLE    Acts 8: 26-40 (p1101)

GOSPEL    John 15: 1-8 (p1083)

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

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

**Sunday 5 May 2024**  
**Easter 6 – Rogation Sunday**

**All Souls' 9.30am      Morning Worship (CW)**  
**St Peter's 10.00am      Holy Communion (CW) and Sunday School**  
*This service will be livestreamed*  
**St Mark's 11.00am      Morning Worship (CW)**

**Please note: There is no evening service this week.**

**\* ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES \***

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

**\* WARDEN'S WINDOW \***

*In Morning Prayer recently we have been looking at the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. At first they are pleased to be free from their slave masters, but then the reality hits and they start to find they are short of water and food and begin to wish they were back in Egypt.*

*We can often be the same when it comes to change. I remember when I was a teenager having a discussion with my mum about the change of music for the communion responses, along the lines of 'Why do we have to change? What was wrong with the old music?'*

*Changes can mean we have to step out of our comfort zone, so can seem scary. I know one song comes to mind when I feel scared 'Guardian' the words of the chorus:*

*'You go before me, you're there beside me  
and if I wander love will find me.*

*'Goodness and mercy will always follow  
'You go before me my guardian'.*

*This song reminds me that God is with me through all the challenges of life.*  
*Pauline*

**\* YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE – NEW \***

One of the biggest differences you can make to the life of the church and its ministry to is to help with particular roles. Due to our upcoming revised service pattern, people moving away and being unwell we have the following needs for help. Please prayerfully consider if you can help in one or more of these ways. Training will be given:

**St Peter's**

- ◆ Welcomer (once a month)
- ◆ Refreshments (once a month)
- ◆ Sound and AV system (once a month)
- ◆ Sunday school helper (once a month)
- ◆ Premises Committee member (3 meetings a year)

**All Churches**

- ◆ Leading prayers (once every 2-3 months)
- ◆ Youth Group (once or twice a month)

Or maybe you have skills or interests that would help other church groups; extra volunteers are always welcome. Please speak with Jonathan, Pauline or Lucy if you could serve God in any of these ways.

**\* CONFIRMATION \***

Woking Deanery will be holding a Confirmation service at a local church in June or July for all Woking churches. If you are interested in being Confirmed, or reaffirming your Baptism vows, or want to know more about what it means then please speak with Jonathan, Lucy or Rachel.

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

**EASTER SEASON**

Monday 29 April	Psalm 145	Luke 4: 31-end
Tuesday 30 April	Psalm 75	Luke 5: 1-11
Wednesday 1 May	Psalm 146	Luke 5: 12-26
Thursday 2 May	<b>Prayer Walk from St Mark's</b>	
Friday 3 May	Psalm 138	Luke 5: 27-end

**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**

**\*COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY AT ST MARK'S – REVISED \***

**Saturday 18 May 2.30pm-4.30pm**

We are again joining with our friends from New Life Church to run a Community Garden Party at St Mark's Church, to bring together our local community with fun for all ages with refreshments, live music, stalls, bouncy castle, face painting etc.

Amongst other things we're running a **tombola**. If you have any suitable new or good quality used items for prizes, for adults or children (e.g. bottles, confectionary, toiletries, small gifts, soft toys), please pass these to Rachel. In particular we are after small party bag/stocking filler type items and wrapped sweets.

Please **volunteer** to help in any way you can, this is an important event and we need support from our congregations across the whole parish. You can bake cakes, be on a stall, welcome people etc. Sign up on the list at the back of church or online at

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OZ77ixDQj-oXE1aHW7Hj3D6EhZYahVmQQV7b5\\_xChk8/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OZ77ixDQj-oXE1aHW7Hj3D6EhZYahVmQQV7b5_xChk8/edit#gid=0)

**Flyers** are available from this week so please give out to friends and neighbours.

**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.**

**CONNECTIONS GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>Churchyard working party</b>	<b>St Peter's 9.00am-12noon</b>	
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>Tots Toddler Group</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>Refresh Café</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	<b>Hale End Court Service</b>		<b>3.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	<b>Election Polling Station</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>7.00am 10.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	<b>Connections Café</b>	<b>Church Centre</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>Opera Anywhere 'The Mikado'</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	<b>Ascension Day Service</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 12 May –</b>	<b>Parish Bring and Share Lunch</b>	<b>Church Centre</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 18 May –</b>	<b>Community Garden Party</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	<b>2.30pm- 4.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 29 June</b>	<b>Priesting of Rachel and Lucy at Guildford Cathedral</b>		

**(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](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org)**

**\* THY KINGDOM COME 9-19 MAY - NEW \***

We have been supporting this international prayer initiative for a number of years and this year will be putting some events on. Please join in where you can, prayer is so important and there is something for everyone.

**Thursday 9 May 7.30pm**

**Ascension Prayer and Praise in St Peter's Chancel**

To launch *Thy Kingdom Come* we will be having a special service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension to heaven, with worship and prayer for our parish, mission partners and the wider world.

**Saturday 11 May 10am**

**Prayer Walk starting from St Mark's**

We plan a gentle 5-mile circular walk around some scenic parts of the parish, including a pleasant stretch of the River Wey, stopping to reflect and pray as we go, aiming to finish around 12.30pm. Bring sturdy shoes.

**Thursday 16 May 10.30am**

**Holy Communion (BCP), followed by coffee and cake, at St Peter's**

A traditional said Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, followed by coffee and cake in the church.

In addition there will be some special *Thy Kingdom Come* Prayer Artwork in each church during regular opening times for **meditative prayer** so please use them. From next Sunday free **Novena booklets** will be available in each church for everyone who wants one to take and use. These give daily Bible readings for us to follow in our own quiet times during the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost.

**\* COMMUNITY GARDEN: ITEMS NEEDED! - NEW \***

Can you help us with some items for the Community Garden at St Mark's?

💧 **Small pots/seed trays:** we'll be sowing seeds at Refresh Café, growing plants for the garden, and we need seed trays and small pots – do you have any going spare?

💧 **Straw, bamboo canes, broken pots or tiles** to help make a Community Bug Hotel at the Garden Party on 18 May! I am also after someone who could make a roof for it – could that be you?

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Lucy:  
[curate@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org) or 07803 851711.

**\* PARISH BRING AND SHARE LUNCH \***

**Sunday 12 May 12.30pm-2.30pm, St Peter's Church Centre**

A few olives, a slice of cheese, a sausage roll (okay, two), a dollop of casserole, a hunk of bread and a spoon of hummus. Followed by a bowl of crumble, Swiss roll, meringue and ice cream, all washed down with a glass of Shloer. Some of the fun combinations I've found myself eating at church Bring & Share lunches – and we are having one in our parish in a few weeks! Everybody Brings something to Share: main dishes/sides/desserts/drinks/nibbles, homemade or shop-bought, we place them on a buffet table, and we let the joy commence! Whether you take the chance to show off with perfectly iced cupcakes and 48hour marinated chicken, or you grab a punnet of grapes and a bag of crisps as you run out the door, we all Bring and we all Share. And it is always good fun (often with leftovers to bring home too)!

And we are fortunate to also have some wonderful guests with us on 12 May – Karen Park from A Rocha (Christian environmental charity) will be helping us think about caring for creation, WEAct will tell us about their work in Woking, and the Refill Room in Kingfield will explain how they operate a zero-waste business in our parish. (Bring your containers if you fancy buying some produce!).

We'll be thinking about our environmental impact over lunch, so consider that as you decide what you'll Bring and Share: can you source any of the elements locally or organically, or even home-grown?

No need to sign up – just turn up on 12 May with your contributions whichever church you are from, this is for everyone to enjoy being together – I can't wait to taste what we all Bring!

Any questions, feel free to ask me! Lucy ([curate@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org))

**\* CONNECTIONS CAFÉ - NEW \***

Connections Café meets this Friday 3 May from 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church Centre, a place to chat over tea and coffee. Sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm. Our activity this month will be a Beetle Drive.

For further information or for a lift please contact Pauline Wilde on 722098 or the Parish Office on 755852

