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Notes & News

Sunday 2 March 2025 Sunday before Lent

* ELECTORAL ROLL FOR EVERYONE – NEW *

This year the Electoral Roll needs to be done from scratch, whether you are currently on the Electoral Roll or not. We encourage everyone who considers St Peter's, St Mark's or All Souls' to be 'their church' to complete a form. You need to have attended worship in the last six months or live in the parish. It gives you the right to vote at our Annual Church Meeting in May.

Forms will be available in church today and we encourage everyone to fill one in and put it in the special box in church. It only takes two minutes. The closing date for completion is Sunday 6 April. If you can't get to church contact the parish office and we'll send you one.

* LENT – NEW *

This week sees the start of Lent and we hope you will make it a special season of drawing close to God as Lucy explains in her Lenten Letter inside. Here are some ways you can engage:

- ◆ Come to the *Ash Wednesday* service at 11.00am on 5 March at All Souls'
- ◆ Use the *Living Hope* booklets with daily readings, available in church
- ◆ Join *Morning Prayer* one day a week at 9.00am on Zoom or on Thursdays in St Peter's. Details inside
- ◆ Set an alarm for *midday* every day and pause whatever you are doing to say the Lord's Prayer knowing others are doing the same
- ◆ Join others in *fasting* on Thursday 3 April and then in breaking the fast at a Prayer Meal at 7.00pm at St Mark's. More details to follow
- ◆ Watch '*The Chosen*', a wonderful series on the life of Jesus that makes the gospels come alive. Available as an app on Smart TVs, online at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> or on Amazon Prime

Sunday 2 March 2025

Sunday before Lent

Safeguarding Sunday at St Peter's

All Souls' 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 560 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
494 O for a closer walk with God
37 As the deer pants for the water
143 Fight the good fight

PSALM 99 said from the church Bible (p603)

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 42: 1-8 (p567)

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 3: 7-21 (p1180)

St Peter's 10.00am

HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School
(This service will be livestreamed)

HYMNS 506 O Lord my God (How great Thou art)
Safeguarding Hymn (Tune 987)
89 Come down O love divine
Longing for light

EPISTLE Ephesians 5: 8-13 (p1176)

GOSPEL John 13: 34-35 (1082)

St Mark's 11.00am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 560 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
914 Only by grace (x2)
37 As the deer pants for the water
760 When we walk with the Lord

PSALM 99 said from the church Bible (p603)

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 42: 1-8 (p567)

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 3: 7-21 (p1180)

St Mark's 6.00pm "REVIVE" Contemporary Service
accompanied by the Band

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – NEW ***

Friday 7 March in the Church Centre, 2.30pm-5.00pm

A chance to meet and chat over a cup of tea and coffee. Sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm. This month is 'Desert Island Mini-discs' and games.

For more information or if you require a lift please contact Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or the parish office on 01483 755852.

*** ECO-TIP FOR MARCH - NEW ***

Do you consign that slightly limp lettuce or crinkly cucumber to the food waste bin when its past its "use by date" or worse still "best before date"? Do you bin that uneaten potato prepared for your evening meal? Approximately 10 million tonnes of food waste in the UK each year suggests that many of us do. It is estimated that this is responsible for releasing an additional 18 million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

If you pride yourself on having good food preparation skills and recognise still edible food, then pass on those skills to others. Research suggests that Millennials (born between 1981 - 1996) closely followed by Gen Z (born between 1997 - 2012) are most likely to dispose of food when still edible. *Chris Heisig*

*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Our next Craft and Chat will be on Friday 21 March. We meet in St Peter's Church Centre 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat.

Refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the afternoon. We are also supporting the Lighthouse by making blankets and Age UK by making hats for Innocent drink bottles, all welcome to attend.

For more details please contact either Pauline Wilde 722098 or the parish office.



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

the family and friends of Audrey Rooks, aged 93, formerly a member of St Peter's and Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Alison Cole, Gladys Etherington, Lynda Kirk, Chris Randall, Eric Rice, Lynda Salmond, Valerie Walker, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, and Mary & Geoff Williams.

*** LUCY'S LENTEN LETTER ***

Last week I led an assembly at Kingfield Primary school talking to the children about the upcoming season of Lent. I explained that it's a chance for Christians to get ready for Easter, as we remember Jesus in the desert for 40 days and nights as he got ready for the work that he had come to earth to do. I said that it's a chance for us to get closer to God, by giving up something to focus our minds, and devoting ourselves to spiritual practices more as we enter this special season and get ready to celebrate the highlight of our year: Easter!

I found myself increasingly excited as I explained all this to them: these ancient practices that mark out this season as different: an opportunity to lean into our faith and to know Jesus more deeply.

So what practices are you considering this Lent? Perhaps you are giving something up – something costly that will remind you of the season each time you miss it. And what new practices are you taking up? I'll be praying the Lord's prayer at midday each day (an alarm on my phone will remind me to do so!) and we'll do the Lent booklet as a family. Perhaps you might book yourself on a retreat day (local St Columba's House would love to have you) or go on a solitary walk. Perhaps you'll commit to joining us for Morning Prayer for one day a week, or sign up to the 40 acts of kindness resource by Stewardship.

However you enter this season and whatever you choose to do, let's be expectant that we will leave the desert as changed people at Easter, ready for the work that God has laid before us.

Lucy

*** CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT WITH MARK JENNINGS – NEW ***

Sunday 6 April, 5.00pm at St Peter's

We are looking forward to welcoming Mark back for his rescheduled concert playing Spanish and Classical favourites. Entrance is Free with donations, but please book at www.stpeterwoking.org/guitarconcert where you can find out more information or contact the parish office.

Flyers are available so please invite friends.

WHAT'S ON

**St Peter's is open Monday-Friday 9.00am -12.30pm,
Saturday and Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm**

All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

Tuesday 4 March	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 4 March	Pancake Café	St Mark's	2.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 5 March	Ash Wednesday Communion	All Souls'	11.00 am
Wednesday 5 March	Hale End Service	Hale End	3.30pm
Friday 7 March	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm
Tuesday 11 March	Environment Team	St Peter's	7.30pm
Sunday 16 March	Surrey Half-Marathon	(Note changes in services)	
Sunday 16 March	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Friday 21 March	Craft and Chat	Church Centre	2.30pm
Tuesday 25 March	PCC	All Souls'	7.45pm

Sunday 9 March 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Safeguarding Sunday at All Souls' and St Mark's

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

*** LONDON MARATHON – NEW ***

I am excited to have the opportunity to run the London Marathon on Sunday 27 April aiming to raise £2,000 for the wonderful Guide Dog Association with whom Sarah and I sponsor a puppy.

Would you support me please? You can find out more including how my training is going and sponsor me online at www.stpeterwoking.org/marathon or using one of the sponsorship forms in the churches.

Thank you!

Jonathan

*** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ***

There is lots happening over the next few months so please note these for your diary. More information nearer the time.

- Sun 6 April 5.00pm – Mark Jennings Guitar Concert at St Peter’s
- Sun 4 May 10.00am – APCM after United Service at St Peter’s
- Sat 17 May 2.30–4.30pm – Community Fun Day at St Mark’s
- Sat 7 June 5.00pm – Stabilis Duo Piano Concert at St Peter’s
- Thu 3/Fri 4 July 7.30pm – Harry Baker: Wonderful 2.0

Performance poet Harry Baker is returning to St Peter’s for two nights this summer: 3rd and 4th July. This will be another chance to open our doors to the community and raise some funds for the parish. There is a chance to pay a donation for tickets on the night, but spaces must be reserved beforehand, which can be done by following the link at

www.stpeterwoking.org/harrybaker

*** PANCAKE CAFÉ – TUESDAY 4 MARCH ***

Our annual Pancake Café on Shrove Tuesday is at St Mark's Church from 2.30–4.30pm and is for all ages so invite friends and neighbours.

Flyers are available in each church. Our Refresh Café families arrive from 3.15pm.

There will be pancakes with various toppings, hot and cold drinks, activities for all ages and pancake races. And it is all FREE.

*** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ***

Friday 7 March, 10.30am at Woking URC

This year's annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at Woking United Reformed Church, White Rose Lane, GU22 7HA.

It has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands, on the theme of 'I made you wonderful'. Everyone is welcome to come to this bright and uplifting service, being held on the same day right across the world.

Please allow time to park in Heathside Road Car Park. Ask Rachel if you have any questions.

SERVICES IN MARCH

	All Souls’ 9.30am	St Peter’s 10.00am	St Mark’s 11.00am	St Peter’s 5.00pm
Sunday 9 Mar	Holy Communion CW	All-Age Worship	Holy Communion CW	Evening Prayer BCP
Sunday 16 Mar	<i>Surrey Half Marathon</i> <u>No service</u>	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	<u>No morning service</u> Wild Church 4.30pm	No service
Sunday 23 Mar	Morning Worship CW	Morning Worship CW Energise	Morning Worship CW	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 27 Mar		10.30am Holy Communion		
Sunday 30 Mar	Mothering Sunday Parish United All-Age Service 10.00am at St Peter’s			Evening Prayer BCP

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

*** THIS WEEK’S MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am ***

- Monday 3 March Psalm 82 John 3: 1–21
- Tuesday 4 March Psalm 87 John 3 22–end
- Ash Wednesday 5 March Psalm 38 *Living Hope* (p9)
- Thursday 6 March Psalm 90 *Living Hope* (p11)
- Friday 7 March Psalm 88 *Living Hope* (p13)

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