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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 6 September 2026

Trinity 14

* SEPTEMBER EXCITEMENT – NEW *

I hope everyone has had a good summer and survived the heat. It has been lovely to have cooler weather and some rain, though we need more!

We are excited to be welcoming new and familiar people into parish roles:

Carline Lee is our new Community Families Worker and begins on Tuesday, working 10 hours a week midweek focusing on our families work in the community. She was introduced in Notes and News on 16 August.

Rachel Johnson will be our Community Engagement Manager, overseeing our community work, working 12 hours a week in that role starting on 5 October, and continuing as our unpaid Assistant Minister (as we now call her) as well.

Jacquie Still, having retired, will now take on a more formal role as a Lay Associate Minister, focusing mainly on pastoral ministry, as well as leading and preaching on Sundays.

Louise Humphreys from Christ Church Woking will be doing her placement in this parish from 14 September as she begins training for ordination. Find out more about her inside.

We also have some great services and events on this month which we hope many of you can join in with. More details inside:

Harvest Festival Show on Saturday 19 September 10am-12pm at All Souls'

St Peter's Open Day on Saturday 19 September 11am – 3pm

Harvest Festival Service at All Souls' and St Mark's on Sun 20 September. All food brought will go to South Woking Foodbank or Community Fridge.

Harvest Lunch at St Mark's after the Harvest Service

Mission Gift Day for **Idris Rishak** on Sunday 27 September. Idris will be speaking at St Peter's and St Mark's services.

Sunday 6 September – Trinity 14

ALL SOULS' 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 20, 170, 132, 449
PSALM Psalm 149 (p634)
FIRST READING Matthew 18:15–20 (p985)
SECOND READING Romans 13:8–end (p1140)

ST PETER'S 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (CW) *This service will be livestreamed*

HYMNS 564, 619, 478, 515
EPISTLE Romans 13:8–end (p1140)
GOSPEL Matthew 18:15–20 (p985)

ST MARK'S 11.15am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 564, 619, 476, 515
PSALM Psalm 149 (p634)
FIRST READING Matthew 18:15–20 (p985)
SECOND READING Romans 13:8–end (p1140)

Please Note: There is no evening service at St Peter's this week

* THIS WEEK'S MORNING PRAYER – Daily at 9.00am *

Monday 7 September	Psalm 1	Acts 10:34–end
Tuesday 8 September	Psalm 7	Acts 11:1–18
Wednesday 9 September	Psalm 9	Acts 11:19–end
Thursday 10 September	Prayer Walk from St Peter's	
Friday 11 September	Psalm 13	Acts 12:1–17

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's. To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...*

The family and friends of Carol Whitehorn, a regular member of St Peter's and the family and friends of Connie Mitchell;
and Wendy Aplin, David Atkinson, Peter Bliss, Alison & Ian Cole, Valerie Hendricks, Lynda Kirk, Patrick Philipps, Chris & Denise Randall, and Brian Whitehorn.

Sunday 13 September Trinity 15

9.30am All Souls' Morning Worship (CW)

9.30am St Peter's All-Age Worship with Baptism of
Sonny Clark, accompanied by the Band
This service will be livestreamed

11.15am St Mark's Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)

* VICAR'S VIEW *

We had just been inspired by hearing about World Cup footballers giving glory to God and praying together with the opposition after the matches when we walked under a sign welcoming us to the Worship area on the first day of the Big Church Festival last weekend. We went into the huge tent and had 30 minutes of wonderful worship with 3000 Christians when we were told that there had been a serious incident on site, and we had to remain where we were, stay calm, but would be safe. We were bewildered and prayed together in small groups. Later after we were allowed to leave the tent and made our way home we found out that the large sign we walked under 20 minutes earlier had crashed over, killed a pastor and injured 6 others. The police had told everyone to go home and that the festival was cancelled. We were all so shocked for the pastor who had been killed and his family, for the 40,000 disappointed festivalgoers, for the organisers and exhibitors who had to pack up early and sort out the consequences.

We all asked how God could allow this to happen, 40,000 people coming to celebrate God, worship him, have fun and grow in faith. I don't think there is an answer or a reason behind it. Jesus said the same in Luke 13:1–5 when addressing the issue of human tragedy. But what I did see was an amazing response to the tragedy. Large numbers of people praying earnestly. Spontaneous worship in small groups. Genuine concern for everyone affected. No complaints that the festival was cancelled. Nobody immediately trying to blame anyone. The Christian faith being wonderfully worked out in the midst of tragedy. It made me proud to be a Christian.

Jonathan

*** LOUISE HUMPHREYS - NEW ***

Hi, I'm Louise. I have been married to Andrew for 20 years and we have two children, Michael who is 15 and Ben who is 12.

I've lived in Old Woking/Kingfield my whole married life, and we currently live on the Palace Way estate, so very close to St Peter's.

We normally worship at Christ Church Woking, but over the last 18 months I have been exploring ordination and whether that is where God is calling me. After 18 months, a Stage 1 and a Stage 2 panel, I received a recommendation to train for ordination, which is exciting and daunting! I am training for 2 years full time at Sarum College in Salisbury, for an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission, mostly remote learning, with 8 weekends a year in person.

My training includes ministry in a parish and I have chosen to be with you. I'll be in the parish one day during the week and most Sundays during term-time. I'm really looking forward to getting to know St Peter's, St Mark's and All Souls, and joining in ministry with you!



*** MISSION PARTNER TABITHA THOMAS***

Tabitha will be leaving for Spain to join YWAM's Impact Team in mid-September. If you would like to find out more about her ministry and how you can support her she is holding a Tapas evening this Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm at Barnsbury Lighthouse, 30 Ash Road, Woking, GU22 0BH. If you would like to go to the Tapas evening or support her in prayer or financially please let Jonathan or Sarah know or email tabithat@jcum.com.

Her latest newsletter is available in church today or at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission

*** CRAFT AND CHAT - NEW ***

Craft and Chat will be meeting this month on Friday 18th September 2.30pm to 5pm in St Peter's Church centre. Just bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the afternoon. All welcome, for further details please contact either Pauline Wilde 01483-722098 or the parish office.

*** UPDATE FROM MISSION PARTNER DENIS RUHAMA
PRINCIPAL OF JANANI LUWUM COLLEGE UGANDA - NEW ***

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

I am glad to hear from you and to note that you would wish to pray for me and the college.

My family is well. We had some trauma about my health. I was diagnosed with micro-calcifications on my liver. This became more scary as we lost my mother-in-law to a liver-related disease. However, the CT scan report last Saturday showed no signs of cancer. I am yet to get the doctor's view for treatment. Pray for God's provision since I have spent a lot this year on my health.

Pray for my family, as my absence is causing a lot of challenges with the community. Our house helper left and came and picked some family items. My wife was away from home for official work outside the home. It has caused some feelings.

About the college, we are doing well. Examinations ended well, and the tutors are now marking. We planted maize and raised about 2 tonnes. This gives us encouragement for planning more. We dug 7 acres yesterday. We are hoping to plant maize, cassava, sunflowers, and groundnuts. These will be for students feeding next year. Please pray for good weather for the plants to grow well.

The college is struggling with finances and managing the little resources we have. I think about having someone with basic financial management skills. Please pray for resources to take care of the staff. The person is to start work on 1 September.

We thank God for the end of the semester. We will receive the lay readers on the 4th of Sept 2026.



*** ST MARK'S HARVEST LUNCH ***

Advance notice that St Mark's Harvest lunch will be on **Sunday 20 September** after the Harvest Service. It will be a bring and share lunch, but no need to bring bread there will be plenty from the Community Fridge!

It would be helpful to know numbers so please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Andy Holcombe.

*** ST PETER'S OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER ***

St Peter's Church will be opening its doors on Saturday 19 September from 11.00am to 3.00pm for an afternoon celebrating the history, heritage and hidden stories of one of Surrey's oldest churches. Majesty & Mysteries invites visitors to step inside our remarkable historic church, uncover the fascinating people, events and legends that have shaped it over the centuries.

At 11.30am and 2pm Dr Anthony Morton, our resident historian, will give an engaging 30 minute talk where you'll discover stories rarely told—including the intriguing mystery of why one person was buried at midnight. Between 12 and 2pm, St Peter's team of bell ringers will be demonstrating the ancient art of change ringing, and visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about this unique tradition—and even have a go themselves under expert supervision.

There will also be brass rubbing and a children's quiz. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will also be available, and admission is free!

Whatever church you worship at, you will find out more about your parish church and please invite friends and neighbours. Flyers are available in church.

*** CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ***

We are looking for volunteers in advance to make cakes/biscuits, and to help on the day serving refreshments and assisting with 'meet and greet'.

Do you have any interesting photos, articles or paintings of the church, or anything that may be of interest to include in a display that we will put out on the day. Please contact Ian Williams on 07901 509 984 or by email

ianwilliams030@gmail.com

*** HARVEST FESTIVAL SHOW ***

Following the success of last year's show at All Souls' we will be holding it again on Saturday 19 September from 10.00am–12noon so get tending those fruit, veg and flowers. The following are the categories:

Flowers – 1. Arrangement of garden flowers, 2. Jam jar posy (children)

Fruit and veg – 3. Three fruit (any kind), 4. Three veg (any kind),
5. Largest pumpkin or squash, 6. Wonkiest fruit or vegetable

Home baking – 7. Preserves (Jam, chutney, etc), 8. Cake (adults),
9. Cake (children under 12)

Visuals – 10. Photograph from Sutton Green,
11. Artwork of natural world (adults),
12. Artwork of natural world (under 12s).

More details at www.stpeterworking.org/harvestshow or on flyers in church. Let others know, we'd love to have a good number of entries. To enter contact Tamara Pike tamara.pike@aol.com.

*** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ***

The National Collection Week will be 9–16 November. We shall be collecting our boxes and other donations at the Shoebox service at St Peter's on Sunday 1 November. (They can also be taken to All Souls' and St Mark's on that day if that is easier for you.)



Please get your knitting needles out and also start collecting items to go in the boxes. Sue Harvey has flat-pack shoeboxes available – there will be some placed in each church or you can phone her on 714632 to arrange to pick one up. We also need cash donations to cover shipping costs; a suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs including collection, processing, shipping, project materials and training local churches to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. You can also ask Sue for knitting patterns for hand puppets, bags, pencil cases, etc

*** SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS ***

Special Item – Football with pump, Doll, Cuddly toy

Toys Toy cars, skipping ropes, Yo-yos, Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Personal care items Toothbrushes, facecloths, combs, hairbrushes

School supplies Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, colouring and picture books, solar calculators

Accessories Socks, hats, gloves, sunglasses, jewellery and watches, torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

Please **DO NOT** include Toothpaste, soap, sweets, lotions and liquids, war related items, seeds, gum, chocolate or food items, medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Shoeboxes online. It's also possible to make a donation of £25 and OCC will then pack and send a shoebox on your behalf. There's also an option for you to choose the items that you would like included in the box. Full details on their website (see link below.)

Further information: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
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